MEMORANDUM

TO:            Bruce Sidwell, PM 53
                Reregistration Division

FROM:          Douglas Urban, Acting Chief
                Ecological Effects Branch
                Environmental Fate and Effects Division

SUBJECT:       Review of Studies for Oxyfluorfen (Goal)

BACKGROUND

As part of the reregistration process of the List B chemical Oxyfluorfen (Goal), Rohm and Haas Company submitted studies for guidelines 72-1(a) and 72-1(c). The studies are the following:


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The attached data evaluation records will provide the necessary information regarding the classification of the studies. If you have any questions contact Concepción Rodríguez 308-2805 or Harry Craven 305-5320.
To: Bruce Sidwell, 53\Mark White  
Product Manager  
Special Review and Reregistration Division (H7508W)

From: Douglas J. Urban, Acting Chief  
Ecological Effects Branch/EPED (H7507C)

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Y=Acceptable (Study satisfied Guideline)/Concur  
P=Partial (Study partially fulfilled Guideline but additional information is needed)  
S=Supplemental (Study provided useful information but Guideline was not satisfied)  
W=Unacceptable (Study was rejected)/Nonconcur
DATA EVALUATION RECORD

1. **CHEMICAL:** Oxyfluoren (Goal)  
   Shaughnessey No. 111601

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** Goal Tech 70; Lot No. 2-0956; a brown speckled solid; 71.4% a.i.

3. **STUDY TYPE:** Acute Fish Toxicity to Bluegill Sunfish


5. **REVIEWED BY:** Concepción Rodríguez, Biologist  
   Ecological Effects Branch  
   Environmental Fate and Effects Division

6. **APPROVED BY:** Harry Craven, Head Section 4  
   Ecological Effects Branch  
   Environmental Fate and Effects Division

7. **CONCLUSIONS:** This study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guidelines requirements for an acute toxicity test for freshwater fish. The 96-hour LC50 for rainbow trout is $0.021 \text{ mg a.i./L}$ which classifies Goal Herbicide as highly toxic.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9. **BACKGROUND:**

10. **DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL TEST OR STUDY:**

11. **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

   A. **Test Animals:** Juveniles bluegill Sunfish, *Lepomis macrochirus*, were obtained from Delmarva Ecological Laboratories, Middletown, DE. During the 14 day holding period, water temperature ranged from 20.4-21.6 °C, water hardness was 148 mg/L as CaCO₃, alkalinity was 194 mg/L as CaCO₃, and pH ranged from 7.4 to 8.5.
All fish were from the same year class. The average length of 10 control fish at the end of the test was 23 mm (22-26 mm). The average wet weight for 10 control fish was 0.3 grams (0.23-0.43 grams). Loading was 0.20 grams/L.

Organisms were feed flaked fish food salmon smash and/or salmon starter supplied by Zeigler Brothers Inc. Gardners, PA and live Artemia supplied by Artemia Inc., Newark, California. They were not feed 48 hours before the test nor during test period. Fish were acclimated for 51 hours before the test and no mortalities or signs of stressed were shown.

B. Test System: Test chambers were Teflon-lined, 25-L polyethylene aquaria filled up to 15 liters. Depth of test solution was 17 cm. Aquaria were randomly positioned in a temperature controlled environmental chamber to maintain a temperature of approximately 22°C. A photoperiod of 16 hours light 8 hours dark and a 30 minute transition period was provided.

The stock solution was prepared at a concentration of 0.008 g Goal/ml, by dissolving Goal in acetone (≤0.08 ml/L). The stock solution was mixed in the test chamber with the dilution water.

Dilution water was obtained from a well 45 meters deep located on Wildlife International. Water characterization is presented in Appendix III. The water was filtered, aerated and filtered again prior delivery to test chambers.

C. Dosage: Based on a preliminary test, the five nominal test concentrations are: 0.062, 0.103, 0.171, 0.286 and 0.476 mg ai/L. A negative control and a solvent control (0.08 ml/L acetone) were used.

D. Design: The test begin with the impartial addition of fish from holding tanks to test chambers. Fish are added in groups of two until each chamber contained 10 fishes (20 per concentration).

Biological observations, such as mortality and treatment-related effects, were made at 4.5, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours. The concentration of Goal in water was measured at the beginning of the test in each replicate, and at 48 and 96 hours in replicate A. Hardness, alkalinity, conductivity and pH were measured at the beginning of the test in the negative control. pH and dissolved oxygen were measured every 24 hours in alternate replicates. Temperature was continuously monitored in one negative control replicate.

E. Statistics: The LC50 value and its 95% confidence interval were determined using probit analysis. The no
mortality concentration and the no effect concentration were determined by visual interpretation of the data.

12. **REPORTED RESULTS:** Mean measured concentrations were 0.029, 0.054, 0.093, 0.175, 0.346 mg a.i./L which ranged from 47 to 73% nominal (Table 1). One solvent control replicate was found to be contaminated with Goal (0.013 mg ai/L). This sample was not used in any calculations.

Fish in the solvent control and negative control appeared normal, as well as in the 0.029, 0.05 and 0.093 mg a.i./L treatments. Effects were observed in concentrations of 0.175 mg a.i./L and higher (Table 3).

Dissolved oxygen concentrations were below 60% of saturation in the 0.093 and 0.175 mg a.i./L treatments at 72 hours. It was also below 60% in the negative control, 0.029, 0.093, 0.175 and 0.346 mg a.i./L at the end of the test. It appears that the low levels of oxygen did not affect the results of the study (Table 2).

13. **STUDY AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES:**

The 96-hour LC50 was calculated to be 0.021 mg a.i./L. The 95% confidence interval was 0.18-0.35 mg a.i./L. The no mortality concentration and no observed effects concentration was 0.093 mg a.i./L.


14. **REVIEWER'S DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF STUDY RESULTS:**

A. **Test Procedure:** Test procedures were in accordance with the SEP and ASTM.

B. **Statistical Analysis:** Using the Binomial Test the 96-hours LC50 was calculated to be 0.21 mg a.i./L. The 95% confidence interval was calculated as 0.175-0.346 mg a.i./L.

C. **Discussion And Results:** The results of the study show a dose response of bluegill to Goal Herbicide. The calculated LC50 was the same as the author’s. The no effect concentration and no mortality concentration was calculated to be 0.093 mg a.i./L based on visual interpretation of the data.
The low levels of dissolved oxygen during the last 72 hours, have no important effects in the results of this study.

This study is scientifically sound and fulfill the guidelines requirements for an acute toxicity test for freshwater fish. The 96-hour LC50 for bluegill sunfish is 0.21 mg a.i./L which classifies Goal Herbicide as highly toxic.

D. Adequacy of the Study:

(1) Classification: Core

(2) Rationale: N/A

(3) Repairability: N/A

15. COMPLETION OF ONE-LINER FOR STUDY: YES
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The binomial test shows that .175 and .346 can be used as statistically sound conservative 95 percent confidence limits, because the actual confidence level associated with these limits is greater than 95 percent.

An approximate LC50 for this set of data is .2102209

When there are less than two concentrations at which the percent dead is between 0 and 100, neither the moving average nor the probit method can give any statistically sound results.
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7. CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guidelines requirements for an acute toxicity test for freshwater fish. The 96-hour LC50 for rainbow trout is 0.25 mg a.i./L which classifies Goal Herbicide as highly toxic.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. BACKGROUND:

10. DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL TEST OR STUDY:

11. MATERIALS AND METHODS:

A. Test Animals: Rainbow trout, Oncorhynchus mykiss, eggs and sperm were obtained from Mount Lassen Trout Farm, Red Bluff, CA. The eggs were fertilized in the lab. Fish were held for 31 days prior to test. During the 14 day acclimatation period, water temperature ranged from 10.7-11.7 °C, water hardness ranged from 144-160 mg/L as CaCO₃, alkalinity was 194 mg/L as CaCO₃, and pH ranged from 7.0 to 8.0.
All fishes were from the same year class. The average length of 10 control fishes at the end of the test was 30 mm (27-31 mm). The average wet weight for 10 control fishes was 0.5 grams (0.37-0.63 grams). Loading was 0.34 grams/L.

Organisms were feed with salmon mash and or salmon starter supplied by Zeigler Brothers Inc. Gardner's, PA during holding period. They were not feed 48 hours before the test nor during test period. Fish were acclimated for 52 hours before the test and no mortalities or signs of stressed were shown.

B. Test System: Test chambers were Teflon-lined, 25-L polyethylene aquaria filled up to 15 liters. Depth of test solution was 17 cm. Aquaria were randomly positioned in a temperature controlled environmental chamber to maintain a temperature of approximately 12°C. A photoperiod of 16 hours light 8 hours dark and a 30 minute transition period was provided.

The stock solution was prepared at a concentration of 0.020 g Goal/ml, by dissolving Goal in acetone (≤0.10 ml/L). The stock solution was mixed in the test chamber with the dilution water.

Dilution water was obtained from a well 45 meters deep located on Wildlife International. Water characterization is presented in Appendix III and IV. The water was filtered, aerated and filtered again prior delivery to test chambers.

C. Dosage: Based on a preliminary test, the five nominal test concentrations are: 0.089, 0.179, 0.357, 0.714 and 1.3 mg ai/L. A negative control and a solvent control (0.10 ml/L acetone) were used.

D. Design: The test begin with the impartial addition of fish from holding tanks to test chambers. Fish are added in groups of two until each chamber contained 10 fishes (20 per concentration).

Biological observations, such as mortality and treatment-related effects, were made at 4.5, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours. The concentration of Goal in water was measured at the beginning of the test in each replicate, and at 48 and 96 hours in replicate A. Hardness, alkalinity, conductivity and pH were measured at the beginning of the test in the negative control. pH and dissolved oxygen were measured every 24 hours in alternate replicates. Temperature was continuously monitored in one negative control replicate.

E. Statistics: The LC50 value and its 95% confidence interval were determined using probit analysis. The no
mortality concentration and the no effect concentration were
determined by visual interpretation of the data.

12. **REPORTED RESULTS:** Mean measured concentrations were 0.037,
0.083, 0.175, 0.398, 1.09 mg a.i./L which ranged from 42 to
76% nominal (Table 1). Temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH
measurements made during the study are presented in Table 2.

Fish in the solvent control and negative control appeared
normal. As well as in the 0.037 mg a.i./L chambers.
Effects were observed in concentrations of 0.083 and higher.
See Table 3.

13. **STUDY AUTHOR’S CONCLUSIONS/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES:**

The 96-hour LC50 was calculated to be 0.025 mg a.i./L. The
95% confidence interval was 0.19-0.36 mg a.i./L. The slope
of the concentration effect curve was 2.38. The no
mortality concentration and no observed effects
concentration was 0.037 mg a.i./L.

The study was conducted in compliance with Good Laboratory
Practices as promulgated by the US EPA, Office of
Pesticides Programs in 40 CFR Part 160, 17 August 1989;
OECD, ISBN 92-8-12367-9, Paris 1982; and Japan MAFF, 59
NohSan, Notification No 3850, Agricultural Production
Bureau, 10 August 1984.

14. **REVIEWER’S DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF STUDY RESULTS:**

A. **Test Procedure:** Test procedures were in accordance
with the SEP and ASTM.

B. **Statistical Analysis:** Using the probit analysis the
96-hours LC50 was calculated to be 0.25 mg a.i./L. The
95% confidence interval was calculated as 0.186-0.355
mg a.i./L.

C. **Discussion And Results:** The results of the study show
a dose response of rainbow trout to Goal Herbicide.
The calculated LC50 was the same as the author's. The
no effect concentration and no mortality concentration
was calculated to be 0.037 based on visual
interpretation of the data.

This study is scientifically sound and fulfill the
guidelines requirements for an acute toxicity test for
freshwater fish. The 96-hour LC50 for rainbow trout is
0.25 mg a.i./L which classifies Goal Herbicide as
highly toxic.

D. **Adequacy of the Study:**

(1) **Classification:** Core
(2) Rationale: N/A

(3) Repairability: N/A

15. Completion of one-liner for study: YES
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