



Algal Toxin Proficiency Testing Programs Assess Your Lab's Performance

Eurofins Abraxis' trusted **Algal Toxin Proficiency Testing Program** satisfies the increasing international demand for conformity assessment in the field of cyanotoxin analysis and provides an independent assessment of your laboratory's performance, giving you confidence in your lab's ability to deliver quality results to your customers.

Our algal toxin proficiency testing program, with options for both ELISA and instrumental analysis, is offered at various times throughout the year. Testing programs for finished drinking water, raw fresh water/recreational water are available for the following algal toxins, in addition to a marine water program for Saxitoxin:

- Microcystins
- Anatoxin-a
- Cylindrospermopsin
- Saxitoxin

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A general timeline for the algal toxin proficiency testing program is indicated in the table below:

Sample Matrix	Analyte	Technique	Program #	Registration Close	Samples Sent	Results Due Back	Final Report Distributed
Finished Drinking Water	Microcystins	Instrumental (HPLC)	520080-01A	Late January	Late February	Late March	Mid May
		ELISA/PPIA	520080-01B	Late January	Late February	Late March	Mid May
	Anatoxin-a/ Cylindrospermopsin	Instrumental (HPLC)	520080-02A	Late January	Late February	Late March	Mid May
		ELISA/PPIA	520080-02B	Late January	Late February	Late March	Mid May
	Saxitoxin	ELISA/PPIA	520080-05B	Late January	Late February	Late March	Mid May
	Microcystins	Instrumental (HPLC)	520080-03A	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September
Raw Fresh Water (Source/ Recreational)		ELISA/PPIA	520080-03B	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September
Anatoxin-a/ Cylindrospermopsin	Instrumental (HPLC)	520080-04A	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September	
	ELISA/PPIA	520080-04B	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September	
Saxitoxin	ELISA/PPIA	520080-06B	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September	
Marine Water	Saxitoxin	ELISA/PPIA	520080-07B	Late May	Late June	Late July	Mid September

How the Proficiency Testing Program Works

- Each participant laboratory receives a **unique code** to maintain confidentiality.
- Eurofins Abraxis produces and distributes **water samples** that have been spiked with known toxin congeners and concentrations.
- **Participant labs test the samples**, using their own equipment, methods and personnel, and return the test results to Eurofins Abraxis.
- Eurofins Abraxis prepares a **comprehensive program report** including laboratory reported results, methods used, and a statistical evaluation comparing results to other laboratories performing the same analysis.

NOTE: Test kits and/or additional materials for sample analysis are not included in the program price and must be purchased separately.

For more information and to register please visit our **Proficiency Testing** page in the **Services** section on our website at www.abraxiskits.com

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