

## CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2014 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Adrian M. Mendoza 34347 **Project Title** The Effects of New and Used Auto Fluids and Detergents on Aquatic **Azolla Plants Abstract Objectives/Goals** Which pollutant is more toxic to the aquatic azolla plant? Methods/Materials Procedure for testing pollutants on aquatic plants 1. Pour 200 ml of water into the fish bowl. 2. Rinse the debris off 3. Fighthe circumference of the bowl with azolla. 4. Fill one pipette with 10 ml of the pollutant, and then pour the pollutant into the water of the fish bowl. 5. Then place outside for five (1) days and ten (10) days, 120 hours and 240 days. 6. Graph the discoloration (died) rate of the azolla. Material 70 small glass fish bowls #70 plastic pipettes; Ten (10) ml of motor oil per bowl, Ten (10) ml of antifreeze per bowl; Ten (10) ml of detergent per bowl; Ten (10) ml of used detergent bowl; Ten (10) ml of used antifreeze per bowl; Ten (10) ml of used detergent per bowl; 200 ml of water per bowl; One one by one cm (1x1) transparency grid; One (1) 500 ml measuring cup; 57 cm3 of aquatic axolla plant per bowl (70). The results of my investigation on the toxicity evels of new and used pollutants on aquatic plants indicate detergent and used motor oil are the most toxic pollutants on aquatic plants. The detergent was the most toxic to the azolla out of the new pollutants. Azolla discoloration rate with detergent: Average amount of discoloration= .99 The motor oil was the most toxic used pollutant to the azolla. Azolla discoloration rate with used motor oil: Average of discoloration= .98 **Conclusions/Discussion** After completing my investigation on the toxicity evels of used pollutants and pollutants on aquatic plants, I found my hypothesis for the artifree e was incorrect and my hypothesis for used motor oil was correct. My original hypothes we that and freeze would be the most toxic pollutant and the used motor oil would be the most toxic or the used pollutants.by Summary Statement ence project is to determine the toxicity levels of new and used pollutants on The purpose of my s aquatic azolla plants **Help Received** Parents helped matting board.