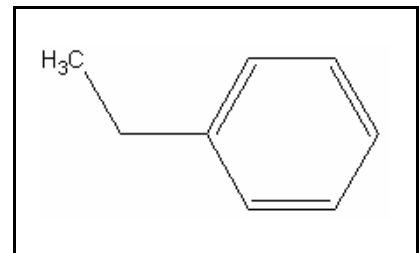




## TIER II ACUTE AND CHRONIC AQUATIC LIFE VALUES

### ETHYL BENZENE

CAS RN: 100-41-4  
Water Solubility: 0.0206 g/100 mL  
Log  $K_{ow}$ : 3.13



#### Standard

The procedures described in the Tier II methodology indicate that, except possibly where a locally important species is very sensitive, aquatic organisms should not be affected unacceptably if the four (4) day average concentration of ethyl benzene does not exceed 110  $\mu\text{g/L}$  more than once every three (3) years on the average and if the one (1) hour average concentration does not exceed 1,000  $\mu\text{g/L}$  more than once every three (3) years on the average.

#### Calculations

##### Acute Aquatic Life:

$$\text{SAV} = \text{lowest GMAV/SAF}$$

$$\text{Lowest GMAV} = 14,000 \mu\text{g/L}$$

$$\text{SAF} = 7.0$$

$$\text{SAV} = 14,000/7.0 = 2,000 \mu\text{g/L}$$

$$\text{SMC} = \text{SAV}/2 = 2/2 = \mathbf{1,000 \mu\text{g/L}}$$

##### Chronic Aquatic Life:

$$SCV = SAV/SACR$$

$$SACR = 18$$

$$SCV = 2000/18 = \mathbf{110 \mu g/L}$$

## Data

Table 1. GMAVs and SMAVs for ethyl benzene

<u>Genus Mean Acute Value (<math>\mu\text{g/L}</math>)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Species Mean Acute Value (<math>\mu\text{g/L}</math>)</u>	<u>Acute- Chronic Ratio</u>	<u>Reference Number</u>
114,900	Bluegill <u>Lepomis macrochirus</u>	150,000		1
	Bluegill <u>Lepomis macrochirus</u>	88,000		4
24,220	Fathead Minnow <u>Pimephales promelas</u>	12,100		2
	Fathead Minnow <u>Pimephales promelas</u>	48,500		5
75,000	Cladoceran <u>Daphnia magna</u>	75,000		3
14,000	Rainbow Trout <u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u>	14,000		4
210,000	Channel Catfish <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u>	210,000		4
94,400	Goldfish <u>Carassius auratus</u>	94,400		5
97,100	Guppy <u>Poecilia reticulata</u>	97,100		5

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### Acronyms/Abbreviations

CAS RN	Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number
K <sub>ow</sub>	Octanol-Water Partition Coefficient
P (superscript)	Predicted value
SAV	Secondary Acute Value
GMAV	Genus Mean Acute Value
SAF	Secondary Acute Factor
SMC	Secondary Maximum Concentration
SCC	Secondary Continuous Concentration
SACR	Secondary Acute-Chronic Ratio
FT	Flow-through
S	Static
U	Unmeasured

M	Measured
EVISTRA	Evaluation and Interpretation of Suitable Test Results in AQUIRE (EPA quality checking method/database)

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