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DMR-QA 31 Final Report

DMR-QA Proficiency Testing

DMR-QA Study

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Enclosed is your final report for ERA's DMR-QA 31 Proficiency Testing study. Your final report includes an evaluation of every result submitted by your facility to ERA. If there are any discrepancies between your final report and what your facility reported to your permit holders please contact your permit holders. To the best of ERA's ability we have attempted to resolve any data reporting discrepancies.

If you have any "Not Acceptable" evaluations for the DMR-QA 31 study, and these results have been reported by your permittees, a letter of corrective action and order form are attached for your convenience. If you have a "Not Acceptable" evaluation, but no letter of corrective action or order form, ERA recommends that you contact your permittees for the corrective action requirements that their state or regional DMR-QA Coordinator may require.

Thank you for your participation in ERA's DMR-QA 31 Proficiency Testing study. If you have any questions, please contact the proficiency testing department, or me, at 1-800-372-0122.

Sincerely,

Jay R. McBurney
Quality Program Manager

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DMRQA-31 Definitions & Study Discussion

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DMRQA Study Definitions

The Reported Value is the value that the laboratory reported to ERA.

The ERA Assigned Values are compliant with the most current USEPA/NELAC FoPT tables. The assigned values are directly traceable to the commercially prepared starting materials used to manufacture the PT standards. A parameter not added to the standard is given an Assigned Value of "0" per the guidelines contained in the USEPA's Criteria Document and NELAC standards.

The Acceptance Limits are established per the criteria contained in the most current USEPA/NELAC FoPT tables, or ERA's SOP for the Generation of Performance Acceptance Limits™ as applicable.

The Performance Evaluation:

Acceptable	= Reported Value falls within the Acceptance Limits.
Not Acceptable	= Reported Value falls outside the Acceptance Limits.
No Evaluation	= Reported Value cannot be evaluated.
Not Reported	= No Value reported.

The Method Description is the method the laboratory reported to ERA.

DMRQA Study Discussion

ERA's DMR-QA 31 Proficiency Testing study has been reviewed by ERA senior management and certified compliant with the requirements of the USEPA's National Standards for Water Proficiency Testing Studies Criteria Document (December 1998), and the criteria contained in the most current NELAC FoPT tables.

ERA's DMR-QA 31 study standards were examined for any anomalies. A full review of all homogeneity, stability and accuracy verification data was completed. All analytical verification data for all analytes met the acceptance criteria contained in the USEPA's National Criteria Document for Water Proficiency Testing Studies, December 1998, and the criteria contained in the most current NELAC FoPT tables.

The data submitted by participating laboratories was also examined for study anomalies. There were no anomalies observed during the statistical review of the data.

ERA's DMR-QA 31 study reports shall not be reproduced except in their entirety and not without the permission of the participating laboratories. The report must not be used by the participating laboratories to claim product endorsement by any agency of the U. S. government.

The data contained herein are confidential and intended for your use only.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessment in ERA's DMRQA Proficiency Testing program, please contact Jay McBurney, Quality Program Manager, or the proficiency testing department at 1-800-372-0122.

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Study: **DMR-QA 31**

ERA Customer Number: **E559701**

Laboratory Name: **Environmental Testing Solutions, Inc.**

WET Results

ACCREDITED
Lab Code: 1539-01

DMR-QA 31 Final Complete Report

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Anal. No.	Test End Point	Reported Value %	Assigned Value %	Acceptance Limits %	Performance Evaluation	Method Description
DMRQA Fathead minnow (Test Code 13) (cat# WET002)						
48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 25° C, MHSF						
Potassium chloride						
0754	LC50	55.5	52.9	28.4 - 77.4	Acceptable	EPA 2000
DMRQA Fathead minnow (Test Code 15) (cat# WET004)						
7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, MHSF						
Potassium chloride						
0808	IC25 (ON) Growth	33.9	31.7	25.2 - 38.2	Acceptable	EPA 1000
0810	NOEC (ON) Growth	25	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1000
0756	NOEC Survival	25	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1000
DMRQA Ceriodaphnia dubia (Test Code 19) (cat# WET008)						
48Hr., Acute Renewal, 25° C, MHSF						
Potassium chloride						
0764	LC50	35.4	40.4	10.0 - 70.8	Acceptable	EPA 2002
DMRQA Ceriodaphnia dubia (Test Code 21) (cat# WET010)						
7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, MHSF						
Potassium chloride						
0767	IC25 Reproduction	30.3	25.2	12.2 - 38.1	Acceptable	EPA 1002
0768	NOEC Reproduction	12.5	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1002
0766	NOEC Survival	25	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1002
DMRQA Mysid (Test Code 42) (cat# WET016)						
48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 25° C, 40 FSW						
Potassium chloride						
0798	LC50	34.2	36.1	28.2 - 44.0	Acceptable	EPA 2007
DMRQA Mysid (Test Code 43) (cat# WET017)						
7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, 40 FSW						
Potassium chloride						
0816	IC25 (ON) Growth	28.7	30.8	22.7 - 38.8	Acceptable	EPA 1007
0818	NOEC (ON) Growth	12.5	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1007
0799	NOEC Survival	12.5	25.0	12.5 - 50.0	Acceptable	EPA 1007
DMRQA Inland silverside (Test Code 44) (cat# WET018)						
48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 25° C, 40 FSW						
Potassium chloride						
0803	LC50	61.6	70.4	49.9 - 90.9	Acceptable	EPA 2006
DMRQA Sheepshead minnow (Test Code 46) (cat# WET019)						
48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 25° C, 40 FSW						
Potassium chloride						
0804	LC50	25.9	31.6	17.8 - 45.4	Acceptable	EPA 2004

All analytes are included in ERA's A2LA accreditation. Lab Code: 1539-01