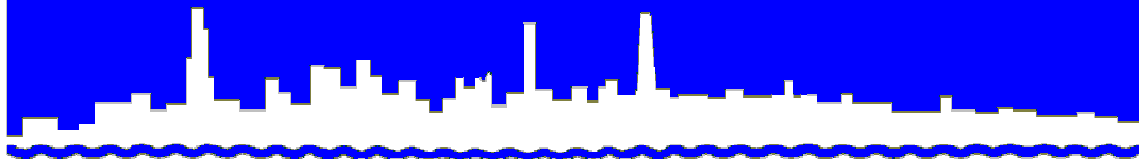


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Dear Mr. Koch:

Subject: Biomonitoring Report for 2012 – Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Results for the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, Lemont, Illinois, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number IL0028070, January 2012

The subject Biomonitoring Report is submitted in compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number IL0028070, Special Condition 12.

The subject report includes copies of all bench sheets, chain-of-custody forms, sample receipt and preparation forms, hard copies of computer generated statistical analyses, control charts, and a certification of accuracy statement.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Ms. Jennifer Wasik, Supervising Aquatic Biologist, at (708) 588-4060.

Very truly yours,

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DISCLAIMER

Mention of proprietary equipment and chemicals in this report does not constitute endorsement by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

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Summary

The acute toxicity test with *Pimephales promelas* (*P. promelas*) (96-hour, static, renewal), was conducted on samples of the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) final effluent collected January 9 through January 10, 2012. The results indicated that the test was valid. No acute toxic effect on *P. promelas* was observed. Results of the quality control acute toxicity test with *P. promelas* using the reference toxicant sodium chloride (NaCl) fell within limits prescribed as acceptable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The acute toxicity test with *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (*C. dubia*) (48-hour, static, non-renewal) was conducted on samples of the Lemont WRP final effluent collected January 9 through January 10, 2012. The results indicated that the test was valid. No acute toxic effect on *C. dubia* was observed. Results of the quality control acute toxicity test with *C. dubia* using the reference toxicant NaCl fell within limits prescribed as acceptable by the USEPA.

Sample Information

Tests were performed using 24-hour composite samples of the Lemont WRP final effluent collected on January 9 through January 10, 2012, for the acute toxicity tests. The individual grab samples were stored on site at 0.1–6°C in a refrigerator. Sample temperatures at the time of receipt were less than or equal to 3.8°C. Samples were stored in a dedicated refrigerator in the Biomonitoring Laboratory at 0.1–6°C. Sample collection information is shown in [Table 1](#).

Whole Effluent Toxicity Tests

The acute toxicity tests with *P. promelas* and *C. dubia* were conducted on the Lemont WRP effluent samples collected January 9 through January 10, 2012. Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) test methods and procedures were followed in accordance with *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*, EPA/821-R-02-12, Fifth Edition, October 2002. *P. promelas* were exposed to 6.25, 12.5, 25, 50 and 100 percent concentration of final effluent for 96 hours. *C. dubia* were exposed to the same final effluent concentrations for 48 hours.

TABLE 1: SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| Effluent Collection Point: | Lemont Water Reclamation Plant Effluent Discharge Number 001 | |
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| Effluent Collection Method: | Five 2-1/2 gallon grab samples collected over a 24-hour period were combined to make a 24-hour composite sample. The individual grab samples were collected at 6-hour intervals. | |
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|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|
| Effluent Collection Times and Dates: | 0600 | January 9, 2012 |
| | 1200 | January 9, 2012 |
| | 1800 | January 9, 2012 |
| | 2400 | January 9, 2012 |
| | 0600 | January 10, 2012 |

The acute fathead minnow test (*P. promelas*) was set up on January 10, 2012, and completed on January 14, 2012. The acute *C. dubia* test was set up on January 10, 2012, and completed on January 12, 2012. Hard synthetic water with selenium (HSW) was used as control and dilution water for both test species.

Statistical analyses were performed using the Comprehensive Environmental Toxicity Information System (CETIS) software program, version 1.7.0 (Tidepool Scientific Software, California).

Concurrent reference toxicant tests (RTT) using NaCl were conducted, and the control charts for the *P. promelas* and *C. dubia* acute RTT were prepared.

Analysts

WET tests were conducted by Ms. Jane Schipma (Laboratory Technician I) and Mr. Michael Burke (Laboratory Technician II). Mr. Nicholas Kollias (Assistant Aquatic Biologist) entered the raw data in an Excel and CETIS program. Mr. Nicholas Kollias prepared this report.

Results

Results of the acute *P. promelas* WET test are shown in [Table 2](#). The *P. promelas* test results indicated a valid test. No acute toxicity to *P. promelas* was observed. The HSW control water met the test acceptability criteria for the *P. promelas* test. Results of the quality control acute toxicity test with *P. promelas* using the RTT fell within limits prescribed as acceptable by the USEPA, i.e. within ± 2 standard deviations from the mean.

Results of the acute *C. dubia* WET test are shown in [Table 3](#). The *C. dubia* test results indicated a valid test. No acute toxicity to *C. dubia* was observed. The HSW control water met the test acceptability criteria for the *C. dubia* test. Results of the quality control, acute toxicity test with *C. dubia* using the RTT fell within limits prescribed as acceptable by USEPA, i.e. within ± 2 standard deviations from the mean.

The WET test results indicated the absence of acute toxicity to *P. promelas* and *C. dubia*. Tabulated summaries of the *P. promelas* and *C. dubia* WET tests are presented in [Appendices AI](#) and [AII](#), respectively. Raw data for the *P. promelas* and *C. dubia* WET tests are presented in [Appendices BI](#) and [BII](#), respectively. Chain-of-Custody documentation is provided in [Appendix CI](#). Raw data, statistical calculations, culture data, and control charts for the *P. promelas* and *C. dubia* concurrent RTT are provided in [Appendices DI](#) and [DII](#), respectively.

TABLE 2: ACUTE *PIMEPHALES PROMELAS* TEST RESULTS

| Acute Test Parameters | Results |
|---|---------|
| 96-h LC ₅₀ | >100% |
| Toxicity Observed | No |
| Mean Percent Survival in Laboratory Water Control (HSW) | 100% |
| Mean Percent Survival in 100% Final Effluent | 100% |
| Valid Test | Yes |
| Concurrent Reference Toxicant Test in Control | Yes |

TABLE 3: ACUTE *CERIODAPHNIA DUBIA* TEST RESULTS

| Acute Test Parameters | Results |
|---|---------|
| 48-h LC ₅₀ | >100% |
| Toxicity Observed | No |
| Mean Percent Survival in Laboratory Water Control (HSW) | 100% |
| Mean Percent Survival in 100% Final Effluent | 100% |
| Valid Test | Yes |
| Concurrent Reference Toxicant Test in Control | Yes |

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all appendices were prepared under my supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering data, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations 40 C.F.R. 122.22 (d).

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