

HISTORY OF WET TESTING (WETT)

Hello. I'm Frank Doherty, Founder and President of Aquatox Research.

Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing, or WETT for short, was developed in the 1980s as a means to determine the environmental acceptability of complex wastewaters to lakes, rivers and streams. Instead of trying to analytically determine the concentrations of individual chemicals in wastewater and then estimate the potential toxicity to aquatic organisms, the strategy was to simply let the organisms tell us what was acceptable. To that end, the US Environmental Protection Agency developed a series of testing protocols for both **acute** and **chronic** designs with fish and invertebrates to achieve that goal. Aquatox Research has been conducting these very routine tests since 1992 and we are very familiar with the requirements of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. We have posted a variety of information related to WETT testing in NY on our newly designed website.

Thank you for visiting. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.
