

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**DATA EVALUATION RECORD**  
**§ 72-2 -- ACUTE LC<sub>50</sub> TEST WITH A FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATE**

1. **CHEMICAL:** Glyphosate Acid PC Code No.: 417300
2. **TEST MATERIAL:** Glyphosate Acid Purity: 95.6%
3. **CITATION**  
Authors: Morris, D.S., Kent, S.J., Banner, A.J.  
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Title: Acute Toxicity To *Daphnia magna*  
Study Completion Date: July 26, 1995  
Laboratory: Brixham Environmental Laboratory  
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4. **REVIEWED BY:** Curtis E. Laird, Fishery Biologist, EHB, EFED

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5. **APPROVED BY:** Tom A. Bailey, Chief, EHB, EFED

Signature: *Tom A. Bailey* Date: 2-17-99

6. **STUDY PARAMETERS**

**Scientific Name of Test Organism:** *Daphnia magna*  
**Age of Test Organism:** <24 hours old  
**Definitive Test Duration:** 48-hours  
**Study Method:** Static  
**Type of Concentrations:** Nominal

7. **CONCLUSIONS:** This study indicates Glyphosate Acid is practically nontoxic to daphnids with an LC<sub>50</sub> of 134 ppm. The NOEC is 100 ppm. This study does fulfill the guideline requirements in support of registration for a freshwater invertebrate LC<sub>50</sub> study.

**Results Synopsis**

LC<sub>50</sub>: 134 ppm ai 95% C.I.: 100-180 ppm ai  
 NOEL: 100 ppm ai Probit Slope: N/A

8. **ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY**

- A. **Classification:** Core  
 B. **Rationale:** N/A  
 C. **Repairability:** N/A



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9. Guideline Deviations

1. None

10. SUBMISSION PURPOSE: This study was submitted in support of registration for glyphosate acid.

11. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Test Organisms

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Species</u> Preferred species is <i>Daphnia magna</i>	Yes
All organisms are approximately the same size and weight?	Yes
<u>Life Stage</u> Daphnids: 1 <sup>st</sup> instar (<24 h). Amphipods, stoneflies, and mayflies: 2 <sup>nd</sup> instar. Midges: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>th</sup> instar.	First instar
<u>Supplier</u>	
All organisms from the same source?	Yes, Laboratory culture

B. Source/Acclimation

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Acclimation Period</u> Minimum 7 days	adults were held for 18 days days
Wild caught organisms were quarantined for 7 days?	No
Were there signs of disease or injury?	No
If treated for disease, was there no sign of the disease remaining during the 48 hours prior to testing?	N/A)

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Feeding</b> No feeding during the study.	Yes, defined diet of algae
<b>Pretest Mortality</b> No more than 3% mortality 48 hours prior to testing.	0% mortality prior to testing

C. **Test System:**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Source of dilution water</b> Soft reconstituted water or water from a natural source, not dechlorinated tap water.	Reconstituted water
<b>Does water support test animals without observable signs of stress?</b>	Yes
<b>Water Temperature</b> Daphnia: 20°C Amphipods and mayflies: 17°C Midges and mayflies: 22°C Stoneflies: 12°C	21 ± 1°C
<b>pH</b> Prefer 7.2 to 7.6.	Ranged from 6.12 to 8.79
<b>Dissolved Oxygen</b> Static: ≥ 60% during 1 <sup>st</sup> 48 h and ≥ 40% during 2 <sup>nd</sup> 48 h, flow-through: ≥ 60%.	DO ranged from 8.8 to 8.9
<b>Total Hardness</b> Prefer 40 to 48 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> .	263 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
<b>Test Aquaria</b> 1. <b>Material:</b> Glass or stainless steel. 2. <b>Size:</b> 250 ml (daphnids and midges) or 3.9 L (1 gal). 3. <b>Fill volume:</b> 200 ml (daphnids and midges) or 2-3 L.	Yes

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Type of Dilution System</b> Must provide reproducible supply of toxicant.	N/A
<b>Flow Rate</b> Consistent flow rate of 5-10 vol/24 hours, meter systems calibrated before study and checked twice daily during test period.	N/A
<b>Biomass Loading Rate</b> Static: $\leq 0.8$ g/L at $\leq 17^\circ\text{C}$ , $\leq 0.5$ g/L at $> 17^\circ\text{C}$ ; flow-through: $\leq 1$ g/L/day.	1 daphnid per 10 mls of test solution
<b>Photoperiod</b> 16 hours light, 8 hours dark.	Yes, with a 20 minute transition period
<b>Solvents</b> Not to exceed 0.5 ml/L for static tests or 0.1 ml/L for flow-through tests.	No solvent used

**D. Test Design:**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Range Finding Test</b> If $\text{LC}_{50} > 100$ mg/L, then no definitive test is required.	None mentioned
<b>Nominal Concentrations of Definitive Test</b> Control & 5 treatment levels; a geometric series with each concentration being at least 60% of the next higher one.	56%
<b>Number of Test Organisms</b> Minimum 20/level, may be divided among containers.	Yes
<b>Test organisms randomly or impartially assigned to test vessels?</b>	Yes

<p><b>Water Parameter Measurements</b></p> <p>1. <u>Temperature</u> Measured continuously or, if water baths are used, every 6 h, may not vary &gt; 1°C.</p> <p>2. <u>DO and pH</u> Measured at beginning of test and ever 48 h in the high, medium, and low doses and in the control.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Chemical Analysis</b> Needed if solutions were aerated, if chemical was volatile, insoluble, or known to absorb, if precipitate formed, if containers were not steel or glass, or if flow-through system was used</p>	<p>Test solution parameters satisfied the guideline requirements.</p>

**12. REPORTED RESULTS:**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<p><b>Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Control Mortality</b> Static: ≤10% Flow-through: ≤5%</p>	<p>0%</p>
<p><b>Percent Recovery of Chemical</b></p>	<p>ranged from 83% to 100%</p>
<p><b>Raw data included?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>

**Mortality**

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Organisms	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
Control	<0.0039	20	0	0	0	0
10	8.5	20	0	0	0	0
18	16	20	0	0	0	0

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Organisms	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
32	28	20	0	0	0	0
56	49	20	0	0	0	0
100	93	20	0	0	0	0
180	180	20	20	0	0	0

Other Significant Results: N/A

B. Statistical Results

Method: Binomial

48-hr LC<sub>50</sub>: 134 ppm ai

95% C.I.: 100-180 ppm ai

Probit Slope: N/A

NOEC: 100 ppm ai

13. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS

Parameter	Result
Binomial Test LC <sub>50</sub> (C.I.)	134 (100-180) ppm ai
Moving Average Angle LC <sub>50</sub> (95% C.I.)	N/A ( ___ - ___ ) ppm ai
Probit LC <sub>50</sub> (95% C.I.)	N/A ( ___ - ___ ) ppm ai
Probit Slope	
NOEC	100 ppm ai

14. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

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