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**Sample(s):** BCS 1405223 (filters B and C), received May 29, 2014.  
**Test:** Filtration Efficacy – Personal water purifier initial performance  
**Test Parameter:** 3.0 µM Fluorescent Microspheres as *Cryptosporidium parvum* (virus)  
*Raoultella terrigena* (Bacteria) and MS-2 Bacteriophage (virus)  
**Performed and Analyzed by:** George Lukasik, Ph.D. & Kintin Ng; June 12, 2014

Challenge Species	Filter influent average concentration	Average concentration of the challenge sp effluent	
		Filter B	
Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i> cfu/ml <sup>1</sup>	270,000	2.3	
Virus: MS-2 Bacteriophage pfu/ml <sup>2</sup>	300,000	< .45**	
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres /ml <sup>3</sup>	25,000	2	

<sup>1</sup> *Raoultella terrigena* (ATCC 33257) was obtained from ATCC and propagated on Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA, Becton Dickinson, USA). It removal efficacy. Bacteria was enumerated as colony forming units (cfu) following incubation at 36.5°C for 24 hours as per Standard

<sup>2</sup> Bacteriophage MS-2 (ATCC 15597-B1) was used as a model for human viruses. It is of similar shape and size to human enterovirus filter's viral capture efficacy. It was enumerated using *E. coli* C3000 (ATCC 15597) as a host using the single layer plaque assay agar

<sup>3</sup> Three micron green fluorescent latex microspheres (Fluoresbrite® YG Microspheres 3.00µm, PolySciences Inc. PA, USA) were used oocysts. It is used to determine filter's parasitic removal efficacy. The microspheres were enumerated by fixing onto SingleSpot Slide fluorescence microscopy.

\*\* No species were detected in the filter effluent for the total volume analyzed (<0.45 cfu or pfu/ml). Filter effluent samples were analyzed following collection.

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		Filter B	
Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i>	$2.7 \times 10^5$ cfu /ml	99.9996%	
Virus: MS-2 Bacteriophage	$3.0 \times 10^5$ pfu /ml	> 99.9999%**	
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres	$2.5 \times 10^4$ / ml	99.992%	

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Challenge Species	Filter influent average concentration	Log <sub>10</sub> Reduction*** of the challenge	
		Filter B	
Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i> <sup>1</sup>	2.7 x 10 <sup>5</sup> cfu /1 ml (5.43 Log <sub>10</sub> )	5.07	
Virus: MS-2 Bacteriophage <sup>2</sup>	3.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup> pfu /ml (5.48 Log <sub>10</sub> )	> 5.83**	
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres <sup>3</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup> /ml (4.40 Log <sub>10</sub> )	4.10	

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Challenge Species	Filter influent average concentration	Average concentration of the challenge species in the filter effluent	
		Filter B	Filter C
Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i> cfu/ml <sup>1</sup>	220,000	26	
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres /ml <sup>2</sup>	26,000	4	

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<sup>2</sup> Three micron green fluorescent latex microspheres (Fluoresbrite® YG Microspheres 3.00µm, Polysciences Inc. PA, USA) were used to determine filter's parasitic removal efficacy. The microspheres were enumerated by fixing onto SingleSpot Slide and observing under fluorescence microscopy.

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Challenge Species	Filter influent average concentration	Average percent removal*** of the challenge	
		Filter B	Filter C
Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i>	$2.2 \times 10^5$ cfu /ml	99.99%	99.99%
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres	$2.6 \times 10^4$ / ml	99.98%	99.98%

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Bacteria: <i>Raoultella terrigena</i> <sup>1</sup>	2.2 x 10 <sup>5</sup> cfu /1 ml (5.34 Log <sub>10</sub> )	3.93	
3.0 µM Fluorescent microspheres <sup>3</sup>	2.6 x 10 <sup>4</sup> /ml (4.41 Log <sub>10</sub> )	3.81	

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\* Biological filtration challenge study description: Initially, fifteen liter of laboratory grade reagent water was added to each of the provided filters using 58-60 PSI of pressure. The indicated microbial species were added to the water (pH 7.5±0.5) and the solution was passed through using pressure filtration. Five liters of the challenge solution was passed through the filter. The filter effluent was collected in a sterile container. The flow rate was validated using a traceable timer. The flow rate was measured to be two gallons/min. The effluent was assayed for the presence of the microorganisms per Standard Methods (APHA 2012) and Lab Standard Operating Procedures (SOP F-1). A sample of the effluent was removed prior to the beginning of the challenge study and at the end of the study. All analysis was corroborated by a second analyst. The number of microorganisms was determined in each sample. The respective percent reduction was determined based on the concentration obtained in the filter influent and effluent. The tables report the results for the filters tested.

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Study data are summarized in the provided table(s). The results presented pertain only to the study articles/samples provided by the client (or client representative). The study was authorized and commenced on the date indicated. The results presented pertain only to the samples analyzed and identifier number(s) indicated. The data are representative of the study conducted using the material/samples/articles provided by the client (or client representative) and its (their) condition at the time of test. The study and data are obtained under laboratory conditions that are representative or indicative of a real-life process and/or application. Positive, negative, and neutralization tests were performed as outlined in the method and as per Good Laboratory Practices. All analyses were performed in accordance with laboratory practices and procedures set-forth by our NELAP/TNI accreditation standards (ISO 17025) as noted. BCS makes no claims with regards to the express or implied warranty regarding the ownership, safety or fitness for a particular purpose of any such property or product.



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