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STANDARDS DOCUMENTATION

CHEMICAL: 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane

CAS NO.(s): 79-34-5

BASIS (Human/Aquatic): Human

WATER CLASSIFICATION: AA; AA-s; A; A-s

STANDARD: 0.2 ug/l Note A

REMARKS:

SUMMARY INFORMATION:

The toxicologic data base for this compound has been reviewed. 1,2 It is an animal oncogen as defined in Part 701.1(p). Chronic exposure of laboratory animals to gavage doses of this compound has resulted in a significant increase in the incidence of liver tumors in male and female mice. 3 It has also shown genotoxic activity in short-term tests. 4

STANDARD DERIVATION:

Dose-response data from a National Cancer Institute³ carcinogenesis bioassay were used for extrapolation. Using the protocol in Part 701.4 and a linearized multistage extrapolation procedure $(GLOBAL82)^6$, a 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane concentration of 0.2 ug/l in water was calculated to correspond to an increased human cancer risk of 1 x 10^{-6} over a lifetime (see calculations below). The recommended ambient water quality standard for 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane is 0.2 ug/l.

Calculations:

1. National Cancer Institute Bioassay Data

The incidence of liver tumors in female mice given time-weighted average doses of 0, 142 and 282 mg/kg of 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane via gavage on 5 days each week during the exposure period is the dose-response data for the most sensitive tumor type in the most sensitive species and sex, occurring at a statistically significant level.

2. Average Daily Intake (for animals)*

Average Daily Intake During Lifetime

0 mg/kg/day 88 mg/kg/day 175 mg/kg/day

*Exposure was only for 5 days a week; therefore, time-weighted average doses on treatment days were multiplied by 5/7 to calculate average daily doses during the exposure period. In addition, mice lived an additional 12 weeks without exposure after being exposed for 78 weeks; therefore, average daily doses during exposure were multiplied by 0.87 to calculate average daily doses during lifetime.

3. Data Input for GLOBAL82 Computer Program

Dose (mg/kg/day)	Number of animals with tumors	Number of experimental animals				
0	0	20				
88	30	48				
175	43	47				

4. GLOBAL82 Result (for animals)

The lower 95% confidence limit value of the 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane dose corresponding to an increased lifetime cancer risk of 1×10^{-6} for the experimental animals was 0.067 ug/kg/day.

5. Conversion of the animal dose (ug/kg/day) to a human dose using surface area conversion rule

rodent dose (ug/kg/day) x $\left(\frac{\text{animal body wt. (kg)}}{\text{human body wt. (kg)}}\right)^{0.33}$ human dose (ug/kg/day)

0.067 ug/kg/day x $\left(\frac{0.035 \text{ kg}}{70 \text{ kg}}\right)^{0.33} = 0.0054 \text{ ug/kg/day}$

6. Calculation of the 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane level in water corresponding to an increased cancer risk of 1 x 10⁻⁶ for a 70 kg human ingesting 2 liters of contaminated water per day over a lifetime.

 $\frac{0.0054 \text{ ug/kg/day} \times 70 \text{ kg}}{2 \text{ 1/day}} = 0.19 \text{ ug/l}$

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