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18 MONTH

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STABILITY

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MICROSCOPIC & HIGH SPECIFIC GRAVITY

	LOT #288019 POSITIVE Exp 10/22		LOT #288020 NEGATIVE Exp 10/22		PROCEDURE
	MICROSCOPIC	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	MICROSCOPIC	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	
HIGH	35	1.041		1.041	1. Shake well before using to assure
MEAN	20 CELL/HP ± 15	1.036 ± .005	0 CELL/HP	1.036 ± .005	complete mixing of the contents.
LOW	5	1.031		1.031	2. Remove bottle cap and pour 12 ml into a
DAY 1					clean, dry conical centrifuge tube.*
DAY 2					3. Centrifuge for 5 minutes at 2000 rpm. (A
DAY 3					lower rpm may be used if this is called for in your laboratory procedure. However, a
DAY 4					somewhat lower mean may result!)
DAY 5					4. Remove control from the centrifuge and
DAY 6					at this time, if desired, take and record the specific gravity reading by placing a small urinometer in the centrifuge tube or,
DAY 7					
DAY 8					alternatively, transfer a few drops of the supernate to a refractometer.
DAY 9					5. Pour off and discard all but 0.5 ml of the
DAY 10					supernate.
DAY 11 DAY 12					6. Resuspend the sediment in the remaining
DAY 12 DAY 13					0.5 ml of supernate by touching the bottom
DAT 13 DAY 14					of the tube to a vortex machine or by flicking the bottom of the tube with your finger.
DAT 14 DAY 15					
DAY 16					7. Transfer a drop of the resuspended sediment to a clean dry microscope slide
DAY 17					and cover with a cover slip.
DAY 18					Count and record the average number of cells found in 10 high power fields.
DAY 19					
DAY 20					9. At the end of the month, add the column of entries for MICROSCOPIC and/or
DAY 21					SPECIFIC GRAVITY and enter the TOTAL
DAY 22					at the bottom of the column. Determine the MEAN by dividing the TOTAL by the number
DAY 23					of days the test was run.
DAY 24					10. Store at 2° - 8°C. May be stored at room
DAY 25					temperature once bottle is in use.
DAY 26					*NOTE:The value range for Alta's Microscopic
DAY 27					Control is based on the parameters set forth in the above procedure. Laboratories using a procedure
DAY 28					with different parameters (i.e. volume, rpm and time of centrifugation and amount of supernate
DAY 29					discarded) should develop their own range of
DAY 30					values and mean for the control using their procedure.
DAY 31					•
TOTAL					
MEAN					

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