



Sediment-Water Chironomid Toxicity Test (using Spiked Water)

This test is designed to determine the long-term effects of the test material on the freshwater dipteran *Chironomus* sp., in a spiked water system.

First instar larvae are introduced into the test vessels and the test material is added to overlying water. Observations are made during the test on the emergence of adult midges. Samples are taken for analysis during the exposure period to determine the concentrations tested in sediment, overlying water and pore water if required.

EC₅₀ values – the concentration of the test chemical which is estimated to have caused 50% effect on emergence or development rate – are calculated. In addition, the No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) and Lowest Observed Effect Concentration (LOEC) values may also be calculated

Test guidelines and references

OECD Guidelines for the Testing of Chemicals.

Guideline 218: Sediment-Water Chironomid Toxicity Test Using Spiked Water, adopted 13 April 2004.

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