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### SECONDARY VALUES FOR SIMAZINE (CAS No. 122-34-9)

A search was conducted for information on the chemical properties and toxicity of simazine to human health and to fish and aquatic life using the following databases and search engines: ECOTOX (toxicity to fish and aquatic life), IRIS (Integrated Risk Information System; toxicity to human health), CHEMFATE (environmental fate), BIODEG (degradation), HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank), CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Info System), ATSDR ToxFAQs (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry chemical fact sheets), and EXTTOXNET (Extension Toxicology Network's pesticide information project). This search yielded some useful information on simazine's properties and toxicity.

#### Fish and Aquatic Life Secondary Values

To derive an acute toxicity criterion for fish and aquatic life, acute toxicity test results are required for at least one species in each of eight different families. Specific requirements and the data available to meet these requirements are found in Table 1. Following a search for information on the toxicity of simazine to fish and other aquatic life, it was determined that data are available to meet six out of the eight requirements. Because data are available for a Daphnid species, it was still possible to calculate a secondary acute value for simazine.

#### Cold Water

To calculate a secondary acute value (SAV), the lowest genus mean acute value (GMAV) in the database is divided by the secondary acute factor (SAF; an adjustment factor corresponding to the number of satisfied requirements).

SAF for six out of eight requirements met = 5.2  
Lowest GMAV = 1,567.31 µg/L (*Daphnia magna*)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SAV} &= \text{GMAV}/\text{SAF} \\ &= 1,567.31 \mu\text{g/L} / 5.2 \\ &= \mathbf{301.41 \mu\text{g/L}}\end{aligned}$$

There are currently no chronic data available for simazine which meet acceptability requirements. Therefore, a secondary chronic value (SCV) may be calculated using default acute-chronic ratios only.

SACR (secondary acute-chronic ratio) = Geometric mean of three species mean acute-chronic ratios (SMACRs).

SMACR 1 = 18 (default)  
SMACR 2 = 18 (default)

SMACR 3 = 18 (default)

SACR = geometric mean of 18, 18, and 18 = 18

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SCV} &= \text{SAV}/\text{SACR} \\ &= 301.41 \mu\text{g/L} / 18 \\ &= \mathbf{16.74 \mu\text{g/L}}\end{aligned}$$

**So for cold water-designated waters, the secondary acute value is 301  $\mu\text{g/L}$  and the secondary chronic value is 17  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for simazine.**

Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage Fish, Limited Forage Fish, and Limited Aquatic Life

Because the lowest GMAV in the cold water database is for *Daphnia magna*, an invertebrate species that will not drop out of the database for any of the remaining water body use designations, secondary values calculated for cold water designated waters will apply for warm water sportfish, warm water forage fish, limited forage fish and limited aquatic life-designated waters as well.

Table 1. Requirements for calculation of an acute toxicity criterion for protection of aquatic life for simazine, and corresponding acute toxicity data.

Species Name	Common Name	Duration/ Endpoint	Value µg/L	Reference # <sup>a</sup>	Source
1. At least one salmonid fish in the family Salmonidae, in the class Osteichthyes.					
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	>100,000	9	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	56,000	10	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	>100,000	6	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	25,000	13	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	>10,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	40,500	2	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	70,500	2	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	>82,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	60,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout	96-h/LC50	44,600	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 49,466.05					
<i>Salmo trutta</i>	brown trout	96-h/LC50	83,000	14	AQUIRE
SMAV = 83,000					
2. At least one non-salmonid fish from another family in the class Osteichthyes, preferably a commercially or recreationally important warmwater species.					
<i>Ameiurus melas</i>	black bullhead	96-h/LC50	65,000	1	AQUIRE
SMAV = 65,000					
<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>	yellow bullhead	96-h/LC50	110,000	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 110,000					
Genus Mean Acute Value (GMAV; <i>Ameiurus</i> sp.) = 84,557.67					

<i>Ictalurus sp.</i> SMAV = 65,000	catfish	96-h/LC50	65,000	9	AQUIRE
<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i> SMAV = 85,000	catfish	96-h/LC50	85,000	2	AQUIRE
GMAV ( <i>Ictalurus sp.</i> ) = 74,330.34					
<i>Micropterus salmoides</i> SMAV = 46,000	largemouth bass	96-h/LC50	46,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	striped bass	96-h/LC50	>180,000	11	AQUIRE
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	striped bass	96-h/LC50	822,000	12	AQUIRE
<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	striped bass	96-h/LC50	>3,000	2	AQUIRE
None of the LC50s were excluded (despite ranging over 10X) since it's unclear whether the high or low values are representative of the range. SMAV = 76,281.96					
<i>Pimephales notatus</i> SMAV = 66,000	bluntnose minnow	96-h/LC50	66,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	fathead minnow	96-h/LC50	>100,000	6	AQUIRE
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	fathead minnow	96-h/LC50	6,400	2	AQUIRE
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	fathead minnow	96-h/LC50	>10,000	7	AQUIRE
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	fathead minnow	96-h/LC50	510,000	7	AQUIRE
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	fathead minnow	96-h/LC50	5,000	7	AQUIRE
None of the LC50s were excluded (despite ranging over 10X) since it's unclear whether the high or low values are representative of the range. SMAV = 43,908.04					
<i>Poecilia reticulata</i> SMAV = 49,000	guppy	96-h/LC50	49,000	9	AQUIRE

3. At least one planktonic crustacean (e.g., cladoceran, copepod).					
<i>Daphnia magna</i>	water flea	48-h/EC50	1,000	3	AQUIRE
<i>Daphnia magna</i>	water flea	48-h/EC50	>3,500	4	AQUIRE
<i>Daphnia magna</i>	water flea	48-h/EC50	1,100	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 1,567.31					
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	water flea	48-h/LC50	92,100	5	AQUIRE
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	water flea	48-h/LC50	424,000	5	AQUIRE
SMAV = 197,611.74					
Excluded from GMAV calculation since result was more than 10X the SMAV for <i>D. magna</i> .					
4. At least one benthic crustacean (e.g., ostracod, isopod, amphipod, crayfish).					
<i>Gammarus fasciatus</i>	scud	96-h/LC50	>100,000	6	AQUIRE
<i>Gammarus fasciatus</i>	scud	96-h/LC50	130,000	7	AQUIRE
<i>Gammarus fasciatus</i>	scud	96-h/LC50	13,000	8	AQUIRE
SMAV = 55,287.75					
5. At least one insect (e.g., mayfly, dragonfly, damselfly, stonefly, caddisfly, mosquito, midge).					
<i>Pteronarcys californicus</i>	stonefly	96-h/EC50	1,900	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 1,900					
6. At least one fish or amphibian from a family in the phylum Chordata not already represented in one of the other subdivisions.					
<i>Carassius auratus</i>	goldfish	96-h/LC50	>32,000	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 32,000					
<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	pumpkinseed	96-h/LC50	27,000	2	AQUIRE
SMAV = 27,000					
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill	96-h/LC50	90,000	9	AQUIRE
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill	96-h/LC50	118,000	10	AQUIRE
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill	96-h/LC50	100,000	6	AQUIRE
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill	96-h/LC50	16,000	2	AQUIRE
<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill	96-h/LC50	35,000	2	AQUIRE

<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> SMAV = 62,476.80	bluegill	96-h/LC50	100,000	7	AQUIRE
<i>Lepomis microlophus</i> SMAV = 54,000	redear sunfish	96-h/LC50	54,000	2	AQUIRE
GMAV ( <i>Lepomis</i> sp.) = 44,994.43					
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i> SMAV = 18,000	emerald shiner	96-h/LC50	>18,000	2	AQUIRE

7. At least one organism from a family in a phylum other than Arthropoda or Chordata (e.g., Rotifera, Annelida, Mollusca).

8. At least one organism from a family in any order of insect or any other phylum not already represented in subdivisions 1 through 7.

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## HUMAN HEALTH

To calculate a criteria or secondary value for the protection of human health, it is first necessary to determine if the substance has been shown to be carcinogenic (which will result in the calculation of a human cancer criteria or secondary value) or not (which will result in the calculation of a human threshold criteria or secondary value). The U.S. EPA has not yet classified simazine's carcinogenicity due to insufficient data (U.S. EPA's IRIS database). Because an oral reference dose and a log octanol water partition coefficient are available, however, it is possible to calculate a secondary threshold value for simazine.

There are several steps to calculating a human threshold secondary value: 1) calculation of the fraction of freely dissolved chemical; 2) calculation of the "baseline BAF"; 3) calculation of the "human health BAF"; and 4) calculation of the human threshold secondary value.

### **1) Calculation of the freely-dissolved fraction = $f_{fd}$**

Given a standard dissolved organic carbon (DOC) concentration of 0.000002 Kg/L and a particulate organic carbon (POC) concentration of 0.00000004 Kg/L in water, the equation

$$f_{fd} = 1 / \{ 1 + [(DOC)(K_{ow})/10] + [(POC)(K_{ow})] \}$$

can be reduced to:

$$= 1 / \{ 1 + [(0.00000024 \text{ Kg/L})(K_{ow})] \}$$

A log  $K_{ow}$  of 2.18 ( $K_{ow}$  of 151.3561) has been published for simazine (National Institutes of Health, Hazardous Substance Database).

$$f_{fd} = 1 / \{ 1 + [(0.00000024 \text{ Kg/L})(151.3561)] \}$$

$$= 1 / 1.000036$$

$$= \mathbf{1.0000}$$

### **2) Calculation of the baseline BAF**

The baseline BAF is calculated according to the equations contained in 40 CFR part 132 (Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System), Appendix B, using BAF data that was collected in one of four ways (listed in order of most preferred to least preferred):

- a) a measured BAF from a field study
- b) a predicted BAF based on field-measured BSAFs
- c) a predicted BAF using a laboratory-measured bioconcentration factor (BCF) and a food chain multiplier (FCM)
- d) a predicted BAF using a  $K_{ow}$  and a FCM

Currently, there are no BAFs, BSAFs, or BCFs available for simazine; therefore, the baseline BAF was calculated using the  $K_{ow}$  and a food chain multiplier (method d above).

Given simazine's log  $K_{ow}$  of 2.18 ( $K_{ow}$  of 151.3561), the FCMs (taken from table B-1 in GLI) are 1.007 for trophic level 3 (warm waters) and 1.001 for trophic level 4 (cold waters).

a) Cold Water

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Baseline BAF} &= (\text{FCM})(K_{ow}) \\ &= (1.001)(151.3561) \\ &= \mathbf{151.5074} \end{aligned}$$

b) Warm Waters

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Baseline BAF} &= (\text{FCM})(K_{ow}) \\ &= (1.007)(151.3561) \\ &= \mathbf{152.4156} \end{aligned}$$

### 3) Calculation of the human health BAF

a) Cold Water

$$\text{BAF}_{\text{TL4}}^{\text{HH}} = \{[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.044)] + 1\} (f_{\text{fd}})$$

where

$\text{BAF}_{\text{TL4}}^{\text{HH}}$  = Human health BAF for trophic level 4 (cold water)

baseline BAF = the baseline BAF (for cold waters) calculated in 2)

0.044 = fraction lipid value for cold water fish and aquatic life communities

$f_{\text{fd}}$  = fraction freely dissolved

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BAF}_{\text{TL4}}^{\text{HH}} &= \{[(\mathbf{151.5074})(0.044)] + 1\} (1.0000) \\ &= \mathbf{7.6663} \end{aligned}$$

b) Warm Waters

$$\text{BAF}_{\text{TL3}}^{\text{HH}} = \{[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.013)] + 1\} (f_{\text{fd}})$$

where

$BAF_{TL3}^{HH}$  = Human health BAF for trophic level 3 (warm waters)

baseline BAF = the baseline BAF (for warm waters) calculated in 2)

0.013 = fraction lipid value for warm water fish and aquatic life communities

$f_{fd}$  = fraction freely dissolved

$$BAF_{TL3}^{HH} = \{[(152.4156)(0.013)] + 1\} (1.0000)$$
$$= 2.9814$$

#### 4) Calculation of the human threshold secondary value

$$\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} = [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)]$$

where

ADE = acceptable daily exposure (= oral reference dose, or RfD; = 0.005 mg/Kg/day for simazine (IRIS 2003))

70 Kg = average weight of an adult

RSC = relative source contribution to account for other routes of exposure (= 0.8 in the absence of other data)

$W_H$  = average per capita daily water consumption (= 2 L/d for public water supplies, and 0.01 L/d for non-public water supplies)

$F_H$  = average consumption of sport-caught fish in Wisconsin (= 0.02 Kg/d)

BAF = appropriate (cold or warm) human health BAF calculated in 3).

##### a) Public Water Supply/Cold Water

$$\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} = [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)]$$
$$= [(0.005 \text{ mg/Kg/d})(70 \text{ Kg})(0.8)]/[2 \text{ L/d} + (0.02 \text{ Kg/d})(7.6663 \text{ L/Kg})]$$
$$= 0.1300 \text{ mg/L}$$
$$= 130 \text{ } \mu\text{g/L}$$

**b) Public Water Supply/Warm Water Sportfish**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} &= [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)] \\ &= [(0.005 \text{ mg/Kg/d})(70 \text{ Kg})(0.8)]/[2 \text{ L/d} + (0.02 \text{ Kg/d})(2.9814 \text{ L/Kg})] \\ &= 0.1359 \text{ mg/L} \\ &= \mathbf{135.9 \mu\text{g/L}}\end{aligned}$$

**c) Non-Public Water Supply/Cold Water**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} &= [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)] \\ &= [(0.005 \text{ mg/Kg/d})(70 \text{ Kg})(0.8)]/[0.01 \text{ L/d} + (0.02 \text{ Kg/d})(7.6663 \text{ L/Kg})] \\ &= \mathbf{1.7146 \text{ mg/L}} \\ &= \mathbf{1,714.6 \mu\text{g/L}}\end{aligned}$$

**d) Non-Public Water Supply/Warm Waters (Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage Fish, and Limited Forage Fish designated waters)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} &= [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)] \\ &= [(0.005 \text{ mg/Kg/d})(70 \text{ Kg})(0.8)]/[0.01 \text{ L/d} + (0.02 \text{ Kg/d})(2.9814 \text{ L/Kg})] \\ &= \mathbf{4.0230 \text{ mg/L}} \\ &= \mathbf{4,023 \mu\text{g/L}}\end{aligned}$$

**e) Non-Public Water Supply/Limited Aquatic Life**

Note: The Limited Aquatic Life classification applies to water bodies with no (or very few) fish present. Therefore, calculation of a human health threshold value for water bodies with this classification does not include a human health BAF since it is assumed that humans will not be exposed to simazine through consumption of fish in these areas.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Human Threshold Secondary Value} &= [(ADE)(70 \text{ Kg})(RSC)]/[W_H + (F_H)(BAF)] \\ &= [(0.005 \text{ mg/Kg/d})(70 \text{ Kg})(0.8)]/[0.01 \text{ L/d} + (0)]\end{aligned}$$

= **28 mg/L**

= **28,000 µg/L**

Chemical	CAS #	Category	Type of Secondary Value	Water Body Classification	Value (µg/L)
Simazine	122-34-9	Fish and Aquatic	Acute	Cold/WWSF/WWFF/ LFF/LAL	301
Simazine	122-34-9	Fish and Aquatic	Chronic	Cold/WWSF/WWFF/ LFF/LAL	17
Simazine	122-34-9	Human Health	Human Threshold	Public Water Supply/Cold	130
Simazine	122-34-9	Human Health	Human Threshold	Public Water Supply/WWSF	136
Simazine	122-34-9	Human Health	Human Threshold	Non-Public Water Supply/Cold	1,715
Simazine	122-34-9	Human Health	Human Threshold	Non-Public Water Supply/WWSF, WWFF, LFF	4,023
Simazine	122-34-9	Human Health	Human Threshold	Non-Public Water Supply/LAL	28,000

Cold = cold water designated water bodies  
 WWSF = warm water sportfish designated water bodies  
 WWFF = warm water forage fish designated water bodies  
 LFF = limited forage fish designated water bodies  
 LAL = limited aquatic life designated water bodies (includes wetlands)