

INSTRUCTIONS (March 2018) C11, C12, C13 TOXICOLOGY

1.0 Sample Reception

- 1.1 All breakages and shortages must be reported within 24 hours of sample receipt.
- 1.2 Samples should be stored in the dark at 4±2°C upon receipt. Samples are stable for the duration of the study.
- 1.3 Check that all the parameters for which you are registered are correctly identified on the web data entry report page.
- 1.4 Inquiries regarding samples and their shipment may be directed to:

PT Non-conformances
Information and Quality Management
Environment and Climate Change Canada
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cc: Ken Middlebrook, CALA PT Manager
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Inquiries must be made by facsimile or email only. Use the enclosed Nonconformance Form (see reverse) when sending a fax. Please include your CALA membership number on all correspondence.

2.0 Sample Analysis

- 2.1 The reference toxicants have been prepared using the following toxicants:
- Trout LC50 (96 h) and microtox IC50 (15 min) – phenol.
Daphnia LC50 (48 h) - sodium chloride.
- 2.2 The highest concentration (ml of sample added per liter of test solution) and applied dilution factor for each sample should be as shown to the right:
- 2.3 For each sample prepare at least five (5) test solutions in a geometric series using the dilution factor shown above.
- 2.4 Example calculation for trout C11-1, assuming a 20 L test volume:
- Test solution 1:** 5 ml/L x 20 L = 100 ml of sample into 20L.
- Test solution 2:** 100 ml x 0.7 = 70 ml of sample into 20L.
- Test solution 3:** 70 ml x 0.7 = 49 ml of sample into 20L.
- Test solution 4:** 49 ml x 0.7 = 34.3 ml of sample into 20L.
- Test solution 5:** 34.3 ml x 0.7 = 24.01 ml of sample into 20L.

Parameter	I.D.	HIGHEST CONC. (mL/L)	DILUTION FACTOR
Trout LC50 (96 h)	C11-1	5	0.7
	C11-2	6	0.7
	C11-3	7	0.7
	C11-4	5	0.7
Daphnia LC50 (48 h)	C12-1	70	0.5
	C12-2	150	0.5
	C12-3	70	0.5
	C12-4	130	0.5
Microtox IC50 (15 min)	C13-1	90	0.5
	C13-2	60	0.5
	C13-3	30	0.5
	C13-4	100	0.5

- 2.5 For Microtox, the top concentration is prepared in a volumetric flask with dilution water (i.e. deionized water). This solution is then pipetted into the cuvettes as the sample and diluted with the appropriate diluent using a 0.5 dilution factor, as per standard test procedure.
- 2.6 Use volumetric labware and laboratory dilution water to prepare the dilution series for Daphnia and rainbow trout.
- 2.7 Proceed with testing using the routine analytical method identified in your recent application to the CALA program.
- 2.8 For trout and daphnia, calculate the results using the preferred statistical method for the data as determined by following the flowsheet in Figure 4 of the Environment Canada test method EPS 1/RM/46. For microtox calculate the IC50 using the Microbics computer program.

3.0 Reporting Results

- 3.1 Report data using the web-data-entry system (www.CALA.ca) in the units indicated.
- 3.2 Report results with 95% confidence limits. Also provide information on method, date analyzed, dilution water data, and name and telephone number of laboratory contact.

4.0 Safety

- 4.1 The PT samples are designed for use by laboratory professionals familiar with environmental samples and potentially hazardous materials.

PT SAMPLE NON-CONFORMANCE FORM

Attn: PT non-conformances

Study Number:

ENSURE THAT SAMPLES RECEIVED MATCH REPORT FORMS

1 - Laboratory Information

Contact Name:

Laboratory Name:

Laboratory Address:

Contact Telephone #:

Contact Facsimile #:

Contact e-mail:

2 - Sample Details

Date & Time of Arrival (YYYY,MM,DD,HH:MM):

FedEx Tracking Number:

Test Groups Received (e.g. C1 , C2 etc.):

Number of Boxes:

3 - Description of Nonconformance

4 - Requested Action

5 - PT Provider Notes