

AMBIENT SURFACE WATER QUALITY  
STANDARDS DOCUMENTATION

CHEMICAL: Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride

CAS NO(s): 68391-01-5

VALUE(S) ADDED

8-08-83

BASIS (Human/Aquatic): Human

FACT SHEET REVISED

9-6-85

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

VALUE(S) REMOVED

STANDARD: 50 ug/l

Note E

REMARKS:

SUMMARY INFORMATION:

Several studies have been conducted on the quaternary ammonium compounds of which n-alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride is a member.<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> These studies are inadequate for use in calculating a criterion based on chronic toxicity or aesthetic effects. The compound has not been adequately tested to determine its oncogenic potential.

STANDARD DERIVATION:

In adequate data base for this chemical precludes the use of any derivation outlined in Section 701.3 through 701.7. Therefore, the general guideline of 50 ug/l is recommended as the standard.

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