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DATA EVALUATION RECORD
§ 72-1(C) -- ACUTE LC₅₀ TEST WITH A COLDWATER FISH

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1. CHEMICAL: RPA 201772 (Isoxaflutole) PC Code No.: 123000

2. TEST MATERIAL: Batch No. 21 ADM 93 Purity: 98.7%

3. CITATION

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Title: RPA 201772 - Acute Toxicity to Rainbow Trout (*Onchorhynchus mykiss*) Under Flow-Through Conditions

Study Completion Date: December 8, 1993

Laboratory: Springborn Laboratories, Inc.

Sponsor: Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company

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6. STUDY PARAMETERS

Age or Size of Test Organism: 1.3 gm, 48 mm long

Definitive Test Duration: 96 hours

Study Method: Flow-through

Type of Concentrations: Mean measured

7. CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound and meets the guideline requirements for 72-1 freshwater acute toxicity study. It is not possible to classify, precisely, the toxicity of RPA 201772 based on this study, since no LC₅₀ was derived. However, based on this study, it is possible to state that RPA 201772 is probably no more than moderately toxic to fish.

Results Synopsis: 96-hr LC₅₀: >1.7 ppm ai; NOEC: 1.7 ppm ai

8. ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY

A. Classification: Core.

B. Rationale: meets guidelines

C. Repairability: n/a

9. BACKGROUND

10. GUIDELINE DEVIATIONS

1. Solvent amount in flow-through test exceeded 0.1 ml/L.
2. Total hardness is below 40 to 48 mg/L as CaCO₃
3. LC₅₀ was not calculated due to solubility.

11. SUBMISSION PURPOSE: EUP

12. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Test Organisms

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Species:</u> Preferred species is the rainbow trout (<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>)	<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>
<u>Mean Weight</u> : 0.5-5 g	0.5 g
<u>Mean Standard Length</u> Longest not > 2x shortest	Mean: 43 mm Range: 35-50 mm
<u>Supplier</u>	Wellington River Aquafarm
All fish from same source?	Yes
All fish from the same year class?	Yes

B. Source/Acclimation

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<u>Acclimation Period</u> Minimum 14 days	14 days
Wild caught organisms were quarantined for 7 days?	N/A
Were there signs of disease or injury?	Not reported
If treated for disease, was there no sign of the disease remaining during the 48 hours prior to testing?	N/A
<u>Feeding</u> No feeding during the study	48 hours prior to test
<u>Pretest Mortality</u> No more than 3% mortality 48 hours prior to testing	0% mortality prior to testing.

C. Test System

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Source of dilution water Soft reconstituted water or water from a natural source, not dechlorinated tap water	well water
Does water support test animals without observable signs of stress?	Yes
Water Temperature : 12°C	13 °C
pH : Prefer 7.2 to 7.6	7.3-7.4
Dissolved Oxygen flow-through: ≥ 60%	lowest is 89% at 72 hour
Total Hardness Prefer 40 to 48 mg/L as CaCO ₃	28 - 30 mg/L as CaCO ₃
Test Aquaria 1. Material : Glass or stainless steel 2. Size : Volume of 19 L (5 gal) or 30 x 60 x 30 cm 3. Fill volume : 15-30 L of solution	Glass aquarium measured 39 x 20 x 25 cm maintained with 15 L volume
Type of Dilution System Must provide reproducible supply of toxicant	Harvard peristaltic pump
Flow Rate : Consistent flow rate of 5-10 vol/24 hours, meter systems calibrated before study and checked twice daily during test period.	diluter system calibrated before test and checked twice daily during test to deliver 6.3 vol/24 hours
Biomass Loading Rate : Flow-through: ≤ 1 g/L/day	0.053 g/L/day
Photoperiod 16 hours light, 8 hours dark	16 light, 8 dark
Solvents : Not to exceed 0.5 ml/L for static tests or 0.1 ml/L for flow-through tests	Solvent: Acetone Maximum conc.: 0.5 ml/L.

In order to optimize the solubility of the test material, ultrasonication and mechanical stirring were utilized.

D. Test Design

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
<p><u>Range Finding Test</u> If LC₅₀ >100 mg/L with 30 fish, then no definitive test is required.</p>	No mortalities observed in 10 and 100 ppm range, however sublethal effects observed at these levels (erratic swimming and loss of equilibrium).
<p><u>Nominal Concentrations of Definitive Test</u> Control & 5 treatment levels; dosage should be 60% of the next highest concentration; concentrations should be in a geometric series</p>	0.32, 0.54, 0.90, 1.5, and 2.5 mg ai/L.
<p><u>Number of Test Organisms</u> Minimum 10/level, may be divided among containers</p>	10/vessel and 2 vessel/level
<p>Test organisms randomly or impartially assigned to test vessels?</p>	Yes
<p>Biological observations made every 24 hours?</p>	Yes
<p><u>Water Parameter Measurements</u> 1. <u>Temperature</u> Measured constantly or, if water baths are used, every 6 hrs, may not vary > 1°C 2. <u>DO and pH</u> Measured at beginning of test and every 48 h in the high, medium, and low doses and in the control</p>	temperature, DO, and pH were measured once daily in each replicate of each level throughout test
<p><u>Chemical Analysis</u> 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>	No aeration done. No precipitate observed, but precipitate observed at 2.5 and higher concentration levels during the range finding. Measured concentrations are 0.36, 0.57, 0.85, 1.1 and 1.7 mg ai/L during definitive test.

13. REPORTED RESULTS

A. General Results

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements were included in the report?	Yes
Recovery of Chemical	112-16%
<u>Control Mortality</u> Not more than 10% control organisms may die or show abnormal behavior.	0%
Raw data included?	Yes
Signs of toxicity (if any) were described?	Yes

The recovery of the chemical at 1.5 nominal level is 73% and at 2.5 is 65%. This may indicate that the limit of solubility may be reached.

Mortality

Concentration (ppm)		Number of Fish	Cumulative Number Dead			
Nominal	Mean Measured		Hour of Study			
			24	48	72	96
Control	0	20	0	0	0	0
Solvent Control	0	20	0	0	0	0
0.32	0.36	20	0	0	0	0
0.54	0.57	20	0	0	0	0
0.90	0.85	20	0	0	0	0
1.5	1.1	20	0	0	0	0
2.5	1.7	20	0	0	0	0

Other Significant Results: No toxic symptoms observed

B. Statistical Results Method: Observational
96-hr LC₅₀: >1.7 ppm ai NOEC: 1.7 ppm ai

14. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS

Method: Observational

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- 15. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:** According to the registrant, the solubility of this chemical is between 2 and 3 mg ai/L. The author increased the percentage of acetone to 0.5 ml/L to make the chemical more soluble. This is within the maximum for static test but the flow-through maximum is 0.1 ml/L. In the range finding test, the fish showed sublethal effects at (erratic swimming and loss of equilibrium) at 10 and 100 ppm level. Undissolved material was observed at concentrations as low as 2.5 ppm during range finding tests. No mortality were observed at the higher concentrations during the 96-hour range finding tests. This would indicate that the LC₅₀ for fish may be greater than the 100 ppm level from the range finding test.

The recovery of the chemical at 1.5 nominal level is 73% and at 2.5 is 65%. This may indicate that the limit of solubility may be reached. Although no undissolved chemical was noted in the definitive test at the highest level of 1.7 ppm ai, it could be safely assumed that the measured concentration reached the limit of solubility at temperature of 13°C. Due to no significant mortality in the range finding test and the solubility limit of the chemical at 1.7 ppm ai and no mortality and symptoms during the definitive test, the reviewer believes that the chemical is practically not toxic to the rainbow trout. However, the EPA's criteria define chemicals with LC₅₀ values of ≥ 1.0 and ≤ 10.0 ppm to be moderately toxic to aquatic organisms.

This study is scientifically sound and meets the guideline requirements for 72-1 freshwater acute toxicity study.

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