

Client: SPECTRUM
Samples: PPG-1-10EGS Filter Cartridge BCS 1306060 and 1306061 3.0 µM
Analysis Parameter: Fluorescent Latex Microspheres as *Cryptosporidium parvum*
Oocyst Surrogate
Performed and Analyzed by: Stargel, MPH; July 12- July 13, 2013.
Test Standard: NSF 53-2011 section 7. Mechanical Filtration using General Test
Water (GTW) Challenge (< 1.0 NTU water)

Water Sample	3.0 µM Fluorescent Microspheres ¹			
	Units / milliliter			Average Percent Removal
	Filter Influent	Filter Effluent A BCS 1306060	Filter Effluent B BCS 1306061	
Initial filter performance (following 161 liters GTW)	3.1 x 10 ³	0.001	0.002	99.99996%
Following 3 Cycles (following of 487 liters GTW)		0.007	0.004	99.9998%
Following 8 Cycles (following 1495 liters GTW)		0.002	0.001	99.99996%

¹ Three micron green fluorescent latex microspheres (Fluoresbrite® YG Microspheres 3.00µm, PolySciences Inc. PA, USA) were used as surrogates for *Cryptosporidium* oocysts. It is used to determine filter's parasitic removal efficacy. The microspheres were enumerated by fixing onto SingleSpot Slides (IDEXX, USA) and viewing by UV fluorescence microscopy.

*Provided filter was placed in a 10" cartridge holder. Latex fluorescent microspheres were added to 3,000 liters of City of Gainesville (Florida) tap water (pH 7.8, hardness: 123, TDS: 363, temperature 23.6°C, and NTU: 0.3). The water was thoroughly homogenized and was then passed through each of two filters using a centrifugal pump generating 59 PSI of water pressure. The flow through each filter was adjusted to 8.0 liters/min and remained relatively unchanged throughout the study. The filters were operated on a 20 minute "ON" cycle followed by a 20 minute "OFF" cycle for a total of 9 cycles. The filter effluents' were collected in a clean 1.5 liter container at the beginning of the study, at the beginning of the 4th "ON" cycle and upon start up following the 9th "OFF" cycle. The effluent samples were concentrated by membrane filtration and assayed for the microspheres as per laboratory protocol. The challenge influent water was sampled prior to the filter challenge study and at the end. The number of microspheres (units/ml) was determined and is reported as the "Filter Influent Water" and "Filter Effluent". All analysis was conducted in duplicates. The flow rate was calculated using a NIST traceable timer and a traceable meter/totalizer.



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