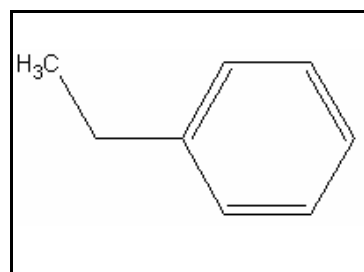




## TIER I HUMAN HEALTH NONCANCER CRITERIA

### ETHYLBENZENE

CAS RN:	100-41-4
Water Solubility:	206 mg/L
Log $K_{ow}$ :	3.13
Reference Dose:	0.097 mg/kg/day
Carcinogenicity Weight-of-Evidence Classification:	Class D; Not Classifiable



### Standard

The human health noncancer ethylbenzene criterion for drinking water sources is 2,100  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .  
The human health noncancer criterion for nondrinking water sources is 9,100  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .

### Calculations

#### Bioaccumulation Factor:

BAF predicted based on Log  $K_{ow}$  (from Stephan 1993)

Log  $K_{ow}$  = 3.13 (generator-column method),  $K_{ow}$  = 1,349

Trophic level 3 FCM = 1.034; trophic level 4 FCM = 1.007

$$f_{fd} = 1/(1+(0.00000024 \text{ kg/L})(K_{ow})) = 1.0$$

$$\text{Baseline BAF}_{T3} = (\text{FCM})(K_{ow}) = (1.034)(1349) = 1,395$$

$$\text{Baseline BAF}_{T4} = (1.007)(1349) = 1,358$$

$$\text{Human health BAF}_{T3} = [(1395)(0.0182)+1](1.0) = 26.39$$

$$\text{Human health BAF}_{T4} = [(1358)(0.0310)+1](1.0) = 43.10$$

### Acceptable Daily Exposure:

From the IRIS database:

Critical Effect: Liver and kidney toxicity

$$\text{ADE} = \frac{\text{NOAEL}}{\text{UF}} = \frac{97.1 \text{ mg/kg-day}}{1000} = 0.0971 \text{ mg/kg/d}$$

### Calculation of Criteria:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Non Drinking Water HNC} &= [(0.0971)(70)(0.8)]/0.01+[(0.0036)(26.39)+(0.0114)(43.10)] \\ &= \mathbf{9,100 \mu\text{g/L}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Drinking Water HNC} &= [(0.0971)(70)(0.8)]/2+[(0.0036)(26.39)+(0.0114)(43.10)] \\ &= \mathbf{2,100 \mu\text{g/L}} \end{aligned}$$

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## Acronyms

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ADE	Acceptable Daily Exposure
BAF	Bioaccumulation Factor
CAS RN	Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number
FCM	Food Chain Multiplier
IRIS	Integrated Risk Information System
K <sub>ow</sub>	Octanol-Water Partition Coefficient
LOAEL	Lowest observed adverse effect level
NOAEL	No observed adverse effect level
P (superscript)	Predicted value
RPLC	Reverse-phase Liquid Chromatography
UF	Uncertainty factor

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