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**DATA EVALUATION RECORD**  
**ACUTE LC<sub>50</sub> TEST WITH AN ESTUARINE/MARINE SHRIMP**  
**S 72-3(C)**

1. **CHEMICAL:** spinosed PC Code No.: 110003

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** XDE-105, AGR 293707 Purity: 87.9%

3. **CITATION**

Authors: J. Yurk  
Title: Acute Toxicity of XDE-105 Insecticide to  
the Grass Shrimp (Palaemonetes pugio)  
Study Completion Date: 1993  
Laboratory: Environmental Science & Engineering, Inc.  
Sponsor: Dow Chemical Company  
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Date: 3/14/95

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Date: 3/24/95

6. **STUDY PARAMETERS**

**Scientific Name of Test Organism:**  
**Age or Size of Test Organism:** 0.12 - 0.21 g wet wt  
**Definitive Test Duration:** 96 hours  
**Study Method:** Static-Renewal  
**Type of Concentrations:** Mean measured

7. **CONCLUSIONS:**

**Results Synopsis**

LC<sub>50</sub>: >9.76 ppm ai (moderately toxic)

8. **ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY**

A. **Classification:** Supplemental

B. **Rationale:** Organisms were fed during the study.

C. **Repairability:** No; registrant does not have to repeat study since another estuarine species, the oyster, was found to be more sensitive in acute testing and results from that study will be used for risk assessment purposes.

9. **BACKGROUND** New chemical; no previous EEB file.

10. **GUIDELINE DEVIATIONS**

See Under Reviewer's Comments.

11. **SUBMISSION PURPOSE:** New chemical EUP.

12. **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A. Test Organisms

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Species</b> Preferred species are <i>Mysidopsis bahia</i> , <i>Penaeus setiferus</i> , <i>P. duorarun</i> , <i>P. aztecus</i> and <i>Palaemonetes</i> sp.	<u><i>Palaemonetes pugio</i></u>
<b>Age</b> Juvenile, mysids should be ≤ 24 hours old	at end of test organisms were juveniles between 20 and 25 mm in length and 0.12 and 0.21 g wt weight
<b>Supplier</b>	Aquatic Indicators, St. Augustine, FL
All shrimp are from same source?	yes
All shrimp are from the same year class?	yes

B. Source/Acclimation

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Acclimation Period</b> minimum 10 days	10 days
Wild caught organisms were quarantined for 7 days?	N/A
Were there signs of disease or injury?	not reported

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>If treated for disease, was there no sign of the disease remaining during the 48 hours prior to testing?</b>	N/A
<b>Feeding</b> No feeding during the study and no feeding for 24 hour before the beginning of the test if organisms are over 0.5 g each.	test organisms were fed brine shrimp ( <i>A salina</i> ) nauplii throughout the test
<b>Pretest Mortality</b> <3% mortality 48 hours prior to testing	not reported

**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	filtered Atlantic Ocean water obtained near the Whitney Lab, Marineland, FL and diluted to a salinity of 20 ppt using water from a well located near the lab
<b>Does water support test animals without observable signs of stress?</b>	yes (based on 0% mortality in the control during the study)
<b>Salinity</b> 30-34 ‰ for marine (stenohaline) shrimp and 10-17 ‰ for estuarine (euryhaline) shrimp, weekly range < 6 ‰	no range provided; study author stated it remained constant at 21 ppt in dilution water during the test
<b>Water Temperature</b> 22 ± 1 °C	20.6 to 22.0 °C during the test
<b>pH</b> 8.0-8.3 for marine (stenohaline) shrimp, 7.7-8.0 for estuarine (euryhaline) shrimp, monthly range < 0.8	8.2 to 8.4 during the test

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<p><b><u>Dissolved Oxygen</u></b>            Static: <math>\geq 60\%</math> during 1<sup>st</sup> 48 hrs            and <math>\geq 40\%</math> during 2<sup>nd</sup> 48 hrs,            Flow-through: <math>\geq 60\%</math></p>	6.2 - 7.2 mg/L during the test
<p><b><u>Total Organic Carbon</u></b></p>	not reported
<p><b><u>Test Aquaria</u></b>            1. <b><u>Material:</u></b>            Glass or stainless steel            2. <b><u>Size:</u></b>            19.6 L is acceptable for organisms <math>\geq 0.5</math> g (e.g. pink shrimp, white shrimp, and brown shrimp), 3.9 L is acceptable for smaller organisms (e.g. mysids and grass shrimp).            3. <b><u>Fill volume:</u></b>            15 L is acceptable for organisms <math>\geq 0.5</math> g, 2-3 L is acceptable for smaller organisms.</p>	24 L glass chambers measuring 44 cm (l) x 24.5 cm (w) x 22.5 cm (ht); each were filled to 10 L and kept covered during the test
<p><b><u>Type of Dilution System</u></b>            Must provide reproducible supply of toxicant</p>	24 hr static renewal (approx. 80% renewal)
<p><b><u>Flow Rate</u></b>            Consistent flow rate of 5-10 vol/24 hours, meter systems calibrated before study and checked twice daily during test period</p>	N/A
<p><b><u>Biomass Loading Rate</u></b>            Static: <math>\leq 0.8</math> g/L at <math>\leq 17^\circ\text{C}</math>, <math>\leq 0.5</math> g/L at <math>&gt; 17^\circ\text{C}</math>; flow-through: <math>\leq 1</math> g/L/day</p>	not reported
<p><b><u>Photoperiod</u></b>            16 hours light, 8 hours dark</p>	16 h light, 8 h dark including 15 minute dawn/dusk transition periods
<p><b><u>Solvents</u></b>            Not to exceed 0.5 ml/L for static tests or 0.1 ml/L for flow-through tests</p>	none employed

Comment: According to the study author, the test material was poorly soluble in water (measured solubility in 20 ppt filtered seawater of 2 mg/L). To enhance solubility, the pH was altered. As noted on page 11 of the report, a stock containing a nominal concentration of 100 mg/L XDE-105 (corrected for purity) was prepared in 35 L of deionized water adjusted to a pH near 5 with 1 N HCl and mixed vigorously. This technique yielded a solubility of XDE-105 in the test system of approximately 12 mg/L.

#### D. Test Design

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<p><b>Range Finding Test</b> If <math>LC_{50} &gt; 100</math> mg/L with 30 shrimp, then no definitive test is required.</p>	yes; in range-finding tests it was determined that the $LC_{50}$ was near 10 mg ai/L
<p><b>Nominal Concentrations of Definitive Test</b> Control &amp; 5 treatment levels; a geometric series in which each concentration is at least 60% of the next higher one.</p>	1.6, 2.6, 4.3, 7.2 and 12 mg ai/L.
<p><b>Number of Test Organisms</b> Minimum 20/level, may be divided among containers</p>	20 per test concentration; 2 replicates
<p>Test organisms randomly or impartially assigned to test vessels?</p>	yes; indiscriminate distribution
<p>Biological observations made every 24 hours?</p>	observations were made daily for mortality and behavioral changes
<p><b>Water Parameter Measurements</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Temperature</b> Measured constantly or, if water baths are used, every 6 hrs, may not vary <math>&gt; 1^{\circ}C</math></li> <li><b>DO and pH</b> Measured at beginning of test and ever 48 h in the high, medium, and low doses and in the control</li> </ol>	temperature, pH, salinity, and DO were measured daily in each chamber; temperature was continuously monitored in the water bath

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<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	in each exposure chamber at 0, 24 (prior to renewal) and 96 hours

**13. REPORTED RESULTS**

**A. General Results**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<b>Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?</b>	yes
<b>Recovery of Chemical</b>	81 - 104% (Table 1, attached); stock solution was 85% of the nominal at test initiation
<b>Control Mortality</b> Not more than 10% of control organisms may die or show abnormal behavior.	0%
<b>Raw data included?</b>	no
<b>Signs of toxicity (if any) were described?</b>	only mortality was described

**Mortality**

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Shrimp	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
Control		20	0	0	0	0
1.6	1.66	20	0	0	0	0
2.6	2.71	20	2	2	2	2
4.3	4	20	3	5	6	7

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Shrimp	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
7.2	6.19	20	1	5	5	5
12	9.76	20	3	5	6	7

Other Significant Results:**B. Statistical Results**

The LC<sub>50</sub> was based upon visual observation of the data. The LC<sub>50</sub> was reported to be >9.76 mg/L. The NOEC was reported to be 1.66 mg/L (based on mortality).

**14. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS**

A LC<sub>50</sub> cannot be calculated, since at the highest test concentration mortality was only 7 individuals. Based upon visual observation of the data the LC<sub>50</sub> is >9.76 mg/L. Depending upon where the actual LC<sub>50</sub> value falls, this would characterize spinosed as moderately toxic to estuarine invertebrates.

**15. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:**

The following study deviations were noted:

- o Biological observations should include both behavioral and physical observations. Observations, other than mortality, were not reported.
- o An acceptable acute toxicity test should provide an LC<sub>50</sub>.
- o The % mortality prior to the test was not reported.
- o The biomass loading rate was not included.
- o Salinity measurements were not provided.
- o The age of the grass shrimp was not reported.
- o The organisms were fed Aretemia salina nauplii throughout the study, which constitutes a major study deviation.



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- o The temperature range (20.6 - 22.0 ° C) was outside the range of that recommended by the SEP (21 - 23 ° C).
- o The pH (8.2 - 8.4) and the salinity (21 ppt) was higher than that recommended for estuarine shrimp species (7.7 - 8.0) and (10 - 17 ppt), respectively.

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