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**REPORT OF TOXICITY TESTING
USING RAINBOW TROUT**

LAB SAMPLE NO. 02-01441

COMPANY/LOCATION: *Echo Bay Mines, Lupin*

RESULTS TO:

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PURPOSE: *To examine the test material to determine its toxicity to fish.*

RESULT: *Not Acutely Lethal. No Mortality at 100% Concentration*

REPORT AUTHORIZATION: **Head, Ecotoxicology Laboratory**

SIGNATURE/DATE: *Garth Elliott, August 02, 2002*

Garth Elliott

cc. **Gordon Manners, EPB, TSD.**

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SAMPLE COLLECTED BY: Mackenzie Sawyer
DATE/TIME SAMPLED: July 08, 2002 07:00 h
DATE/TIME RECEIVED: July 09, 2002 10:55 h
DATE/TIME TEST START: July 09, 2002 14:15 h
SAMPLE TYPE: liquid
SAMPLE POINT: Pond 2, site 102 - Final Tailings Containment Site
SAMPLING METHOD: Grab
SAMPLE CONTAINER: 6 X 10 L white plastic pails ~ 60 L total volume
**TRANSPORTATION
INFORMATION:** Sample arrived via courier
STORAGE INFORMATION: None Required

METHOD: EP Laboratories SOP# 810.0 Revision 3, for Trout Testing in Compliance with May 1996 and December 2000 Amended Methods: Reference Method for Determining Acute Lethality of Effluents to Rainbow Trout, July 1990, EPS 1/RM/13. Single Concentration Procedure.

DEVIATION FROM "MUST" REQUIREMENTS: One - see QA/QC

RESULT: *Not Acutely Lethal. No Mortality at 100% Concentration*

STATISTICS: N/A

TEST CONDITIONS:**SPECIES:** *Oncorhynchus mykiss***FISH PER TEST VESSEL:** 10**TEST VESSEL:** 83 L plastic containers**TEST VOLUME (L):** 64**SAMPLE DEPTH (cm):** 35**PHOTO PERIOD:** 16h Light, 8h Dark**DILUTION WATER:** Treated Edmonton City Water**Fish Not Fed 24 h Prior to Test****No pH Adjustment and All Tests Initiated Are Reported.****Aeration Continuous Throughout Test at : 6.5 ± 1.0 ml/min/L. Measured with a Rotometer.****PHYSICOCHEMICAL CONDITIONS:****SAMPLE APPEARANCE:** Clear**INITIAL PHYSICOCHEMICAL CONDITIONS:** Just Prior to Setup

INITIAL	TEMPERATURE (°C)	DISSOLVED OXYGEN (%saturation)	CONDUCTIVITY (µmhos/cm)	pH
100% SAMPLE	14.9	97.9	862	7.3

PREAERATION: (Oil-Free Compressed) at a Rate of 6.5 ± 1.0 ml/min/L for 30 Minutes.

TEST PHYSICOCHEMICAL CONDITIONS:

TEST	TEMPERATURE (°C)					DISSOLVED OXYGEN (mg/L)		CONDUCTIVITY (µmhos/cm)		pH		LUX
	0 h	24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h	0 h	96 h	0 h	96 h	0 h	96 h	0 h
CONCENTRATIONS												
CONTROL	14.8	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.6	9.2	9.0	352	346	8.2	8.4	214
100%	14.8	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.9	9.2	8.9	865	859	7.4	7.5	126

TEST DATA:**TEST START DATE/TIME: July 09, 2002 14:15 h****REPLICATES = None**

TEST CONCENTRATION	CUMULATIVE MORTALITY/SUBLETHAL EFFECT				
	24 h	48 h	72 h	96 h	% MORTALITY
CONTROL	0	0	0	0	0.0
100%	0	0	0	0	0.0

TROUT LENGTHS AND WEIGHTS:

See attached table.

QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL:

TEST ORGANISM: (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) Rainbow Trout Fingerlings

Source: Ackenberry Trout Farm

Lot# ABTF061202

Tank# 3

Arrival Date: June 12, 2002

Mortality of Trout Stock 7 Days Prior to Test: 0.0 %

Acclimation for ≥ 2 Weeks at Temp: $15^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$

Approximate No. Of Trout Acclimated: 403

Flow of Water Through Tank (L/g of trout per day): 14.9

Litres in Tank per 10g of Trout: 10.8

CONFORMANCE: Control Mortality within Acceptable Limits

Less Than 2% Fish Stock Mortality in 7 Days Prior to Test

Method "Must" Requirements Followed Except One - the fish holding temperature on June 28, 2002 increased to 19.8°C , outside the range of $15.0^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2.0^{\circ}\text{C}$. Since no mortality was observed in the control, the test is considered valid.

QUALITY CONTROL:

Reference Toxicant: Phenol

Reference Toxicant Test # 02-0010-T

Date of Test: July 22, 2002

Reference Toxicant Analyst: W.A., R.B.

LC₅₀- 96 h = 10.4 ppm

95% Confidence Limits: 9.23 - 11.8 ppm

HISTORIC GEOMETRIC MEAN:

LC₅₀- 96 h = 11.4 ppm

Warning Limits(2SD): 10.0 - 12.9 ppm

CONFORMANCE: Control Mortality within Acceptable Limits
Reference Toxicant within Warning Limits
Less Than 2% Fish Stock Mortality in the 7 days Prior to Test
Method "Must" Requirements followed

TEST ANALYST(S): Wendy Antonioli

Initial: WA

Nancy Kruper

Initial: Me for Nancy Kruper.

DATA VALIDATION: Lisa Mitchelmore
(name)

Initial: jm

Trout Lengths and Weights Single Concentration

	CONTROL	CONTROL	CONTROL	CONTROL	100%	100%	100%	100%
	LENGTH (cm)	LENGTH (cm)	WEIGHT (g)	WEIGHT (g)	LENGTH (cm)	LENGTH (cm)	WEIGHT (g)	WEIGHT (g)
1	3.4		0.36		4.1		0.70	
2	3.2		0.27		3.6		0.41	
3	3.3		0.37		3.4		0.36	
4	3.5		0.39		3.5		0.40	
5	3.6		0.38		3.6		0.39	
6	3.2		0.28		3.3		0.28	
7	3.4		0.34		3.4		0.35	
8	3.4		0.37		3.5		0.38	
9	3.7		0.40		3.7		0.43	
10	3.5		0.41		3.0		0.21	
AVERAGE	3.4		0.36		3.5		0.39	
STD DEV.	0.2		0.05		0.3		0.13	
RANGE	3.2 - 3.7		0.27 - 0.41		3.0 - 4.1		0.21 - 0.70	
VOL (L)			64				64	
TOT WT (g)			3.57				3.91	
LOADING DENSITY (g/L)			0.06				0.06	

Glossary of Terms

°C - degree(s) Celsius

cm - centimeter(s)

d - day(s)

DO - dissolved oxygen (concentration)

EC₅₀ - median effective concentration

g - gram(s)

h - hour(s)

H₂O - water

IC₅₀ - 50% inhibiting concentration

LC₅₀ - median lethal concentration

L - litre(s)

mg - milligram(s)

min - minute(s)

mL - millilitre(s)

mm - millimetre(s)

mS - millisiemens

NaCl - sodium chloride

N/A - non applicable

OAS - Osmotic Adjustment Solution

ppm - parts per million

µg - microgram

µL - microlitre

> - greater than

< - less than

≥ - greater than or equal to

≤ - less than or equal to

± - plus or minus

% percentage or percent