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# AMBIENT SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS DOCUMENTATION

CHEMICAL: o-Toluidine

CAS NO. (s): 95-53-4

BASIS (Human/Aquatic): Human

WATER CLASSIFICATION: AA; AA-B; A; A-B

STANDARD: 0.6 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 this compound via the diet has resulted in a significant increase in the incidence of tumors at a wide variety of sites in male and female rats and mice, including the liver, spleen, scrotum, abdominal cavity, subcutaneous tissue, urinary bladder and mammary gland. 3,4

#### STANDARD DERIVATION:

Dose-response data from the National Cancer Institute<sup>3</sup> bioassay were used for extrapolation. Using the protocol in Part 701.4 and a linearized multistage extrapolation procedure (GLOBAL82)<sup>5</sup>, an o-toluidine concentration of 0.6 ug/l in water was calculated to correspond to an increased human cancer risk of 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> over a lifetime (see calculations below). The recommended ambient water quality standard for o-toluidine is 0.6 ug/l.

## Calculations:

## 1. National Cancer Institute Bioassay Data

The incidence of tumors of the subcutaneous tissue in male rats fed o-toluidine hydrochloride in the diet at levels of 0, 3,000 and 6,000 ppm 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.

Average Daily Intake (for animals)\*

Concentration in diet	Average Daily Inta <u>During Lifetime</u>	
0	0 mg/k <b>g/day</b>	
3,000 ppm	112 mg/kg/day	
6.000 ppm	225 mg/kg/day	

\*Since specific information on food consumption was not provided, the general formula ppm in diet x 0.05 = daily dose in mg/kg/day was used to calculate the average daily intake for rats at each dose level during exposure. In addition, rats were exposed to o-toluidine hydrochloride and since o-toluidine comprises 75% of the molecular weight of that compound, doses were multiplied by 0.75 to calculate average daily doses of o-toluidine 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
112	28	50
225*	27*	49*

\*Since the dose-response data indicate that the number of responders reached a plateau at an average daily dose of 112 mg/kg, the data from the highest dose level were omitted from input into the GLOBAL82 program.

4. GLOBAL82 Result (for animals)

The lower 95% confidence limit value of the o-toluidine dose corresponding to an increased lifetime cancer risk of 1 x  $10^{-6}$  for the experimental animals was 0.10 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)

0.10 ug/kg/day x  $\left(\frac{0.37 \text{ kg}}{70 \text{ kg}}\right)^{0.33}$  0.018 ug/kg/day

6. Calculation of the o-toluidine level in water corresponding to an increased cancer risk of 1 x 10<sup>-6</sup> for a 70 kg human ingesting 2 liters of contaminated water per day over a lifetime.

 $\frac{0.018 \text{ ug/kg/day} \times 70 \text{ kg}}{2 \text{ l/day}} = 0.62 \text{ ug/l}$ 

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