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is the technical portion of the Work Plan; Volume 2, previously delivered, contains the costs. These costs are estimates, and they assume the use of outside, private analytical laboratories and subsurface contractors ap-

The two volumes of the Work Plan are accompanied by four other documents: an Interim Site Characterization Report, a Quality Assurance Project Plan, a Site Plan, and a Project Operations Plan (POP). These documents have

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REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Interim Site Characterization Report has been provided in accordance with Task 1, Subtask 1.1 of the January 18, 1985, Work Plan Memorandum prepared by CDM for the North Cavalcade Street Site. The purpose of this subtask is to provide a description of the current situation of the North Cavalcade Street Site in relation to the site's Hazardous Ranking System Score of 37.1 on the National Priority List (NPL). Data pertinent to the site and its contamination problem were gathered, organized, and reviewed.

Major issues addressed in this report are as follows:

Site Background

Provides a summary of the regional location, pertinent area boundary features, existing ownership and use (subdivision of the property), and the general physiography, hydrology, and geology of the site, from secondary sources.

Nature and Extent of Problem

Summarizes the actual and potential onsite and offsite health and environmental effects that can be anticipated from pre-remedial investigation sources. This may include, but is not limited to, the types, physical characterization and amounts of any hazardous substances; and the potential pathways of exposure, contaminant release, and human exposure.

History and Response Actions

Describes any previous response or remedial actions conducted by either local, state, federal, or private parties, including site inspection, technical reports and their results.

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2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 SITE LOCATION AND HISTORY

The North Cavalcade Street Site is located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Houston, Texas, the state's largest city and the fifth largest in the nation.

The site covers about 21 acres in northeast Houston, about one mile west of the intersection of Interstate Loop 610 North and U.S. Route 59 (Figure 2-1). The site is bounded on the north by Loop 610, on the south by Cavalcade Street, on the west by the Houston Belt and Terminal (HB&T) Railroad Passenger Main and Maury Street, and on the east by the HB&T Freight Main (now the Missouri and Pacific R.R.). The site is triangular in shape, with its base about 600 feet in length along Cavalcade Street and its apex about 3,000 feet to the north.

The North Cavalcade Site was undeveloped land until after World War II. In 1946, a Mr. Leon Aaron acquired the site and established a small wood preservative business, Houston Creosoting, Inc. (HCI), on about ten acres of the southern portion of the site just north of the present location of Cavalcade Street. The HCI facility included initially creosote wood preservative operations, wood storage and pole peeling areas, a treatment plant with storage tanks and pressure cylinders, a blow-down area and waste pit, and other support facilities. In about 1955, HCI operations apparently expanded to include pentachlorophenol (PCP) preservative services and additional storage tanks and treatment facilities were added.

At least two waste pond areas, designated on Figure 2-2 as Contaminant Areas 1 and 2, have been identified from aerial photos of the period, and from an interview with a former HCI employee, Mr. Lloyd Martin. Contaminant area No. 1, includes one or more small open pits near the HB&T R.R. along the east side of the site that were used to dispose of process blowdown wastes from both creosote and PCP preserving operations. A larger triangular shaped pit, Contaminant Area No. 2 on Figure 2-2, was used to

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contain creosote and other waste products from HCI operations, including used (waste) petroleum products such as motor oil and industrial lubricants introduced into HCI operations.

In 1961, the End End Bank of Houston foreclosed a mortgage on HCI. The operation's of the firm apparently continued, however, for another two or three years under a lease-back arrangement with the bank. The wood treatment operations at the North Cavalcade Site were discontinued about 1964.

Subsequently, the property was divided into smaller tracts and sold to a variety of current owners. The Great Southern Life Insurance Company (GSLI) acquired a small property tract of about 1.6 acres in the southwest corner of the site, and constructed a building that occupies most of its property. The Coastal Casting Services Company (CCS) now owns two small tracts in the southern portion of the site (Figure 2-2). The CCS tracts encompass the two previously identified waste pit contaminant areas. Two other tracts, as shown on Figure 2-2, are owned by R. D. Eichenour and A. D. Dover, and occupy the remainder of the site.

The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has a 60-foot easement and drainage ditch along the property line separating the Eichenour tract from the A. D. Dover property. This drainage ditch not only provides surface drainage to most of the North Cavalcade Site, but also drains a part of the residential area to the northwest of the site. The HCFCD ditch drains to the east into Hunting Bayou, a tributory to the Houston Ship Channel.

The Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), as part of its proposed METRO Stage One Regional Rail System (RRS) study, investigated the feasibility of including the property designated in this report as the North Cavalcade Street Site as a yard, shop and terminal facility for the RRS. Under contract to the Houston Transit Consultants (HTC), prime contractor to the MTA, the firm McClelland Engineers, Inc. (MEI) performed a geotechnical investigation of the site. During the course of that investigation, observations were made of probable contamination of the site with toxic waste materials from previous commercial or industrial users.

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Early in 1983 the state agency responsible for hazardous waste control, the Texas Department of Water Resources (TDWR), was notified of the probable contamination of the site. The TDWR then initiated the state's process of investigating the nature and extent of the problem, the present and prior ownership and use of the site, and the possibility of voluntary compliance with remedial clean-up operations at the site.

At the same time, the Houston MTA, acting through HTC and its geotechnical consultant MEI, contracted with Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) to perform a comprehensive contaminant survey of the site. A CDM report entitled "Cavalcade Contaminant Survey" in three volumes, dated July 11, 1983, provided the first detailed assessment of the extent and nature of hazardous contamination at the Cavalcade Site.

In response to initiatives by the TDWR to secure remedial measures by current owners of the site, two of the owners, GSLI and CCS, each retained consultants to conduct site investigations. Those investigations were completed in October 1983. The consultants of GSLI, William F. Guyton Associates and Southwestern Laboratories, both of Houston, concluded that no significant contamination existed on the GSLI property and that no remedial actions were needed. The consultant for CCS, McClelland Enginners, Inc. of Houston, relied upon the information collected previously for the Houston MTA and recommended further investigation of the CCS properties to more fully ascertain the contaminant problems and any remedial needs.

In April 1984, the TDWR recommended the site to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for inclusion on the National Priority List (NPL) of hazardous waste sites. On October 2, 1984, the North Cavalcade Site was placed on the NPL, with EPA taking the lead responsibility for subsequent Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) efforts. The site has been assigned a Hazardous Ranking System score of 37.1 on the NPL.

In December, 1984, EPA authorized a work assignment for an RI/FS on the North Cavalcade Street Site to CDM under project REM II - EPA Contract No. 68-01-6939/141/WP1, Document Control No. 141-WP1-EP-APMU-1. A Work Plan

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Memorandum by CDM for RI/FS on the North Cavalcade Street Site, dated January 18, 1985, has been submitted to the EPA.

2.2 CONTAMINATION PROBLEM

The North Cavalcade Street Site has over a 30-year history of industrial/ commercial use with potential for long-term contaminant pollution of the site. A report "Cavalcade Contaminant Survey", in three volumes by Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. dated July 11, 1983, first documents the general nature and extent of site pollution. Section 3.0 presents review of data in this report.

2.3 DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL FEATURES OF THE SITE

Present Land Use

The present land use of the North Cavalcade Street Site is predominately commercial, made up of several small tracts as shown on Figure 2-2. The area around the North Cavalcade Site is mixed residential, commercial and industrial. The nearest residential area is located to the west, an old, low-income neighborhood. Commercial properties are located mainly along major thoroughfares, including Cavalcade Street, Loop 610 North, and U.S. Highway 59.

The area has a previous history of industrial and commercial use. Rail lines have served the area since the late 1800's, supporting a variety of industries over the years. Industries reported to have operated in the vicinity in the past, or are still in operation (denoted with an asterisk, *, below) include:

- 1. Rendering plants
- 2. Liquid fertilizer company*
- 3. Chemical companies*
- 4. Metal processing plants*
- 5. Metal recycling plants*
- 6. Liquid feed plant*

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- 7. Wood treatment and preserving facilities
- 8. Coal tar distillation facilities
- 9. Cotton seed oil plant
- 10. Industrial gas manufacturing plant*
- 11. Trucking companies*
- 12. Petroleum products distribution facilities*

Physiography

The general physiography of the site is a relatively flat plain with a very gentle slope to the south and east. Elevations range from about 59.0 feet mean sea level (msl) on the north to about 52.1 feet msl along Cavalcade Street on the south, an average slope of about 0.2 percent. Drainage is generally to the south and east to local tributaries of Buffalo Bayou and the Houston Ship Channel.

<u>Soils</u>

Local soil conditions have previously been investigated at the North Cavalcade Site (see McClelland Engineers Report No. 0182-0282, Volume II, dated May 20, 1983). A generalized soil profile of the site shows four distinct soil strata. Figure 2-3 depicts the soil conditions throughout the site based on reconnaissance borings. Although there are variations in strata elevation and thickness, the following generalized soil strata appear to the present throughout the site:

Strata	Depth, ft.	Description					
I	0-2	Fill: silty fine sand					
II	2-10	Soft to very stiff sandy clay and clayey sand					
IIJ	10-20	Medium dense to very dense fine sand					
IV	2080	Very stiff to hard clay and silty clay, with sand and silt layers					

Figure 2-3 also indicates the presence, at the time of the reconnaissance soil borings in early 1983, of shallow water table conditions at depths of one to five feet beneath the surface throughout the site. The shallow sand

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strata (Strata III in Figure 2-3) appear to be consistently present the site and to have a regional extent and significance off-site as well (Figure 2-4). Typical shallow sand layers common to the Texas Gulf Coast area usually contain various amounts of silt. The relative permeability of the sand strata depends largely on the silt content, which varies significantly from place to place. Permeabilities will need to be determined on a site-by-site basis.

Geology

The geologic strata underlying the North Cavalcade Site consist principally of interbedded sands, silts, and clays of the Beaumont Formation, deposited in fluvial (river) and deltaic environments of the Pleistocene Epoch. Clay and silt materials predominate in the upper 200 to 300 feet of the Beaumont Formation, with thin discontinuous layers of sand occurring randomly. Thicker, more continuous sand deposits occur in deeper parts of the Beaumont. The Lissie Formation, underlying the Beaumont, also shows extensive sand deposits in the upper strata of the formation.

Hydrology

Both the Lissie Formation and the lower Beaumont Formation are common sourtes of groundwater supplies in the Houston area, although yields are small ind considered inadequa a for major exploitation. The deeper sands of the Chicote and Evangeline Aquifers, at depths of over 1,000 feet, are the local sources for major groundwater supplies.

The Beaumont Formation dips generally to the southeast. The regional dip of the strata and the presence of the interbedding sands and clays influence the regional hydrogeology of the entire area. Published geologic literature indicate that the principal areas of recharge for the Chicote and Evangeline Aquifers occur several miles north of the site area.

The predominately clay and silty soils in the upper strata of the Beaumont Formation, in conjunction with the southeastward dip of the formation, serve as a confining layer for the underlying Chicote Aquifer, producing



artesian groundwater conditions in the aquifer. Discontinuous sand layers in the overlying Beaumont are considered too limited for effective recharge to the deeper aquifers.

Drainage

Surface drainage from the site consists of a system of poorly defined surface ditches. Most surface drainage internal to the site is conveyed to the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditch that bisects the site west to east (Figure 2-2). The undeveloped northern parts of the site are poorly drained, with surface ditches draining to runoff ditches along the east and west property borders in the railroad right-of-ways. The extension of the HCFCD ditch drains much of the site into Hunting Bayou to the east and ultimately into the Houston Ship Channel several miles downstream of the site.

Groundwater

A survey of existing water wells in the vicinity of the North Cavalcade Site was conducted for the earlier McClelland Engineers study (report No. 0101-0546-2, dated September 30, 1982). Figure 2-5 depicts the location of known wells in relation to the site. Three common strata used for groundwater supplies in the site area were identified. The more shallow of the local aquifers is located at elevations of about 170 to 220 feet below ground surface. This aquifer does not have a high yield and is restricted primarily to domestic uses. The second aquifer is found approximately at depths of 400 to 600 feet. This aquifer is developed locally mainly for industrial purposes. A third aquifer is located typically below 1,000 feet and is used primarily as a municipal supply for the City of Houston.

Faulting

The Pecore Fault is the only known active fault in the vicinity of the North Cavalcade Site. The fault trends approximately east-west and intersects the surface just north of Cavalcade street (Figure 2-6). The predicted annual differential movements across the fault are about 0.4

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inches vertical and 0.1 inch horizontal. Many faults in the Houston area tend to act as partial hydrogeologic barriers to groundwater movements. Isolated portions of an aquifer may thus have different hydrogeologic characteristics due to local faulting. The extensive withdrawal of groundwater and petroleum supplies in the Greater Houston Area, resulting in active land subsidence, has caused accelerated fault movements during recent years.

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3.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

A preliminary description of contaminants found at the North Cavalcade Site during previous investigations provides a basis for future remedial investigations. Any actual or potential health or environmental hazards already identified will be described as to types, physical characteristics and quantities, if known. The most probable pathways of exposure and escape of hazardous materials will also be described.

Recent 1982-83 investigations of the North Cavalcade Street Site for the Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) revealed areas of localized soil and shallow groundwater contamination. McClelland Engineers, Inc. (MEI) performed a reconnaissance geotechnical survey in 1982 for MTA in relation to then pending plans for a Metro Regional Rail System (RRS). The MEI survey included general soil borings and preliminary foundation investigations for the proposed RRS yard and shop facility at the Cavalcade Site.

Creosote odors were detected during the MEI investigations and soil and groundwater samples were collected for analysis. Trace amounts of napthalene and phenanthrene were identified, and it was subsequently determined that the site was contaminated from previous wood preserving operations. It was recommended to MTA that additional investigations be conducted to assess the extent of the contamination problem.

In April of 1983, Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM) performed a contaminant survey of the Cavalcade Site. A CDM report, entitled "Cavalcade Contaminant Survey", and dated July 11, 1983, provides a comprehensive assessment of their environmental study. CDM's site investigation program consisted of the following types and number of samples for the North Cavalcade Site:

TASK	PREFIX	NUMBER COMPLETED			
Sediment Sampling	SD	1			
Surface Soil Sampling	SL	3			
Subsurface Soil Samples	SL	2			
Shallow Observation Wells	OW.	3			
Production Well Sampling	PW	3			
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In addition to CDM's soil sampling program, three soil borings were made along the northern edge of the Great Scuthern Life Insurance Company (GSLI; property. A consortium of consultants, including William F. Guyton Associates, Inc.. Southwestern Laboratories, Inc., and Randy V. Dormon, consultant, performed soil investigations and analysis to determine the nature and extent of any contaminant problems on the GSLI property.

Two reports, entitled 1) "Geotechnical and Environmental Testing at 2001 Cavalcade Street, Houston, Texas" by Southwestern Laboratories, dated September 1983, and 2) "Investigation of Shallow Subsurface Conditions at 2001 Cavalcade Street, Houston, Texas" by William F. Guyton Associates, dated January 1984, summarize the results of those investigations. In general, no significant level of contamination was found on the GSLI property. The only indication of contamination was a slight creesote odor detected in a sample obtained between 19.5 and 20.5 feet in one of the three test holes drilled by Southwestern Laboratories near the northern boundary of the GSLI property. The remaining two test borings along the north edge of the GSLI property indicated no contamination detectable by visual or olfactory observations.

Comprehensive investigative results, methods and documentation are available in the three-volume report "Cavalcade Contaminant Survey" by CDM, in association with MEI, dated July 11, 1983. Results of the CDM contaminant survey are summarized in the following paragraphs. Well logs from previous investigations are included in Appendix I. Also included are Site Characterization Memorandum, Site Personnel Protection and Safety Forms, Site Expendable Equipment Forms (Appendix II) and pertinent toxicological information (Appendix III). The most complete set of toxicological information is in Appendix III of the Project Operations Plan - Volume II.

3.1 SOIL INVESTIGATIONS

Soil borings at areas related to the locations of earlier wood treatment facilities during the 1946-1964 period were made to investigate subsurface contamination and migration of contaminants in the near-surface soil profile. Figure 2-3 exhibits the locations of the soil boring localities.

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In all cases, rotary drilling rigs were employed in conjunction with 3 inch thin wall Shelby tube samplers, 2 feet in length, which were attached to the bottom of the drill stem. Samples were taken by pressing the tube into undisturbed material at selected depths. The soil sampling analysis disclosed contamination with both organic and inorganic compounds in the vicinity of suspected disposal areas, particularly near the soil surface. Concentrations of contaminants consistently decreased with depth in the soil profile.

CDM's soil boring program also provided visual and clfactory evidence of contamination in subsurface soil samples. Observations of soil contaminants were limited mainly to areas of previously known or suspected waste disposal, with the exception of two off-site borings designated as SL-26 and SL-27 on Figure 3-1. These observations are probably not related to the previous users of the North Cavalcade Site, but to other commercial or industrial sources in the area.

3.2 SEDIMENT SAMPLING

Bottom sediment samples were collected from surface drainage areas at the HCFCD ditch, indicated as SD-05 on Figure 3-1. Detailed analytical results of the sediment sampling for toxic compounds are presented in Section 6.3, Vol. I of the CDM report. The only findings of significance were the presence of low-level refractory organic compounds, floranthene (320 ppb) and pyrene, (260 ppb) and a volatile organic-methylene chloride (39 ppb). These results are consistent with the site's history of wood preserving operations. Toxic metal contamination detected was: arsenic (As -1.5 ppm), beryllium (Be -0.2 ppm), chromium (Cr -6.8 ppm), copper (Cu -21.0 ppm), and zinc (Zn -30.0 ppm). The low-level toxic metal/inorganic contamination may be due in some cases to naturally occurring concentrations of some metals in local soils.

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3.3 SHALLOW SOIL SAMPLING

Two shallow soil sampling locations, designated SL-06 and 07 on Figure 3-1 were inspected for contamination. All samples were collected at locations suspected of prior use for disposal of creosote or other wood preserving products. Contaminant analysis results from these samples were not included in the original CDM/MEI reports due to the emphasis on the South Cavalcade Street Site; however, analytical results for sites SL-06 and 07 are shown in Table 3-1.

3.4 SUBSURFACE SOIL SAMPLING

One deep onsite soil boring (SL-05) was drilled. Its location is shown on Figure 3-1 with analytical results in Table 3-2. Two off-site soil borings, designated SL-26 and 27 on Figure 3-1, were made. Only visual and olfactory evidence of contamination were sought, and no laboratory analyses were made of samples from these borings. No observable contaminants were detected. Details of the subsurface soil sampling program are found in Section 6.6 of the CDM report. (Cavalcade Contaminant Survey, Volume I, July 11, 1983.)

3.5 SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SAMPLING

Three shallow groundwater observation wells (OW-03, -04 and -05) were located on the North Cavalcade Site to determine the extent of groundwater contamination in the upper (shallowest) aquifer beneath the site and to determine the direction of flow of the local groundwater system. The wells were sampled for contamination. Contaminant analysis results for shallow groundwater samples at the North Cavalcade Site locations are shown on Table 3-3.

3.6 PRODUCTION WELL SAMPLING

Selected production wells located within close proximity to the site were sampled to determine the extent of any external migration of contaminants. Production well depths ranged from 300 to 500 feet below ground surface.

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TABLE 3-1

SHALLOW SOIL SAMPLING ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Sample No. Sample Horizon (ft. below ground surface)	SL-06 ^a (2.5)	SL-07 (2.75)
CONTAMINANTS:		
Organics (ppb)		
Acenaphthene	17000.	16000.
Benzo(A) anthracene	4000.	8600.
Benzo(A) pyrene	ND	2200.
3,4-Benzofluroanthene	ND	8600.
Benzo(K)fluoranthene	ND	8600.
Chrysene	ND	7800.
Ethy/Benzene	ND	20.
Fluorantnene	40000.	130000.
Fluorene	17000.	16000.
Methylene Chloride	33.	28.
Naphthalene	27000.	33000.
Pentachlorophenol		720.
Phenanthrene	56000.	54000.
Metals/Inorganics ^b (ppm)		
Arsenic (As)	.530	.260
Beryllium (Be)	.300	.300
Cadmium (Cd)	.560	ND
Chromium (Cr)	40.000	3.500
Copper (Cu)	3.500	150.000
Lead (Pb)	5.800	3.600
Nercury (Hg)	.044	.006
Nickel (Ni)	24.000	6.300
Silver (Ag)	ND	.600
Zinc (Zn)	9.500	5.400

^a Values indicate highest concentration of two duplicate samples

^b Laboratory data reported for metals and inorganics may reflect an error in number of significant digits

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TABLE 3-2

SOIL BORING ANALYTICAL RESULTS

SITE NO.: SL-05					
Sample No. Interval Depth	0501	0502	0503	0504	0505
(ft below ground surface)	1-2	7-8	2123	28-30	33-35
Contaminants:					
Organics (ppb)					
Methylene Chloride	18.	47.	23	20	41
Acenaphthene	ND		ND	22000	41. ND
Acenaphthylene	ND		ND	360	ND
Anthracene	5000.		ND	ND	ND
Benzo(A)anthracene	17000.		ND	2400.	ND
3 A Bonzofluorenthau	11000.		ND	ND	ND
Benzo(K) fluoranthene	25000.		240.	2200.	ND
Bis(2-Fthylboyyl) phthelete	25000.		240.	2200.	ND
Chrysene	310.		ND	ND	ND
Dibenzo(A,H)anthracero	1/000.	Berth	ND	1700.	ND
Di-n-butyl Phthalate	1000.		ND	ND	ND
Di-n-octyl Phthalate	400.		ND	14000.	ND
Fluoranthene	420.	******	ND	ND	ND
Fluorene	9300. 240		ND	24000.	ND
Napthalene	240. ND		ND	18000.	ND
Phenanthrene	NT		ND	30000.	ND
Pyrene	ND		ND	54000.	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	110000.		ND	18000. ND	ND ND
Metals and Inorganics ^a (ppm)					
Arsenic (As)		. 480	250	MIC)	420
Beryllium (Be)		.240	.660	310	.420
Cadmium (Cd)		ND	.660	.410	610
Chromium (Cr)		3.700	5.700	4.600	7.400
Copper (CU)		.810	5.600	3.200	5.700
Mercurut (He)		4.000	10.000	6.500	10.000
Nickol (Ni)		.010	.011	.007	.007
Silver (Ac)		2.500	19.000	3.700	23.000
Zinc (2n)		.410	.940	.820	.920
		4.200	22.000	14.000	25.000
Other (ppb)					
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TABLE 3-3

SHALLOW OBSERVATION WELLS ANALYTICAL RESULTS^a

Well No. Screen Depth (ft. below ground surface)	0₩-03 (11.5-18.5)	OW-04 (10.5-19.5)	0w-05 ^b (714.)
CONTAMINANTS:			
Organics (ppb)			
Acenaphthene Acenaphthylene Anthracene Benzene Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate Butyl Benzyl Phthalate Ethyl Benzene Fluorene Napthalene Phenanthrene Tolyene 2,4-Dimethylphenol Metals/Inorganics ^C (ppm)	450. ND 96. 63. ND 20. 68. 260. 770. 180. 130. 210.	250. 13. 94. 18. ND ND 17. 100. 7300. 150. 38. 1800.	ND ND ND 25. ND ND ND ND ND ND ND
Arsenic (As) Beryllium (Be) Cadmium (Cd) Chromium '`r) Copper (CL; Lead (Pb) Mercury (Hg) Nickel (Ni) Silver (Ag) Zinc (Zn) Total Cyanides	ND ND .020 ND ND ND ND ND .450 .010	.050 ND ND ND ND ND ND ND ND .360 .050	.940 .200 1.000 5.700 30.000 444.000 .023 4.300 1.600 23.000 ND

а No field measurements taken other than HNu readings for health and safety

b reasons. Values indicate highest concentration of two samples. Laboratory data reported for metals and inorganics may reflect an error in number of significant digits.

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Sampled production wells, labeled PW-01, -02, and -03 on Figure 2-5, proved to be uncontaminated with any detectable organics. Inorganic concentrations in excess of primary drinking water standards were observed in PW-01 for lead (0.36 ppm), in PW-02 for both cadmium (0.04 ppm) and lead (0.35 ppm), and in PW-03 for lead (0.30 ppm).

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4.0 POTENTIAL IMPACTS, EXPOSURE OR CONTAMINANT RELEASE

A preliminary assessment of the available site characterization data summarized above can provide useful direction to the prediction of potential onsite and off-site impacts of possible contaminant exposure or release to other environments. Two principal hazard areas of potential health or environmental impacts can be identified from preliminary assessment of the data. These are the surface and near-surface contamination of the soil materials in the immediate vicinity of previously identified disposal areas, and the associated shallow groundwater contamination observed in the same general areas. Surface water impacts are probably not significant health or environmental concerns based upon preliminary findings and current conditions, use and location. Deep percolation and contamination of local groundwater aquifers used for domestic, industrial or municipal water supplies are also likely not to be threatening to public health or the environment.

4.1 SURFACE AND NEAR-SURFACE CONTAMINATION

Residual contaminants from earlier wood preserving activities at this site are restricted mainly to surface and near-surface (10-foot depths, or less) contamination with both organic (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons) and inorganic (toxic metal) compounds in the immediate vicinity of previous disposal areas.

The potential impacts of the surface and near-surface soil contamination in these areas are as sources of continued shallow groundwater contamination, and as sources of contaminant release to local environments from future development or use of the site. The soil contaminants do not appear to be an imminent threat to health or the environment due to volatilization, direct contact, or surface runoff exposures under present conditions.

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4.2 SHALLOW GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

The groundwater sampling program conducted by CDM indicated that the shallow water table aquifer at the site (see Table 3-3) is locally contaminated with both PAH and toxic metal compounds. This is consistent with the surface soil contamination observed in and near the previous disposal areas. The aerial extent of present groundwater contamination is not yet known, however, due to the limited groundwater sampling carried out during the CDM contaminant survey. It is possible that the shallow groundwater contamination extends off-site. More comprehensive sampling of local groundwater conditions is necessary to determine the extent and rate of migration of contaminants in the shallow groundwater in and near the site. It was not evident at the time of CDM's work that the contamination of the shallow groundwater in the vicinity of the North Cavalcade Site poses any imminent threat to public health or the environment. There are no known users of the shallow groundwater, and no known surface exposures such as ponds or standing water.

It is very likely that the shallow groundwater is also contaminated by a variety of local urban and industrial sources. Contamination of the deeper aquifers in the area, which are known to be used for domestic, industrial or municipal water supplies, was not then considered by CDM to be a significant threat to public health or the environment.

5.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- 1. <u>U.S. EPA Region VI File Documents</u>. Copies of relevant EPA file documents on the North Cavalcade Site have been provided to CDM.
- Texas Department of Water Resources File Documents. Pertinent information on file with the TDWR in relation to state regulatory actions for the site are included in a comprehensive microfiche file made available to CDM by TDWR. Files include correspondence, telephone memos, site summary, report excerpt, TDWR site investigation report and other documentation.
- 3. <u>Texas Natural Resources Information System</u>. Physical site data, remote sensing data, and other relevant site characterization information is readily available to CDM from the TNRIS Austin, Texas facilities. An index of available aerial photographic coverage of the site has been secured from TNRIS and appropriate photos selected and ordered.
- 4. <u>U.S. Geological Survey</u>. Recent USGS 7.5' quad sheets for the site and immediately surrounding areas have been obtained by CDM.
- 5. <u>City of Houston</u>. Land use and storm/sanitary sewer maps of the area of the site have been obtained from the Houston Public Works Department.
- <u>CDM Report and Files</u>. The report "Cavalcade Contaminant Survey" in three volumes, dated July 11, 1983, is on-hand at CDM's Austin office, along with original data base for the report.
- McClelland Engineers Reports. The MEI report "Reconnaissance Geotechnical Study, Proposed Cavalcade Yard Site" No. 0882-0282, dated May 20, 1983 is on-hand at CDM's Austin office. Their follow-up report to Coastal Casting Services dated October 25, 1984, is also on-hand at CDM.

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- 8. <u>William F. Guyton Associates, Inc</u>. The Guyton Report, "Investigation of Shallow subsurface Conditions at 2001 Cavalcade Street, Houston, Texas", dated January, 1984, to the Great Southern Life Insurance Company is on-hand at CDM.
- 9. <u>Southwestern Laboratories, Inc</u>. The report, "Geotechnical and Environmental Testing at 2001 Cavalcade Street, Houston, Texas", dated September, 1983, for the GSLI Company, is on-hand at CDM.

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APPENDIX II

- O NORTH CAVALCADE SITE CHARACTERIZATION MEMORANDUM
- O SITE PERSONNEL PROTECTION AND SAFETY FORMS
- O EXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT REQUEST FORMS

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MEMORANDUM

TO:R.A. KierFROM:J.D. GramDATE:7 FebruarySUBJECT:CavalcadeCONTRACT NO.:68-01-6939DOCUMENT CONTROL NO.:141-WP1-10ACTION:141-WP1-10

R.A. Kier CDM/Austin J.D. Gram CDM/Boston 7 February 1985 Cavalcade North - Site Characterization 68-01-6939 141-WP1-IO-ASTC-1

<u>Objectives</u>: The objective of the site inspection was to confirm the site description contained in the 1983 CDM report and identify any changes in site conditions which may have occurred since that time. Prior to conducting the site inspection the available site information was reviewed. The Interim Site Characterization Report was not available for review prior to conducting the initial site characterization inspection because the site inspection request was made by EPA-Region VI to coincide with the TAT inspections. Therefore, a complete review of available information on site activities could not be conducted.

Introduction

A site inspection was performed at the Cavalcade Yard-North USEPA NPL site on January 16, 1984. This site is located in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The site is triangular in shape, occupies approximately 21 acres and is bounded by Cavalcade Street to the south, Houston Belt and Terminal railroad passenger line to the east and Missouri Pacific railroad freight line to the west. The site is located approximately 1 mile south west of the intersection between U.S. Interstate 610 (North Loop) and U.S. Highway 59 (Eastex Freeway). The site presently consists of two warehouses and vacant land, but was formerly the site of a creosote and wood preserving facility.

A small firm by the name of Houston Creosote began wood treating operations on about 9 acres of defined site between 1944 and 1953. In addition to office areas, the facility consisted of a creosote and pentachlorophenol (PCP) storage area, pressure vessels, a treatment plant, drying and storage areas and two surface impoundments that contained process blowdown wastes and creosote sometime between 1957 and 1964. Sometime after 1964, the southwest portion of the site was developed for two warehouses, one property owned by Great Southern Life Insurance Company and the other occupied by Coastal Casting Service Company. R.D. Eichenour and Dover Trucking Company, Inc. own additional portions of the site.

In the early 1980's, the Harris County Metropolitar. Transit Authority (MTA) became interested in the site for a combined railyard, shop, and station for a proposed light rail transit system. During routine geotechnical investigations by McClelland Engineers Inc. (MEI) for preliminary design purposes, several localized areas were found to be contaminated with creosote waste products. Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) was then retained to perform a contaminant survey and to develop remedial measures that would mitigate the contaminant Survey", dated July 11, 1983 and other submittals documented the presence of soil groundwater contaminated with creosote waste products and heavy metals. Failure of a bond issue that would have financed the light rail system however resulted in the termination of CDM's work.

Health and Safety

Limited existing data on past site disposal practices were assembled and reviewed prior to conducting the site characterization inspection. Information obtained was then used to complete the Site Evaluation Form (SEF) prior to conducting the site characterization. Based upon the SEF and the site history, it was determined that initial entrance to the site could be conducted using Level D personal protective equipment and monitoring using the HNu photoanalyzer with a 10.2 ionization potential lamp probe, AID Hydrocarbon analyzer, and the Ludlum radiological meter instrumentation.

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Personnel and Responsibilities

The site characterization was performed using the following approved CDM site team individuals:

Jeffrey D. Gram - CDM/Boston Richard S. Lawlis - CDM/Austin

Also presented at the site during the site characterizations were the following individuals:

John Cochran - USEPA - Region VI/Dallas Kevin Jackson - R.F. Weston - TAT/Dallas Warren Zehner - R.F. Weston - TAT/Houston

Prior to going on-site it was determined that REM-II contractor team members were responsible to perform all monitoring with the specified on--site instrumentation. Based upon the SEF for the site, Jeffrey D. Gram conducted a briefing on potential site health and safety concerns, previous remedial investigation activities, identified site hazards and site inspection procedures before going on-site. It was determined that Richard S. Lawlis was designated to perform monitoring with the HNu photoanalyzer and Jeffrey Gram would monitor with the AID and Ludlum meters, respectively. All other personnel present during the inspection had no on-site responsibilities and were observers only.

Equipment

Personnel monitoring instruments used during the investigation consisted of using the HNu photoanalyzer with a 10.2 ionization potential lamp, AID Hydrocarbon Analyzer with a flame ionization detector, and a Ludlum radiological monitoring instrument with a Beta/Gamma pancake probe. Poor weather during the investigation restricted the use of both the AID Hydrocarbon Analyzer and the radiological monitoring instrument. Prior to going on-site, background levels were measured with the instruments. Initial readings with the HNu indicated that Level D would be satisfactory to

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conduct the site characterization. The site characterization was then undertaken throughout the boundaries of the site. Areas of concern identified in the previous investigation were examined with the HNu to determine potential impact to the surrounding ambient environment.

Account of Site Inspection

The site characterization was performed using the previously mentioned personal protection criteria. Weather restricted use of the AID Hydrocarbon analyzer and the Ludlum radiological meter; thus, limiting the HNu photoionization meter as the primary monitoring instrument.

The site was entered from south of the east-west drainage ditch that crosses the property. The site inspection team traveled north up a roadway, until it ended, and then walked the center of the site parallel to the western railroad tracks, to the northern end of the site. No elevated HNu readings, above the established background, were noted during the site characterization.

The site currently consists of two warehouses with concrete driveways servicing both warehouses. The area of the site to the east of these warehouses was covered with heavy brush. As indicated, north of the warehouse parking areas, a large drainage ditch trasverses the site from west to east. A drainage ditch parallels the eastern railroad tracks and a ditch also parallels the railroad tracks to the north on the west side of the site. No elevated readings above background were observed using the HNu meter. The site inspection team then exited the site following the western tracks. Recent site grading activity was noticable when traveling to the northern boundry of the site.

Summary

Based upon observations made during the initial site characterizations the following site characteristics can be noted:

Topography - The site is currently level with only one distinct depressed area, the drainage channel, which tranverses center of the site west to east. Recent site grading activity have reduced any small scale depressions or elevated areas. Based upon the USGS 7.5 minute topopgraphic map that encompasses the site, the site slopes to the southwest with a maximum elevation of 60 feet at the northern end of the site and a minimum elevation of 55 feet just south of the site on Cavalcade Road.

Geology - Surfically, exposed soils within the North Cavalcade site consisted of brown/gray sandy clay. During previous remedial investigation activities conducted by Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. A total of ten subsurface soil boring were made at various locations throughout the site. These borings were drilled to various depths ranging from 15 to 80 feet below the surface elevation. Although there are some variations in the elevations and thickness of the strata, the following generalized soil strata appear to be continuous throughout the site.

Stratum	Depth	Description
I	0-2	Fill: Silty fine sand
II	2-10	Sandy clay and clayey sand
III	10-20	Very dense fine sand
VI	20-80	Very stiff clay and silty clay

Hydrogeology - As part of the previous remedial investigation, a total of three shallow groundwater monitoring wells were installed on the site. Previous groundwater investigation activities indicate that three primary water bearing aquifers located at depths approximately 20, 250, and 550 feet below the surface exist. All of these groundwater aquifers are part of the Beaumont Formation, which is generally found in the Texas Gulf Coast area. All on-site monitoring wells installed were screened into the upper water bearing layer. Measurements of water level elevations in these onsite monitoring wells indicate that groundwater in the shallow aquifer slopes from east to west.

Surface Hydrology - Surface water drainage in the southern portion of the site is primarily provided by drainage ditchs which drain north to the Harris County Flood Control Ditch. The HCFCD ditch follows the western

boundary of the northern half of the site and then traverses the site from west to east in the center. This drainage ditch eventually discharges to Hunting Bayou which drains in turn to the Houston Ship Channel.

Air Quality - Air quality at and in the vicinity of the North Cavalcade Street Site appears to be representative of regional air quality. Monitoring, performed during previous remedial investigation and during the initial site inspection with an HNu Photoanalyzer indicated no levels above background throughout the site. During the subsurface investigation conducted as part of the remedial investigation, elevated readings were observed from visually contaminated soils. The current regrading process also covered over known surface soil contamination areas therefore, no potential exists for atmospheric contamination from the site unless subsurface soils are exposed.

Land Use - Two warehouse operations currently exist on the southern portion; the remainder of the site is vacant. To west of the site and the railroad tracks, is a densely populated residential area. To the south of the site lies the South Cavalcade Street Site. The area to the east was becoming developed for commercial purposes. To the north of the site is U.S. Interstate 610 (North Loop).

Site Contamination - Based upon information obtained during the initial site characterization and the previous remedial investigation the following areas of contamination can be identified:

- Surficial Contamination Previous remedial investigation indicated a disposal/lagoon area with noticable contaminated soils and a heavy creosote odor. During the site inspection this area could not be identified due to the recent grading activity. No other contamination areas of surface soils or surface waters were evident.
- Subsurface Soil Contamination Based upon the previous remedial investigations and site history data, these are two areas on the site in which extensive subsurface contamination may exist. These

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areas are: 1) The former operational facility located in the southwest corner of the site and; 2) A suspected disposal trench in which waste products were deposited. This area is located along the eastern boundry of the site in the southern portion of the site. The potential for subsurface contamination also exists in the identified lagoon area in the northern end of the site.

3) Groundwater Contamination - Analytical results from monitoring wells in the shallow aquifer indicate extensive groundwater contamination. Compounds identified from this analysis indicate contamination by creosote and wood preserving products. No on-site analytical results are available for the lower water bearing layers. Analyses of groundwater collected from off-site deeper wells indicated no contamination of the deeper aquifers.

Recommendations

Based upon the limited remedial investigation conducted at the North Cavalcade Street Site, site remediation alternatives were identified. The recommendation of the limited feasibility analysis performed for the North Cavalcade Street site was to excavate known contamination areas and cap the site with compacted clay and clean fill. Other site remediation alternatives identified during the feasibility study consisted of:

- o No Action
- o In-Situ Chemical Fixation
- o Incineration
- o Removal Disposal

The feasibility study evaluated these proposed remedial action for appropriateness against specified criteria and concluded the recommended alternative to be most acceptable considering the intended use of the site.

Observations made during the site characterization reveal that any surface activities for the remedial investigation can be conducted in Level D

personnel protection provided adequate foot and hand protection is provided. Subsurface activities should be performed in Level C with the contingency to upgrade or downgrade as appropriate. Air monitoring with the FAu should be performed during all future activities.

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TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

quired an 8-hour exposure at about 6000 ppm (35° C) to kill four of six rats. Signs of gross overexposure were varying degrees of ataxia, prostration, and respiratory distress rollowed by narcosis. Those that survived appeared to recover without significant signs of exposure.¹⁹

Shell Chemical Corporation⁽¹⁾ presents the following observations in respect to sensory responses reported by unconditioned personnel during or following 5-minute exposures to the vapor:

Threshold, odor	6 ppm
50% Threshold, eye imitation	50 ppm
50% Threshold, nose irritation	50 ppm

No incidents of illness caused by industrial handling of EAK have been reported. Workers may complain of odor and transient eye irritation when handled in poorly ventilated areas when the concentration exceeds 25 ppm, but experience shows that transient responses do not lead to significant systemic effects.⁽¹⁾

Accordingly, the TLV of 25 ppm is recommended as a comfort level for unconditioned workers, (2)

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ETHYL BENZENE

Phenylethylene

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TLV, 100 ppm (\approx 435 mg/m³) STEL, 125 ppm (\approx 545 mg/m³)

Ethvi benzene is a coloriess, flammable liquid with an aromatic odor. It has a molecular weight of 106-16, a specific gravity of 0.86258 at 25° C and a vapor pressure of 7.1 mm Hg at 20° C. The vapor density is 3.7 times that of air "Saturated" air with the vapor at 25° C and 760 mm is 1.32%. It boils at 136.2° C and treezes at -45.01° C. The closed cup flash point is 63° F, autoignition temperature is 810° F and is a fire risk.¹¹ Ethvi benzene is only slightly soluble in water at 15° C (14 mg/100 mL), but is misciple with alcohol and ether.

This compound is employed as a solvent and as an intermediate in the production of styrene

Ethyliberizene toxicity is characterized by its irritancy to the skin und less markedly, to the mucous membranes. Repeated upplication of the liquid to the skin of rabbits causes reddening and some extiniation and bilstering.²⁴ Oettel¹⁴ characterized ethyliberizene as the most severe irritant of the benzene series.

On the eves and nose, the vapor at 5000 ppm causes intolerable irritation; at 2000 ppm, eve irritation; and facrimation are immediate and severe, and are accompanied by moderate masal irritation, decreasing somewhat in several minutes, at 1000 ppm, irritation and tearing, but tolerance develops rapidly, and at 200 ppm, the vapor has a transient irritant on human eves.⁽¹⁾

Like benzene, its acute toxicity is low, the dose ratal to guinea pigs in a tew minutes was 10,000 ppm⁴⁴ and 5000 ppm dangerous to lite in 30 to 60 minutes; animats dying



from exposure had intense congestion and edema or the lungs, and generalized visceral hyperemia. The harcotic dose for animals was 10.000 ppm, reached in 18 minutes preceded by vertigo, unsteadiness and ataxia.

Chronic inhalation exposure of guinea pigs, monkeys, rabbits and rats at concentrations from 400 ppm to 2,200 ppm, seven to eight hours day, five days/week for as long as six months, produced no effects in all species except the rat, which showed a slight increase in the weights of the kidneys and livers, on the average, for those exposed at 400 ppm for 186 days. The investigators concluded that 400 ppm svas the beginning effect level for chronic inhalation of the vapor ⁴⁰.

It is apparent that, as no systemic effects can be expected at levels producing distinctly disagreeable skin and eveluritation, the TLV must be hased on the latter effects, for the prevention of disagreeable irritation, a TLV of 100 ppm and a STEL or 125 ppm are recommended.

Other recommendations Czechoslovakia (1976) 45 ppm. Poland (1975) 25 ppm.

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ski et aitim reported that 25% of 68 workers handling chlorotorm in a chemical plant had enlarged livers. The lengths of employment were between 1 and 4 years. Concentrations of chlorotorm in air ranged from 10 to 200 ppm.

In the view of recent reports on carcinogenicity and embryotoxicity of chlorotorm, the Committee recommendation for TEV chloroform is 10 ppm as TWA and classification as an industrial Substance Suspect of Carcinogenic Potential for Man (A2). A concentration of 10 ppm is one tifth of the concentration at which organ injury was observed and is half of the concentration which would be derived comparing the toxicity of other organic solvents.⁽¹⁾ "HOSH recommended in 1974 a TEV 10 ppm as TWA⁽¹⁾ and in 1976 lowered the value to 2 ppm because of suspected carcinogenic potential of chlorotorm.⁽¹⁾

Foreign Industrial Air Standards (taken from Reference 12): Bulgaria, 10 ppm: Czechoslovakia. 10 ppm. for brief exposures, 50 ppm. Finland, 50 ppm: Hungary, 4 ppm. for brief exposures, 20 ppm: Japan, 50 ppm: Poland. 10 opm; Rumania, 10 ppm; Yugoslavia, 50 ppm: West Germany, 10 ppm (1978).

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TLV, 0.001 ppm (\approx 0.005 mg/m³), Appendix A1a -- Recognized Carcinogen

The chloromethyl etners, bisichloromethyl and chloromethyl etner (CME), are nighly reactive coloriess vauids with a sufficiating order and high vapor pressures. BisCVIE has a molecular weight of 114.96 a specific gravity of 1.315 at 20° C, a meiting point or \rightarrow 1.5° C and a boiling point of 106° C. if is an inadvertent compound generated in the production and use of CME, which, in the presence of either hydrogen or hydroxyl ions and traces of water, disproportionates to aldehydes and methilal which in furn, recombine to form bisCvIE. It is soluble in all proportions in alcohol and ether, but is decomposed by waller into hydrogen chloride and formaldehyde.

BisCME is no longer used for chloromethylation in industry, but is used as the monitoring indicator for CME, because of its greater stability in workroom air, and as an intermediate in anionic exchange strong-base resins of the guaternary ammonium type.

The carcinogenic potency of bisCME is greater than CME. Attention was first called to the alpha-halo-ethers as alkylating carcinogens by Van Duuren *et al.*⁽¹⁾ bisCME was found to be a potent alkylating carcinogen for mouse skin, more potent than either the beta-lactones (β -propiolactone) or epoxides (1-diepoxybutane). Subsequently, bisCME was reported to be a highly potent inducer of tumors in the respiratory tract in mice⁽²⁾ and rats.⁽³⁾ Increased num-

bers of outmonary adenomas occurred in mice upon repeated daily exposures to bisCME at 1 ppm, and squamous cell carcinomas of the lung and esthioneuroepitheliomas of the olefactory epithelium occurred in rats following similar conditions of inhalation exposure at a reported 0.1 ppm bisCME

That bisCME could be carcinogenic for man was first observed in 1964 and 1965 following the deaths from lung cancer or two relatively young employees, aged 48 and 35 years respectively, who had worked in chloromethylation operations ^{ai} Later, 1967, a 39-year old male chemist who had worked in both the research laboratory and pilot plant during the period 1951 to 1965 died of lung cancer. A fourth lung cancer death occurred in 1971 in a 32-year old employee who was first employeed two years earlier. This employee had, however, reportedly worked in the warehouse and tank farm and thus was relatively removed from direct confact with chloromethyl ether operations. Two additional employees are currently alive, but with lung cancer: one age 60, had worked in the research and development laboratory, the other, had worked for 13 years in the warehouse and in the steam-tube drier operation in the ion-exchange department. Although five of the six lung cancer employees were considered tobacco smokers, this distribution of smokers is not too dissimilar from that of the general population. This fact, coupled with relatively high incidence of lung cancer, (6 of approximately 100 emplovees), the relatively youthful age when the cancers appeared, and the demonstrated potency of the chloromethyl ethers for animals⁽³⁾ make these ethers highly suspicious of being carcinogenic for man.

Further animal experimental evidence of the potent cancerigenicity or bisCME was provided in a report® of the finding that 98 of 111 rats had gross or microscopic exposure standard, insolar as the TLV can be defined as such a standard. There is little evidence that exposure to benzene at concentrations below 25 ppm causes blood dyscrasias of any kind. Setting the TLV at 10 ppm, as a timeweighted average, provides an added margin of salety

If the standard is to be set at the lowest practicable detectable limit, it is the opinion of some members of the Committee that a value lower than 1 ppm should be selected. In the absence of intertering substances benzene vapor can be measured with reasonable accuracy in concentrations at least as low as 0.1 ppm; in the presence of certain interferences, it may be difficult to achieve the prescribed accuracy and reliability even at concentrations somewhat above 1 ppm.

Because the effects the TLV is designed to prevent are chronic in nature, a ceiling designation is not appropriate and a STEL of 25 ppm is recommended.

Other recommendations: ANSI (1969) 10 ppm; Czechoslovakia (1959) 16 ppm; USSR (1972) 1.6 ppm; DDR (1973) 16 ppm; Sweden (1975) 10 ppm; BRD (1974) 0 ppm (treats as carcinogen).

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including leukemia, was found to be higher than in the general population among certain groups or rubber workers. Monson and Nakano⁽³⁾ found 55 cases of leukemia, vs. 43 expected, among rubber workers. It was noted that benzene has been used extensively in the rubber industry, but is no longer employed, although it is a contaminant of extensively used naphtha solvents. The degree of exposure to benzene in the rubber industry during the first half of the 1940-1950 decade may well have been excessive. Wilson²⁰¹ has noted deaths and blood abnormalities among workers in the rubber industry during the war years who were exposed, on the average, to concentrations of benzene vapor of 100 ppm. Neither Monson-Nakano or other authors of similar papers quoted in the NIOSH update mention whether or not aplastic anemia or other blood dyscrasias. apart from leukemia, occurred in the groups of workers that were studied.

Nevertheless OSHA, in 1977, issued an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)¹⁶⁾ establishing a TWA limit of 1 ppm for benzene vapor. (Enforcement of this standard was voided by the courts). Much of the evidence substantiating this action was the same as that quoted in the NIOSH update However, one additional paper was cited by Infante er ai,071 in which nine leukemia deaths were reported from two rubber tilm casting plants where benzene vapor concentrations allegedly ranged from 0 to 15 ppm. This report was critically examined in OSHA hearings on a permanent standard, with essentially the same provisions as the ETS, which were held during the summer of 1977. The data on benzene exposure in the two plants in question, especially during the first part of the ten year employment period (1940 to 1950) covered by the study, were found to be incomplete, unreliable and contradictory. Even in 1976 a NIOSH report of one of the plants involved, or its successor, showed concentrations in excess of 15 nm at several locations (18) A study by Harris et al(19) in 1973 and 1974 revealed similar findings, although the overall average or all sample results was slightly above 1 ppm. During the period 1940 to 1945 or so, when many of the involved workers were employed the permissible concentration for benzene exposure (ASA standard) was 100 ppm. In common with the papers cited by the NIOSH update, no intormation on other blood abnormalities was given in the Inramte report

Epidemiologic studies of workers exposed to measured low concentrations of benzene vapor have vielded negative or inconclusive results. Thorpe⁽⁴⁾ after studying the occurrence of leukemia in a population of 38,000 workers in a variety of European petroleum and petrochemical operations, some of whom were exposed at levels of benzene that occasionally reached 20 ppm, over a period of ten years, found that deaths from leukemia "were not abnormat" for the countries involved (18 vs. 23.23 expected)

Retrospective studies of employees of a large chemical company, exposed for many years to benzene, mostly at low levels, revealed no excess mortality ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ A cohort or 594 workmen were divided into four exposure groups: very low exposures, less than 2 ppm as time weighted average (TWA); low exposures, 2-9 ppm; moderate exposures, 9-24 ppm; and high exposures, above 25 ppm. In many areas there was exposure to other chemicals as well as to benzene. The duration of exposure was also divided into four groups, with 186 workers having in excess of 20 years. Of 102 deaths, two were due to anemia, two to leukemia, and one had leukemia as a complication. Of these rive cases, only one, an autopsy-confirmed perficious anemia, involved a previous exposure to benzene of significance, 5520 ppm months. The other anemia death, diagnosed as being or the aplastic type, was of a worker with 453 ppm months or benzene exposure. Two of the leukemia cases involved exposures of 545 and 305 ppm months, respectively, while the third was of a worker with only 18 ppm months benzene exposure.

To put these exposure data in perspective, three of the deceased workers had had exposures to benzene equivalent to 40 years' employment in concentrations slightly above or below 1 ppm; the exposure of the fourth, if spread over 30 years, would have been at a concentration of 0.05 opm.

The predicted deaths from anemia and leukemia were 0.2 and 1 respectively. The fact that, apart from the perhicious anemia death, there appeared to have been no dose response relationship, apparently led to the conclusion of the authors that "no mortality findings directly attributable;" to benzene exposure were observed"

The NIOSH update mentions the consistent observations of chromosomal aberrations associated with benzene exposure, but further comments that the implications of these findings with respect to benzene leukemia are still not clear. The possbility of a chromosomal instability acting as a stimulus for a latent leukemogenic virus has been speculated upon (4) This question was discussed at some length at the International Workshop on the Toxicology of Benzene, held in Paris in November 1976. Toughith had previously reported that marked aberrations were found only in plants where concentrations of benzene vapor were believed to be between 25 and 250 ppm, and that no significant changes were observed at 12 ppm. Forni,(45) however, stated that there had been a tew positive, as well as negative, reports at levels between 5 and 25 ppm. The consensus of opinion was that the significance of the finding of increased chromosome aberrations for the occurrence of benzene leukemia was still not clear. Maugeri and Polliness reported that among Italian shoe workers "almost all the cases of haemopathy due to benzol which lead to death show features of terminal leukemia.... and (the leukemias) were always preceded by aplastic conditions."

Opinions of the workshop participants relative to the appropriate TLV for benzene were varied. The final recommendation was to retain 10 ppm as a permissible TWA, which must not be exceeded but it was also specified that benzene should not be employed when substitute materials were available.

DeGowin's report¹⁴⁷ of a case of leukemia tollowing an apparent benzene-induced aplastic anemia contains a discussion which implies that there is evidence that aplastic anemia per se may lead to leukemia, and that delayed cases of this disease are not confined to aplastic anemia due to benzene.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the characterization of benzene as a leukemogen, by NIOSH, is, in essense, valid, although benzene may be what Truhaut has described as a "secondary carcinogen".¹⁴⁰ An A2 notation should be applied to benzene in the TLV listings.

On the other hand, the Committee does not agree with the NIOSH recommendation of 1 ppm as an occupational

numerous organic chemicals. It is found in gasoline from trace amounts to as much as 30% concentration in some countries.

As an acute poison benzene produces narcotic effects comparable to those of foluene; it is a more potent narcotic than the alkanes or naphthenes of similar boiling points. But the effect of chronic exposure to this compound is by tar the most serious disease caused by any of the common hydrocarbon solvents. Its action on the bone marrow may result in detectable alterations, and, in some instances, aplastic anemia. The reported LDs orality in young adult rats is 38 mL/kg.¹⁰

It is unique among hydrocarbons as a myelotoxicant.⁴⁰ More than 140 fatal cases of benzene poisoning had been recorded prior to 1959.⁴³ Vigliani and Saita⁴⁰ listed <u>26</u> deaths from chronic benzene poisoning in two provinces in Italy between 1960 and 1963. Eleven of these were diagnosed as ieukemia, which may develop several years after cessation of exposure to benzene

Most deaths from benzene have resulted from exposures of the order of 200 ppm or more. In a tew instances concentrations of 1000 or even 2000 ppm have been recorded in workplaces where deaths occurred. Some of these are legge (i) 210 to 1050 ppm, Greenburg((ii) 70 to 1800 ppm, with over half above 200; Bowditch((i) 100 to 200 + measured, one leukemia case described by Hunter((ii) and Mallory((ii) six years after exposure at over 200 ppm; Greenburg((ii) 25 to 1000 ppm in four rooms; Helmer,((ii) 140 to 200 ppm alter improvements; Savilahti,((ii) 318, 433 and 470 ppm; Kozioka,((ii) 47 to 310 ppm; Vigliani (4) 190 to 560 ppm after four kears death from leukemia, Juzwiak,((ii) 31 to 156 pom, Aksok,((ii) 150 to 550 ppm, and 210 to 550 ppm ((ii) 26 patients with acute leukemia or preleukemia, likeda,((ii) 100 to 800 ppm (ii) deaths, all females, none from leukemia

Winslow ⁽⁸⁾ however, reported blood changes in workers where concentrations of benzene vapor below 100 ppm were found. Heimann and Ford⁽¹⁹⁾ found one death and three cases with blood changes where air analysis for benzene showed a concentration of 105 ppm. Wilson⁽²⁰⁾ reported three fatal cases in a plant where the average concentration of benzene vapor was 100 ppm. In a firth room associated with benzene poisoning, Greenburg⁽¹⁰⁾ found 11 to 57 ppm. So fat as can be determined the lowest measured concentration of benzene vapor associated with a fatal case of benzene intoxication (due to aplastic anemia) was the 50 ppm reported by Hardy and Elkins in 1948, ²¹⁾ in a plant where repeated air analyses were made, and a number of other workers showed some blood abnormalities.

Blanevit² found little evidence of benzene intoxication in a group of 90 workers regularity exposed to benzene for about 13 years. Concentrations were generally low, but unhary phenois measurements indicated some exposures of the order of 25 ppm.⁽²⁾ A followup several years later showed no evidence of pervisiting blood dyscrasias. No hases of feukemia are known to have occurred in this roup of workers. Pagnotto et al.⁽²⁾ found workers in rubin spreading operations involving naphtha with a relaelvingh benzene content exposed to benzene in conitirations which were for the most part between 6 and 25 in a number of blood studies showed a few abnormatibut only two were serious to warrant special considern in one case the possibility of leukemia was raised, in being removed from his job and given iron therapy the worker recovered. Because of several job changes his benzene exposure could not be reliably estimated.

The other worker was in a group studied intensively over a period of several years by Pagnotto 451 He had a red count below tour million a hemoglobin below twelve grams and suffered from nose bleeds. His benzene exposure, as estimated from several urinary phenol determinations, way to about 40 ppm. After his exposure to benzene was terminated, his blood picture gradually returned to normal. The 38 workers in this plant were followed up for 15 years after the use of naphtha containing benzene was discontinued. None showed any signs of permanent blood abnormalities. There were three deaths, none being from leukemia, It was concluded that 25 ppm of benzene vapor is safe for most workers, but that since the margin of safety is small, a TLY of 10 ppm was recommented (3) Elkinstmin a summary of the findings in the rubber spreading industry, came to a similar conclusion.

These conclusions were consistent with those of Fuchs⁽²⁾ in 1969, who found variations in the blood pictures of three workers but did not consider that the changes were proved to result from their behzene exoosures of 19, 28 and 43 ppm, respectively. He also stated that he could find no data in the literature on proved behzene poisoning in concentrations below 16 ppm, nor could he find any Soviet report which cited reasons for decreasing the Russian MAC to 5 ppm.

Two investigators have studied the effects on rats of exposures at relatively low levels of benzene vapor extended periods. Determann er a^{A281} found that after 5 to 8 weeks of 5 hour/day, 5 days/week exposure at 44 and 47 ppm, rats developed a moderate degree of leukopenia, but that none resulted from 15 to 31 ppm. Nau et a^{II291} found a decrease in the white blood cell counts of rats following 756 hours of exposure at 50 ppm of benzene on a schedule of 8 hours/day, 5 days/week. Reduced amounts of DNA in the white cells, a depression in myelocytic activity, and an increase in the relative numbers of red cell precursors in the bone marrow were also observed.

There have been numerous reviews of the literature of benzene intoxication. Noteworthy are those of the National Academy of Sciences in 1976⁽³⁰⁾ and the NIOSH criteria document on benzene, published in 1974⁽³¹⁾ As a result of this extremely thorough review, NIOSH recommended a workplace time weighted average standard of 10 ppm, with a ceiling of 25 ppm.

In 1976 however. NIOSH issued a revised recommendation for an occupational exposure standard for benzene (32) The key to this recommendation is the statement in the introduction that "Because it is not at present possible to establish a sate exposure level for a carcinogen, the NIOSH recommendation is to restrict exposure to very low levels which can still be reliably measured in the workplace." A number of references are given, primarily to support the characterization of benzene as a carcinogen (leukemogen) Thus most relate to leukemia cases associated with heavy benzene exposures, either measured or interred from association with numerous cases of aplastic anemia or other blood dyscrasias. Others are epidemiologic studies on cancer in which no evidence of the degree, or even fact, of benzene exposure is cited. Thus in at least two of these papers,^{11,14} the word "benzene" does not appear. In these and other papers the incidence of various types of cancer,

BENOMYL

Methyl 1-(butylcarbamoyl)-2-benzimidazolecarbamate; Benlate

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C.,H.,N,O,

TLV, 10 mg/m³

STEL, 15 mg/m³

Benomyl is a white crystalline solid, which has a molecular weight of 290.32. It decomposes without melting and has a negligible vapor pressure, indicating exposure would be in particulate form. Very slightly soluble in water, it is soluble in xylene, acetone, dimethylformamide and chloroform.¹¹ Fluorometric and colorimetric¹⁰ and liquid chromatographic¹⁰ procedures for determining residues of benomyl have been published.

Benomyl is the common name for this fungicide and ascaricide.

The acute oral LD₃₀ for the rate is \geq 10,000 mg/kg. The acute skin absorption LD_w for the rabbit is \geq 10,000 mg/kg. Application to the shaved intact skin of ten male guinea pigs, at each level as aqueous suspensions containing 5, 12.5 and 25% benomyl as the active ingredient in a 50% wettable powder, resulted in negligible irritation. One of ten guinea pigs had mild erythema two days after application at the high rate. All guinea pigs at the two lower rates and in a control showed no irritation after two days, 4) Instillation into the eves of rabbits of 10 mg of drv 50% powder or 0.1 mL of 10% suspension in mineral oil caused only temporary mild conjunctival irritation.¹⁹ The acute inhalation LC10 is $\geq 2000 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ($\geq 2 \text{ mg/L}$) for ratili and is equivalent to \geq 825 mg/m³ (\geq 0.825 mg/L) for dog^{ay} for four-hour exposures. Histologically, there was reduction of spermatogenic activity in some animals. With regard to this activity, no-effect levels for benomil for four-hour exposures are equivalent to \geq 100 \leq 410 mg/m³ (\geq 0.1 \leq 0.41 mg (L) for the rat and $\geq 325 \leq 825$ mg/m⁺ ($\geq 0.325 \leq 0.825$ mg/t) for the dog. Additionally tifteen four-hour inhalation exposures at the equivalent or 100 mg/m² (0.1 mg/L). of benomvilover's period of three weeks produced no clinical or histopathologic indication of accumulative effects in the rat.4

A low order of toxicity has been found in chronic studres. In two-year teeding studies no-effect levels in the diet are 2500 ppm (0.25%) for rats (highest level fed) and 500



ppm (005%) for dogs. Pesticide residue tolerances have been established in many food crops. They are as high as 15 ppm for stone fruits and food additive tolerances are as high as 50 ppm for raisins.¹⁰ In a three-generation rat reproduction study no compound-related reproduction-or lartation differences were observed among control and test groups even at 2500 ppm (0.25%), the highest dietary level fed. In a teratogenic study in rat neither the outcome of pregnancy nor embryonal development was attected even at 5000 ppm (0.35%), the highest dietary level fed. In a dominant lethal mutagenic study in the rat, benomyl was not mutagenic at 2500 ppm (0.25%), the highest dietary level fed ¹⁰

Gardiner et al^{b,} showed that rat and dog eliminated \geq 99% of single, oral doses of 2-¹⁴C benomyl via the urine and feces within 72 hours. The major metabolite was methyl 5-hydroxy-2-benzimidazole-carbamate which was present in the urine as glucuronide and/or sulfate conjugates. Residue data on dog and rat tissues from two-year chronic feeding studies demonstrated that benomyl and its metabolites do not accumulate in animal tissues.

In view of the low order of acute and chronic foxicity the TLV of 10 mg/m³ and the STEL or 15 mg/m³ appear appropriate.

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BENZENE

C'H'

TLV, 10 ppm (\approx 30 mg/m³). Appendix A2 — Suspected Carcinogen

STEL, 25 ppm (≈ 75 mg/m³), Appendix A2

Benzene is a colorless, non-polar liquid, with an odor characteristic of aromatic hydrocarbons. It has a molecular weight of 78.11, a boiling point of 80.1° C, a melting point of 5.5° C, a vapor pressure of 75 mm Hg at 20° C and a specific gravity of 0.87865 at the same temperature. Benzene has a flash point of -11.1° C (closed cup, 12° F), making it a dangerous fire hazard. It was formerly derived almost exclusively by distillation of coal tar, but now comes primarily from petroleum, either by extruction or by deaikylation of toluene. Benzene is slightly soluble in water, but soluble in all proportions in alcohol, acetone and ether.

At one time benzene was an important solvent, especially for rubber, as a diluent in lacquers, and in paint removers. At present such uses are minimal; most benzene is consumed in the chemical industry, as a raw material for Aver, H.E., Fitzbatrick, M.S., Scheel, LD.: Rept. or Survey of Air-borne Disocyanate during Spray Application of Polyureinane Foam. Div. of Occup. Health (NIOSH), Cincinnali, OH (March 1963).

METHYLENE CHLORIDE

Dichloromethane

CH.CI,

TLV, 100 ppm (≈ 380 mg/m³) STEL, 500 ppm (≈ 1700 mg/m³)

Methylene chloride is a colorless volatile liquid, soluble in water to only 1% by weight, but completely misciple with most organic solvents. It has a sweetish odor, like most chlorinated hydrocarbons. The molecular weight is 84.94, a specific gravity is 1.335, poiling point is 40° C and it solidifies at ~95° C. With its high vapor pressure (315 mm Hg at room temperature, 23.5° C) sustantial concentrations of vapor are readily achieved whenever methylene chloride is spilled or spizad out over a large surface, even in a space that is not closely contined. It is non-flammable by standard tests, but will burn in extreme conditions

Methylene chloride is widely used in paint removers as a solvent for plastics as a degreasing agent, in properlant mixtures for aerosol spravs and as a blowling agent in thams. The odor is not a good indication of exposure since concentrations of 100 ppm reportedly are not highly persoptible.

Eiguid methylene chloride is baintul and irritating it splashed in the eves or it contined on the skill by gloves clothing or baint remover formulations. A burn can result it it is not promptly removed from the eves and skill. The acute oral LDb for rats is about 2000 mg/kg.

According to Lehmann and Flury, 5 slight narcosis occurs at 4000 to 5100 ppm in several species or animals. The ratal concentration for seven hours, exposure is given by many authorities as about 15:00 ppm (11) Rats exposed 15 gave in hours a gave at 1900 ppm showed slight liver in hanges which were not found at 50 days in Cats exposed jour to eight days at 1200 ppm for four weeks were found. to have kidney and liver changes. Heppel and associates t toond that daily seven-hour exposures at 5000 ppm for six months had no discerniale effect on dogs and raphits, and univ reduction in the rate of growth of guinea pigs. At 10 000 ppm. four hours a day, for seven and one-half weeks dogs and guinea pigs, but not monkeys, rabbils or rats developed liver injury. Moskowirz and Shapirol³⁹ reported four cases of poisoning with one fatability apparently due to narcotic action. Collierⁱⁿ reported two cases of poisoning in painters who suffered from headache, giddiness, stupor, irritability, numbress and tingling in the limbs. Kuzelova and Vlasak⁽²⁾ noted complaints of headache, ratigue and ritation of the eves and respiratory passages by workers exposed at concentrations up to 5000 ppm. Neurasthenic sorders were found in 50%, and digestive disturbances in % of the persons exposed. Three acute poisonings, one volving lass of consciousness, were recorded without erious after-effects.

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Weissial stated that a chemist after a year's exposure developed toxic encephalosis with acoustical and optical delusions and hallucinations. Concentrations irequently exceeded 500 ppm; values of 660 ppm, 800 ppm, and near the floor, 3600 ppm were noted.

Golubovski and Kamchatnovaith found liver disease in workers exposed to methviene chlorine and methanol which they attributed to the normer Exposure concentrations were not reported.

In the early 1940's methylene chloride was considered the least toxic of the chlorinated hydrocarbon solvents when a sate industrial air limit or 500 ppm was proposed by Heppel et al.⁴⁴ and later adopted by the TEV Committee as protective enough to prevent any significant harcolic etfects or liver injury.

Subsequently, Stewart *et al*¹⁰¹ reported that significant quantities of carbon monoxide and carboxynemoglobin were produced in humans receiving single exposures at 500-1000 ppm of methylene chloride. The carboxynemoglobin concentrations reported by Stewart approximated those considered objectionable it due to inhalation of carbon monoxide.

More extensive examination of CO products viriam methylenels nioride was later reported by the same investigators. The Human volunteers exposed to methylene sinoride at 1000 ppm for two nours (2000 ppm-horizs) une hair of the Ct permitted for an 8-hour exposure at 500 ppm resulted in carboxyhemoglobin levels in excess of those permitted in industry from exposure to CO alone.

This finding of the body's capacity to meraborize methviene chloride to CO was continmed by Ratney, Wesman and Elkinsi -I in a small group of workers exposed to 180 to 200 ppm methylene chloride. Such daily repeated exposures resulted in equilibirium blood concentrations of carpoxynemoglobin of 95 that decreased 15 hair that value by next day's start of work. The differential increment in dercent carboxynemoglobin of 4.3% from a day's exposure at 180 to 200 ppm of methylene chlorine is approximately the same as that reveloped from a daily exposure to CO at its TEV of 50 ppm.

Divincenzo⁽¹⁾ found that number exposed to full ppm methylene chloude for dinours had a carboxynemics obin (COHb) value of 3.22% \pm 0.22%, whereas an 8-hour exposure at 150 ppm produced 5.39% \pm 0.06% level and an dhour exposure at 200 ppm resulted in COHb level or 6.3% \pm 0.65%

In an extensive study several healthy adults or both sexes were exposed from 2-10 times to methylene chloride vapor concentrations or 0.50, 100, 250 or 500 ppm for periods of 1, 3 and 7.5 hours in a controlled environment chamber. These studies were designed to simulate the type of exposures encountered in the industrial setting and consisted of both steady, non-fluctuating vapor concentrations Exposure resulted in a prompt elevation of carboxyhemoglobin. The elevation persisted longer than COHb from CO alone since metabolism of the absorbed methylene childred continued after exposure ceased. This solvent-initiaced COHb is apparently added to the body burden of carbon monoxide derived from other sources.

This study corroborated previous single exposure studies in that no deleterious effects upon the health or performance or healthy adults could be detected when they were repeatedly exposed to 250 ppm or less for 7.5 hours per day twe days per week for 2 weeks, or in the case of the male subjects to 500 ppm on two consecutive days.¹¹⁴ Among the parameters studied were complete blood count, clinical chemistry (SNA 12), EKG, serum triglycerides, blood pressure subjective signs and symptoms, urinalysis (Compliatx) urinary urobilinogen, neurological tests, EEG, visual evoked response, bulmonary function and cognative, alertness, time estimation, coordination, arithmetic and inspection tests

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TOLUENE

Toluol

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Skin

TLV, 100 ppm (≈ 375 mg/m³) STEL, 199 ppm (≈ 560 mg/m³)

Toluene is a colorless liquid with a typical aromatic hydrocarbon odor. Its molecular weight and specific gravity are 92.13 and 0.866, respectively. The boiling point is 110.7° C and solidifies at -95° C. At 25° C, the vapor pressure is 28 mm Hg. The closed cup flash point is 40° F. It is insoluble in water, but miscible with most organic solvents.

Formeriv derived solely from coal tar, toluene is now obtained chiefly from petroleum, and is present in gasoline and many petroleum solvents. It is used as a solvent in paints and coatings, for rubber, oils, resins, etc.; as a raw material for the manufacture of benzene and a host of other chemicals, including TNT, TDI, and ingredients of detergents, dves and drugs.

Beu use of its wide industrial use and chemical similarity to benzene, the literature of industrial toxicology and industrial medicine, particularly the latter, record numerous investigations of the toxic effects of toluene. According to Pattyl¹, the concentrations of toluene and benzene required to cause prostration of mice are apparently 3000 ppm and 4709 ppm, respectively. Death from acute poisoning results from 10,000 ppm toluene compared with 14,000 ppm of benzene. Several incidents of workers being overcome by toluene vapor, usually in confined spaces, have been reported. Longley and co-workers¹²¹ describe such an event aboard ship where 26 men were overcome. There were no deaths or serious afteretiects. No irritation of eves or respiratory passages was observed.

From the standpoint of chronic poisoning, toluene does not cause the severe injury to the bone marrow characteristic of benzene poisoning. Gerardeilli stated that the myclotoxicity of benzene was completely absent in toluene and other alkyl derivatives of benzene. Von Oettingen et alth found that exposure of rats at 2500 to 5000 ppm of toluene caused a temporary decrease in the white-cell count, but no evidence of injury to blood-forming organs or liver. Greenburg and co-workers⁽⁵⁾ studied a group of painters exposed to toluene in concentrations ranging from 100 to 1100 ppm. Their findings included enlargement of the liver, macrocytosis, moderate decrease in erythocyte count and absolute lymphocytosis, but no leukopenia.

Wilsonie found that among workers exposed at less than 200 ppm of toluene there were some complaints of headache, lassitude and nausea, but physical findings were essentially negative. At concentrations between 200 and 500 ppm impairment of coordination, momentary loss of memory and anorexia were also present. Between 500 and 1500 ppm palpitation, extreme weakness, pronounced loss

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of coordination and impairment of reaction time were noted. The red cell count fell in many instances, and there were two cases of aplastic anemia, in which recovery followed intensive hospital treatment. A later comment by Wilson.⁽⁷⁾ however, suggests that he did not rule out the possibility that some of the above effects were due to a benzene impurity in the toluene used.

According to Fairhall,¹⁰¹ severe exposure to toluene may result in a pronounced drop in the red count and partial destruction of the blood-forming elements of the bone marrow. However, Gerardem stated that extensive animal studies clearly indicate that toluene is not a bone marrow poison. While there have been occasional reports of aplastic anemia attributed to toluene,⁽⁷⁾ in some instances the presence of benzene was not precluded, and there have been no "epidemics" of this disease among toluene workers comparable to those which have resulted from benzene, Powarsini reported six cases of aplastic anemia, one of them fatal, among glue sniffers. Although toluene was the solvent chiefly used, no analysis was given of the glue involved in the fatal case. Exposures in these cases are much greater than would normally arise from occupational use of toluene. Thus Knox and Nelson(11) described an instance of permanent encephalopathy involving a man who innaled toluene regularly for over 14 years.

Von Oettingen and co-workers¹⁴¹ found that human subjects exposed at 200 ppm suffered slight but definite changes in muscular coordination. They concluded that such concentrations were unlikely to have any discernible untoward effects on health. Gerardei9 however, believed that yon Oettingen's work did not justify the 200 nom junit. Ogata et all¹²¹ found that experimental human subjects exposed at 200 ppm for seven hours showed prolongation of reaction time, decrease in pulse rate and in systolic blood pressure. They consider 200 ppm too high as the MAC. Takeuchi⁽¹⁾⁾ exposed rats at 200 ppm and higher concentrations of toluene for 32 weeks and then to benzene for 39 days. On the basis of differences found between the toluene-exposed animals and controls, e.g., changes in weight of adrenal glands, he suggested that the MAC or 200 ppm for toluene should be reconsidered

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Smyth et al reported an oral LDsg, administered to rats, to be 7.53 mL/kg, $^{\rm (4)}$

On the basis of the above data, a reduction in the TLV for toluene from 200 ppm to 100 ppm is recommended, with a STEL of 150 ppm.

Other recommendations. Cook (1945) 200 ppm; Smyth (1956) comments that this limit may permit early signs of narcosis Elkins (1959) 200 ppm; ANSI (1967) 200 ppm; USSR (1967) 14 ppm; Czechoslovakia (1969) 50 ppm; West Germany (1974) 200 ppm; Sweden (1975) 100 ppm; East Germany (1973) 50 ppm; NIOSH (1973) 100 ppm.

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XYLENE

C₆H₄(CH₃)₂

TLV, 100 ppm ($\approx 435 \text{ mg/m}^3$) STEL, 150 ppm ($\approx 665 \text{ mg/m}^3$)

Xylene is a clear, flammable liquid with an aromatic hydrocarbon order and a molacular weight of 106.16. Commerical sylene is a mixture of three isomers, ortho, meta and para, with the meta form usually the principal component. According to Gerarde,(1) 6 to 15% of ethyl benzene may also be present. The physiochemical properties of the three isomers, meta, ortho, para, respectively, are: specific gravity, 0.8684, 0.08801 and 0.86104; boiling point, 138.8, 144 and 138.5° C; melting point, -47.4, -25 and -13 to -14° C. The vapor pressure at 25° C is between 7 and 9 mm Hg. The boiling ranges and flash points of the commercial product depends on its grade; the 10% grade boils between 135 and 145° C; closed cup flash points are from 81 to over 100° F. Xylene is insoluble in water, but miscible with absolute alcohol, ether and other organic solvents.

Xylene is present in gasolin, and inany petroleum solvents. It is used extensively as a solvent in paints and other coatings, especially the alkyl resin type, and in rubber cements. Meta-xylene is an intermediate in the preparation of isophthalic acid; ortho-xylene in the manufacture of phthalic anhydride; para-xylene in the synthesis of terephthalic acid. All isomers are used in making drugs, dyes and insecticides.

Fairhail⁽²⁾ considered the effects of xylene similar to those of toluene, but Gerarde⁽¹⁾ stated that the acute toxicity of the xylenes was higher.

Fabre and Truhautiff exposed rats and rabbits to a mixture of xviene isomers at a concentration of about 690 ppm for eight trours a day, six days a week. After 130 days no significant deviations from normal in the peripheral blood were found. A recrease in red and white cell counts and an increase in the platelet count in the blood of rabbits roilowed similar exposures at 1150 ppm for 55 days. Reversible lesions in the corres of cats exposed to xviene were opserved.

Gerarde⁽¹⁾ listed headache, fatigue, lassitude, irritauility and gastrointestinal disturbances such as nausea, anorexia and flatulence as the most frequeitt symptoms among workers exposed to xylene. A report which suggested that xylene might affect the heart and vascular system was cited.

Browning⁽⁵⁾ also recorded reports of gastrointestinal as well as neurological disturbances, and injury to heart, liver, kidneys and the nervous system among workers with xylene exposure. In addition, she noted a number of reports of blood dyscrasias, some of them fatal, associated with exposure to xylene. De Oliveira⁽⁶⁾ described the death from aplastic anemia of a lithographer who used xylene for several years; and Goldie⁽⁷⁾ reported a patient who had an

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apparent eplieptiform seizure following relatively brief ex posure to xylene vapor.

Gerarde,¹¹ however, considered that industrial experi ence confirmed the animal experimentation evidence the xylene is not a myelotoxicant. Goldwater⁶¹ was of the opi non that xylene was probably lass toxic than toluene to the bone marrow. In most of the cases of blood disease associ ated with xylene, the presence of benzene as an impurity was not ruled out.

Nelson and associates⁽³⁾ found 200 ppm of xylene definitely irritating to the eyes, nose and throat of experimental human subjects. Greenburg and Moskowitz⁽¹⁰⁾ suggested a maximum allowable concentration of 200 ppm Cook,⁽¹¹⁾ Smyth,⁽¹²⁾ Elkins⁽¹³⁾ and Gerarde⁽²⁾ all considere this value too high, and Gerarde suggested 100 ppm as more acceptable limit.

The NIOSH criteria document on xviene, published i 1975,040 refers to a report by Morley *et al*⁽¹⁵⁾ in which renimpairment and some evidence of disturbance of live function were noted in three workers who were overcom by a gross overexposure to xylene (estimated concentration, 10,000 ppm): one worker died, the others suffere from amnesia and did recover, slowly however. A paper to Matthaus describes corneal changes in furniture polisheexposed to xylene in unknown concentrations.⁽¹⁶⁾

In a study of various hydrocarbon solvents, Cirpenter al¹⁷³ found the 4-hour LC₅₀ for rats to be 6700 ppm. Thi no-ill-effect concentration for rats and dogs, following to days (6 hours/day, 5 days/week) was 800 ppm. Sensory risponse experiments with human subjects indicated a figienic standard of around 200 ppm.

The TLV of 100 ppm, first adopted in 1967, is retains with a STEL of 150 ppm. It is believed that irritant effecwill be minimal, and that no significant degree of narcos or chronic injuries will result from continued occupation exposure at that level

NIOSH(14) also recommended a workplace environme tal standard of 100 ppm, as a TWA, with a ten minute ceing of 200 ppm

Other recommendations. ANSI (1970) 100 ppm; We Garmany (1974) 200 ppm; Sweden (1975) 100 ppr Czechoslovakia (1969) and East Germany (1973) 45 ppr USSR (1972) 11 ppm.

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TRICHLOROACETIC ACID

TCA

CCI,COOH

TLV, 1 ppm (\approx 5 mg/m⁴)

TCA forms deliquescent crystals with a molecular weight of 163.40 and a specific gravity of 1.6298. It is a relatively strong acid, which melts at 57.5° C. Doils at 197.5° C and is nonflammable. TCA is soluble in water, alcohol and ether.

It is used in medicine, pharmacy, as a reagent for albumin detection and in making herbicides.

Trichloroacetic acid was tirst placed on the Notice of Intended Change in 1978 at 1 mg/m³. This value had been carried for 1979 and transferred to the adopted list in 1980. This value was in error. The TLV 0.75 ppm ($\approx 5 \text{ mg/m^3}$), which appeared on page 476 of the 1978 Supplemental Documentation V, was the value initially given FCA, and was to have been rounded off to 1 ppm, by analogy with 2.2-dichloropropionic acid (TLV 1 ppm). The numeral one was then inadvertently placed in the mg/m³ column instead of the ppm column, and this error was not discovered until now. The correct adopted TLV is 1 ppm (≈ 5 mg/mH and this correction will be made in the second printing or the 1980 TLV booklet. The following documentation reflects this value.

The oral LDso has been reported as 3.3 g/kg for rats;0.4 for mice, 5.64 g/kg.⁽ⁿ⁾ By intraperitoneal administration, 500 mg/kg was fatal to mice.^(h)

TCA is corrosive to the skin and eye, but not readily absorbed through the skin. Medical reports of acute exposure effects showed mild to moderate skin and eye burns.

A time-weighted TLV of 1 ppm is suggested, based largely on analogy to 2,2-dichloropropionic acid, and the above meager data.

Other recommendations: USSR (1976) 0.75 ppm

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1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE

C, H, Cl,

CEILING LIMIT, 5 ppm ($\approx 40 \text{ mg/m}^3$)

A colorless, stable liquid at room temperature, with an odor similar to that of o-dichlorobenzene, 1.2,4-trichlorobenzene has a molecular weight of 181.46 and a specific gravity of 1.4634 at 25° C. It melts at 17° C, boils at 213° C and has a reported flash point of 224.6° F. It is combustible and soluble in most organic solvents, but insoluble in water.

It is used as a dielectric fluid, heat transfer medium in lubricants, insecticides and organic synthesis

A study of the acute and subacufe inhalation foxicity of trichlorobenzene (92% the 1,2,4-isomer) by Treon(i) indicated that the target organs from non-lethal exposures of cats, dogs, rats, rabbits and guinea pigs included the liver, kidney, ganglion cells at all brain levels, and mucous membranes. Local irritation of the lungs and functional changes in respiration, e.g., dyspnea, were noted in animals later dying from inhalation exposure.

Brown et alt¹⁰ reported 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene to have a single dose acute oral LD₁₀ of 756 mg/kg for rats and 766 mg/kg for mice. The acute percuraneous LD₁₀ for rats was 6139 mg/kg. Sublethal doses arbitrinistered repeatedly to guinea pigs caused liver damage. Acute and short term (15 x 6 exposures, 70-200 ppm) inhalation studies tailed to kill animals, and produced lethargy and retaided weight gain with no organ pathology.⁽¹⁾ Cameron *et al*^{kg} reported that the trichlorobenzenes are less toxic to rats than the mono-and dichlorobenzenes.

The atorementioned studies are short term ones and information needed to recommend an airborne concentration to which workers may be repeatedly exposed during a working lifetime without adverse effects is limited. Cutaneous exposure to 12,4-trichlorobenzene does not cause chlorache or acheform dermatitis but can cause dermal irritation which is probably attributable to its degreasing action.⁽³⁾ Industrial data report an odor threshold of approximately 3 ppm and minimal eye and throat irritation at 3-5 ppm in certain people.⁽⁶⁾ Twenty male rats, 4 rappits and 2 male dogs were exposed at either 30 or 100 ppm 1.2,4-trichloroperizene (98.4% purity, 1.4% 1,2,3-trichloropenzene) 7 hours/day 5 days/week for 30 exposures in 44 days. No adverse effects were detectable at 30 ppm with the exception of an elevation of unnary unoperphyrin and coproperphyrin in the rats only at 15 and 30 exposure days. No pathologic lesions could be attributed to the exposure in roughly 30 different specimens examined for each species.⁽⁶⁾ A second inhalation study was performed with 99.07% pure 1.2,4-trichlorobenzene * hours/day, 5 days/ week for 26 consecutive weeks.¹⁷ Thirty rats, 16 rabbits. and 9 monkeys, all males, were exposed at zero, 25, 50 and 100 ppm. Pulmonary function and operant behavior in monkeys, opthamoscopic examination in rabbits and monkeys and body weight measurements, hematology and serum biochemical determinations in all species were conducted prior to and during the exposure period; no differences were noted among the tour exposure groups. Microscopic changes were seen in the parenchymal cells of livers and kidneys from all groups of rats after 4 and 13 weeks or exposure to 1,2,4-TCB, but no exposure-related abnormalities were seen after 26 weeks of exposure in any or the three species understudy.

The above data do not indicate a high systemic toxicity. The recommended ceiling limit of 5 ppm, based on the irritating properties of TCB, seems low in comparison with the limits for the dichlorobenzenes. For the present, this limit is retained.

Other recommendations for trichlorobenzene: Bulgaria, Poland, U.S.S.R., Yugosłavia, 1.4 ppm.

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1.1.1-TRICHLOROETHANE

See, METHYL CHLOROFORM

1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE

Vinyl trichloride

CH,CICHCI,

Skin

TLV, 10 ppm ($\approx 45 \text{ mg/m}^3$) STEL, 20 ppm ($\approx 90 \text{ mg/m}^3$)

A coloriess, non-tlammable liquid with a sweet odor. 1,1,2-trichloroethane has a molecular weight or 133.42 and a specific gravity of 1.4416 at 20° C. It boils at 113.7° C, freezes at -36.4° C and has a vapor pressure of 19 mm Hg at 20° C. Insoluble in water, it is miscible with alcohol, ether and other organic solvents.

It is used as a solvent for fats, resins, etc., and in organic synthesis

1,1,2-trichtoroethane depresses the central nervous system causing narcosis, in which respect it is considerably more potent than chlorotorm^{11,21}. By inhalation its acute toxicity is somewhat greater for certain laboratory animals (cats) than that of chlorotorm. Narcotic concentrations of 1,1,2-trichtoroethane result in irritation to the eves and nose and miection of the conjunctiva. Death occurs from respiratent arrest. Concentrations producing deep harcosis and death are of the order of 13,600 ppm for a two-hour exposure. The corresponding concentration for chlorotorm is 30,000 to 40,000 ppm. 1,1,2-trichloroethane is lethal by oral and subcutaneous administration; 0.75 g/kg was lethal to dogs by mouth, compared with 2.25 g/kg for chloro-

TRICHLOROETHYLENE

$CCI_7 = CHCI$

TLV, 50 ppm (≈ 270 mg/m³)

STEL, 150 ppm (≈ 805 mg/m³)

Trichforoethylene is a nonflammable, colorless liquid or sweetish odor. It has a molecular weight of 131.4 and a specific gravity of 1.4549. The boiling point is 87° C and solidifies at -84.8° C. The vapor pressure at 20° C equals 58 mm Hg. It is practically insoluble in water, but highly solu3. Gage, J.C.: Brit. J. Ind. Med. 27-1 (1970).

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form.⁽³⁾ Fatty degeneration of the liver was observed in dogs dving two or more days following administration of trichloroethane, which is also absorbed through the intact skin.⁽⁴⁾

More recent data include the following⁽³⁾: oral LD₉₀, rat = 1140 mg/kg; intraperitoneal LD₉₀, mouse = 994, dog = 450 mg/kg; subcutaneous LD₉₀, mouse = 227 mg/kg. Exposure at 500 ppm for 8 hours was fatal to rats.

The current TLV of 10 ppm was based on the toxicological resemblance to symmetric tetrachloroethane, and by analogy with the TLV for chlorotorm, which at that time was 50 ppm. In view of the above comparisons of the toxicity of 1,1,2-trichloroethane with that of chlorotorm, a limit somewhat lower than 10 ppm, the TLV for the latter compound, might be in order for 1,1,2-trichloroethane. For the present, the TLV of 10 ppm and STEL of 20 ppm are retained.

Other recommendations: Several western European nations and Japan had adopted the 10 ppm TLV, as or 1977; Poland, with 22 ppm, was the only exception. West Germany (1979) considers it a potential carcinogen.

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ble in lipids. (Partition coefficient at 37° C: blood-air 9, oilair 943). In the presence of oxygeri and short ultraviolet wavelength, trichloroethylene is decomposed to phosgene and hydrochloric acid.

Trichloroethvlene is used for degreasing, dry cleaning, and as a solvent. In the past, trichloroethvlene was used as an extractant in food-processing (FDA had approved residue below 25 ppm in decatieinated ground coffee and 10 ppm for instant coffee). This was discontinued in 1975, when NCI issued an alert, warning that trichloroethvlene may be a carcinogen. Its use as an anesthetic was aban-

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NAPHTHALENE

$C_{10}H_8$ TLV, 10 ppm ($\approx 50 \text{ mg/m}^3$)

STEL, 15 ppm (\approx 75 mg/m³)

Naphthatene occurs commonly as white, crystalline flakes which have a strong coal tar odor. It has a molecular weight of 128.16 and a specific gravity of 1.145. It melts at 20.2° C, boils at 217.96° C and has a vapor pressure at 25° C of approximately 0.087 mm Hg. The open cup flash point is 176° F and closed cup is 190° F. Insoluble in water, it dissolves in most organic solvents.

Crystalline naphthalene finds household use as a month repeilent, scientific use in scintillation counters. It is an important raw material for the manufacture of phthalic anhydride, naphthol, hydrongenated naphthalenes and halogenated naphthalenes; it or its derivatives are employed in dves, explosives, lubricants, tanning agents and emulsion breakers

According to Flury and Zerniki¹⁰ and Patty,¹⁰ the inhalation of naphthalene vapor may cause headache, loss of apbetite and nausea. Optical neuritis and injuries to the corneal and, in addition, kidney damage have also been reported. Chetti and Mariani³¹ reported opacities of the fens in 8 of 21 workers who had been exposed to naphthalene for about five years. Ingestion of naphthalene in relatively large amounts has reportedly caused severe hemo-(ytic anemia and hemoglobinuria.⁴¹ A hypersusceptibility, probably genetically based, is recognized.⁶¹

The oral LD₁₀ for rats is 1760 mg/kg.⁽⁴⁾ It was used as an anthetmintic for many years at dose levels, for adults, or 0.1 to 0.5 gram three times a day.⁽²⁾ several times higher than the lowest reported lethal dose for man of 50 mg/kg.⁽⁶⁾ An incident in which blankets containing naphthalene caused acute hemolytic effects in inflants, in some cases tatal, has been described.⁽⁶⁾

Patty suggested 25 ppm as a tentative limit for naphthalene vapor in air. He noted that this corresponds to a saturation pressure of approximately 25% at 25° C. This value has been used at the Los Alamos Laboratories, according to



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Hyatt and Milligan¹⁴ Robbins¹⁰ however, repc¹ 3 that concentrations in excess of about 15 ppm resulted noticeable irritation of the eves.

Gerarde⁽¹¹⁾ also suggested 25 ppm as a tentative limit, noting that it represents 25% of the concentration of naphthalene vapor in air saturated at 25° C.

In view of the fact that irritation is experienced at 15 ppm and that continued exposure may result in fairly serious eye effects, a limit lower than 25 ppm would seem in order. The value of 10 ppm TLV and 15 ppm STEL are recommended to prevent ocular effects, but possibly not blood changes in hypersusceptibles.

Other recommendations. West Germany, 10 ppm: East Germany and USSR. 4 ppm

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The TLV of 0.5 mg/m³ is believed low enough to minimize the incidence of chlorache and prevent serious injury to the liver. However, in view of the fact that hepatic changes in rats resulted from 143 eight-hour exposures at 1.44 mg/m³, of a mixture of penta- and hexachloronaphthaleries,¹³³ the margin of safety of the 0.5 mg/m³limit for pentachloronaphthalene may be rather small. At this time, a STEL of 2 mg/m³ is suggested.

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PENTACHLOROPHENOL

PCP: Chem-Tol; Permacide; Penta; Santophen 20; Dowicide 7

C,HCI,O

Skin

TEV, 0.5 mg/m³ STEL, 1.5 mg/m³

Pentachlorophenol is a colorless, noncombustible solid with a phenolic odor and a pungent taste. The molecular weight is 266-35, specific gravity is 1.978 at 20° C and, at the same temperature, the reported vapor pressure of 0.00017 mm Hg. It is volatile with steam and noncorrosive to metals its meiting point is 190° C with a boiling point of 310° C. The compound is soluble in water to the extent of 14 ppm at 20° C. Its solubility in organic solvents depends greativ on the nature of the solvent. Barely soluble in alkanes, pentachlorophenol is most soluble in methyl alcohol

It is a contact herbicide, fungicide, wood preservative and moliuscicide.

The most important effect of PCP inhalation is acute poisoning centering in the circulatory system with accompanving heart failure. Kence et all' found no evidence of chronic poisoning in rappits. The smallest lethal intravenous dose was 22 mg/kg. The compound penetrates the skin readily. Physiologic injury is mainly vascular with heart tailure. Industrial hygiene experience shows that PCP and its sodium salt are capable of inducing discomfort and local as well as systemic effects. Dusts are particularly irritating to the eves and nose in concentrations greater than 1 mg/milli Some irritation of the nose may occur at 0.3 mg/minili Hardened workers can tolerate up to 2.4 mg/m3/21 PCP is highly poisonous with a wide range of acute action but no pronounced cumulative properties. It has been demonstrated(); that dermal penetration is the most dangerous pathway of PCP exposure. The acute gastric LDso's for mice and rats are 130 and 184 mg/kg, respectively (3) The dermal LOss in rats is 96 mg/kg. The inha-



lation LDss for rats is 335 mg/m³ and for mice 225 mg/m³ ⁽³⁾. The rat embryo was shown to be most susceptible to the toxic effects of PCP during the early phases of organogenesis ⁽⁴⁾. The world literature reveals about 51 cases of PCP poisoning from its use as a herbicide, molluscicide or wood preservative of which 30 out of 51 resulted in death.⁽⁵⁾ The survivors of PCP intoxication suffer with impairments in autonomic function, circulation, visual damage and an acute type of scotoma ⁽⁶⁾. Other damage included acute inflammation of the conjunctiva and characteristically shaped corneal opacity, corneal numbness and slight mydriasis.⁽⁶⁾ Other symptoms involve excessive sweating, tachycardia, tachypnea, respiratory distress, hepatic enlargement and metabolic acidosis.

The 0.5 mg/m³ TLV and the STEL of 1.5 mg/m³ are derived by analogy with other compounds or similar action and toxicity in addition to the specific available information. They are believed low enough to prevent vascular injury.

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PHENOL

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Stin

TLV. 5 ppm (= 19 mg/m³) STEL, 10 ppm (= 38 mg/m³)

Pure phenol is a solid at room temperature and is liquified by mixing with about 8% water. The molecular weight is 94.11 and the specific gravity is 1.071, It is white but often has a pinxish hue resulting from impurities or exposure to light and has a characteristic sweet, tarry odor. The solid has a boiling point of 182° C and, when free from water and cresols, it congeals at 41° C and metts at 43° C. At 25° C it has a vapor pressure of 0.35 mm Hg. It is soluble in water and most organic solvents and is compustible, having a closed cup flash point of 172° F.

Its chier use is as a starting point in the manufacture or phenotic resins, bis-openol-Al caprolactam and many other chemicals and drugs, it is employed as a disintectant, in germicidal paints and as a stimicide

Detchmanning reported results of animal experimentation in which guinea bigs were severely insured by inhalation for UD days of phenol vapor at concentrations of from UD to DD com Post morem evidence of acute toxicity to the lungs heart, river and kidney was round

Intermittent industrial exposure/9 trive to ten minutes per hours inside a conditioning room for phenol-impregnated apoestos resulted in marked irritation of the hose throat and eves. The average phenol concentration in the room was 48 ppm although formaldenvide (8 ppm) also was found Unine sultate ratios were 19.4 and 86.7 percent Workers at the same plant continuously exposed during windline operations involvienced no respiratory irritation although the notor of phenor was noticeable. The average concentration 1 junit was 4 ppm. Unite suitate ratios aver aged 14 hercent.

Due in part to its low volatility, phenoi does not treouently constitute a serious respiratory mazard in industry if Formerly its use as an antiseptic in surgery resulted in numerous cases of sub-acute of chronic poisoning among surgeons and their assistants.⁽⁴⁾ Unitary excretions of 2 grams per day, by patients, have been imported.⁽⁴⁾ Absorotion of 2 grams of phenoi could result from eight hours inhalation at about 30 ppm.

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Occupational Health Guideline for Phenol

INTRODUCTION

This guideline.is intended as a source of information for employees, employers, physicians, industrial hygienists, and other occupational health professionals who may have a need for such information. It does not attempt to present all data; rather, it presents pertinent information and data in summary form.

SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION

• Formula: C.H.OH

Synonyms: Carbolic acid; monohydroxybenzene

• Appearance and odor: Colorless to pink solid or thick liquid with a characteristic, sweet, ta odor.

PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT (PEL)

The current OSHA standard for phenol is 5 parts of phenol per million parts of air (ppm) averaged over an eight-hour work shift. This may also be expressed as 19 milligrams of phenol per cubic meter of air (mg/m³) NIOSH has recommended that the permissible exposure limit be changed to 20 mg/m³ averaged over a work shift of up to 10 hours per day, 40 hours per week, with a ceiling of 60 mg/m³ averaged over a 15-minute period. The NIOSH Criteria Document for Phenol should be consulted for more detailed information.

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

· Routes of exposure

Phenol can affect the body if it is inhaled, nomes in contact with the eyes or skin, or is swallowed. It may enter the body through the skin.

Effects of overexposure

1. Short-term Exposure: Phenol has a marked corrosive effect on any tissue. When it comes in contact with the eyes, it may cause severe damage and blindness. On contact with the skin, it does not cause pain but causes a whitening of the exposed area. If the chemical is not removed promptly, it may cause a severe burn or systemic poisoning. Systemic effects may occur from any route of exposure, especially after skin contact. 2. Long-term Exposure: Repeated or prolonged exposure to phenol may cause chronic phenol poisoning. The symptoms of chronic poisoning include vomiting, difficulty in swallowing, diarrhea, lack of appente, headache, fainting, dizziness, dark urine, mental disturbances, and possibly a skin rash. Liver damage and discoloration of the skin may occur.

J. Reporting Signs and Symptoms: A physician should be contacted if anyone develops any signs or symptoms and suspects that they are caused by exposure to phenol.

Recommended medical surveillance

The following medical procedures should be made available to each employee who is exposed to phenol at potentially hazardous levels:

1. Initial Medical Examination:

-A complete history and physical examination: The purpose is to detect pre-existing conditions that might -place the exposed employee at increased risk, and to establish a baseline for future health monitoring. Persons with a history of convulsive disorders or abnormalities of the skin, respiratory tract, liver, or kidneys would be expected to be at increased risk from exposure. Examination of the liver, kidneys, and respiratory tract should be stressed. The skin should be examined for evidence of chronic disorders.

-Urinalysis: Darkening of the urine has occurred in persons exposed to phenol after accidental ingestion or skin contact. A urinalysis should be performed, including at a minimum specific gravity, albumin, glucose, and a microscopic on centrifuged sediment. Urinary phenoi is useful if good individual background levels are available.

-Liver function tests: Since liver damage has been observed in humans exposed to phenol, a profile of liver function should be performed by using a medically acceptable array of biochemical tests.

These recommendations reflect good industrial hygiene and medical surveillance practices and their implementation will assist in achieving an effective occupational health program. However, they may not be sufficient to achieve compliance with ail requirements of OSHA regulations.

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2. Periodic Medical Examination: The aforementioned medical examinations should be repeated on an annual basis.

Summary of toxicology

Phenol in the vapor form or in solution is an irritant to the eyes, mucous membranes, and skin; systemic absorption causes central nervous system effects as well as liver and kidney damage. Sudden-collepse is characteristic of gross overexposure. In animals, prolonged inhalation of the vapor at 30 to 60 ppm induced respiratory difficulty, lung damage, and paralysis. Systemic absorption by animals caused muscle twitching and severe convulsions. There are no reports of human fatalities from inhalation of the vapor, although one case of severe poisoning has been reported. Ingestion of lethal amounts (as little as 1 g) cause severe burns of the mouth and throat, marked abdominal pain, cyanosis, -muscular weakness, collapse, coma, and death; tremors. convulsions, or muscle twitching were occasionally observed but were not severe. A laboratory technician repeatedly exposed to unknown vapor concentrations and liquid spilled on the skin developed anorexia, weight loss, weakness, muscle aches and pain, and dark urine; during several months of nonexposure there was gradual improvement in his condition, but after brief reexposure he suffered an immediate worsening of symptoms with prompt darkening of the urine and tender enlargement of the liver. Brief intermittent industrial exposures to vapor concentrations of 48 ppm of phenoi (accompanied by 8 ppm of formaldehyde) caused marked irritation of eyes, nose, and throat. Concentrated phenol solutions are severely irritating to the human eye and cause conjunctival swelling; the cornea becomes white and hypesthetic; loss of vision has occurred in some cases. Solutions of phenol have a marked corrosive action on any tissue on contact; on skin, there is local anesthesia and a white discoloration, and the area may subsequently become gangrenous; severe dermatitis will result from contact with dilute solutions, and prolonged exposure may result in ochronosis. In workers making phenol-formaldehyde plastic, the urinary level of total phenol, free plus conjugated, was proportional to the air concentration of phenol up to 12.5 mg/m³ of workroom air. Mice were treated twice weekly for 72 weeks by application of 1 drop of a 10% solution of phenol in benzene to the shaved dorsal skin; after 52 weeks of treatment there were papillomas in 5 of 14 mice, and 1 fibrosarcoma appeared at 58 weeks. :

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

· Physical data

2 Phanol

- 1. Molecular weight: 94,11
- 2. Boiling point (760 min Hg): 182 C (359 F)

3. Specific gravity (water = 1): 107 (solid); 1.05 (liquid)

4. Vapor density (air = 1 at boiling point of phenol): 3.24

5. Melting point: 41 C (106 F)

6. Vapor pressure at 20 C (68 F): 0.36 mm Hg 7. Solubility in water, g/100 g water at 20 C (68 F):

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8. Evaporation rate (butyl acetate = 1): Less than
0.01

• Reactivity

T. Conditions contributing to instability: Heat

2. Incompatibilities: Contact with strong oxidizers (especially calcium hypochlorire) may cause fires and explosions.

3. Hazardous decomposition products: Toxic gases and vapors (such as carbon monoxide) may be released in a fire involving phenol.

4. Special precautions: Liquid phenol will attack some forms of plastics, rubber, and coatings. Hot liquid phenol will attack aluminum, magnesium, lead, and zinc metals.

Flammability

1. Flash point: 79 C (174 F) (closed cup)

2. Autoignition temperature: 715 C (1319 F)

3. Flammable limits in air. % by volume: Lower: 1.7; Upper: 8.6

4. Extinguishant: Alcohol feam, carbon dioxide. dry chemical

Warning properties

1. Odor Threshold: Summer reports that the odor threshold of phenol is 3 ppm; the Manufacturing Chemists Association reports 0.3 ppm; Thienes and Haley report 5 ppm.

2. Irritation Levels: The Documentation of TLV's reports that intermittent exposures to 48 ppm phenol have been observed to produce eye, nose, and throat irritation. Formaldehyde was also present in this atmosphere at a concentration of 8 ppm. The Respirator Review Committee considers the source of the eye irritation to be the 8 ppm formaldehyde rather than the phenol.

3. Evaluation of Warning Properties: Since the odor threshold of phenol is at or below the permissible exposure limit, phenol is treated as a material with good warning properties.

MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

Eight-Hour Exposure Evaluation

Measurements to determine employee exposure are best taken so that the average eight-hour exposure is based on a single eight-hour sample or on two four-hour samples. Several short-time interval samples (up to 30 minutes) may also be used to determine the average exposure level. Air samples should be taken in the employee's breathing zone (air that would most nearly represent that inhaled by the employee).

Ceiling Evaluation

Measurements to determine employee ceiling exposure are best taken during periods of maximum expected airborne concentrations of phenol. Each measurement

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should consist of a fifteen (15) minute sample or series of consecutive samples totalling fifteen (15) minutes in the employee's breathing zone (air that would most nearly represent that inhaled by the employee). A minimum of three (3) measurements should be taken on one work shift and the highest of all measurements taken is an estimate of the employee's exposure.

Method

Sampling and analyses may be performed by collection of phenol in a bubbler containing sodium hydroxide, followed by treatment with sulfuric acid, and gas chromatographic analysis. Also, detector tubes certified by NIOSH under 42 CFR Part 84 or other direct-reading devices calibrated to measure phenol may be used. An analytical method for phenol is in the NIOSH Monual of Analytical Methods, 2nd Ed., Vol. 6, 1980, available from the Government Printing Office. Washington, D.C. 20402 (GPO No. 017-033-00369-6).

RESPIRATORS

· Good industrial hygiene practices recommend that engineering controls be used to reduce environmental concentrations to the permissible exposure level. However, there are some exceptions where respirators may be used to control exposure. Respirators may be used when engineering and work practice controls are not technically feasible, when such controls are in the process of being installed, or when they fail and need to be supplemented. Respirators may also be used for operations which require entry into tanks or closed vessels, and in emergency situations. If the use of respirators is necessary, the only respirators permitted are those that have been approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (formerly Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration) or by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

• In addition to respirator selection, a complete respiratory protection program should be instituted which includes regular training, maintenance, inspection, cleaning, and evaluation.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Employees should be provided with and required to use impervious clothing, gloves, face shields (eight-inch minimum), and other appropriate protective clothing necessary to prevent any possibility of skin contact with solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol.
If employees' clothing has had any possibility of being contaminated with solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol, employees should change into uncontaminated clothing before leaving the work premises.

• Clothing which has had any possibility of being contaminated with solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol should be placed in closed containers for storage until it can be discarded or until provision is

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made for the removal of phenol from the clothing. If the clothing is to be laundered or otherwise cleaned to remove the phenol, the person performing the operation should be informed of phenol's hazardous properties.

• Where there is any possibility of exposure of an employee's body to solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol, facilities for quick drenching of the body should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use.

• Non-impervious clothing which becomes contaminated with phenol should be removed immediately and not reworn until the phenol is removed from the clothing.

• Employees should be provided with and required to use dust- and splash-proof safety goggles where there is any possibility of solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol contacting the eyes.

• Where there is any possibility that employees' eyes may be exposed to solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol, an eye-wash fountain should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use.

SANITATION

• Skin that becomes contaminated with phenol should be immediately washed or showered with soap or mild detergent and water to remove any phenol.

• Any clothing which becomes wet with liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol should be removed immediately and not reworn until the phenol is removed from the clothing.

• Eating and smoking should not be permitted in areas where solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol are handled, processed, or stored.

• Employees who handle solid . liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol should wash their hands thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water before eating, smoking, or using toilet facilities.

COMMON OPERATIONS AND CONTROLS

The following list includes some common operations in which exposure to phenol may occur and control methods which may be effective in each case:

Operation

Controls

Application and curing of bonding resin in plywood manufacture; application and curing of molding resins in manufacture of molded articles, such as Process enclosure: local exhaust ventilation; personal protective equipment

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electrical appliances. automotive parts. foundry sand molds. and utensil handles; manufacture of friction materials, bonded abrasives, coated abrasives, wood particle board, and insulation materials

Use in industrial coatings in drum and can linings, milk and beer-processing equipment, water tanks and air-conditioning equipment, decorative laminates, and textile coatings

Use in synthesis of thermosetting phenolic resins, epoxy, polycarbonate, phenoxy, and polysulfone; synthesis of aprolactam for use in nylon 6 fibers, plastics, and films

Use in synthesis of agricultural chemicals and intermediates; synthesis of pharmaceuticais, rubber and plastic plasticizers, antioxidants, curing agents, and intermediates

Use in synthesis of stabilizers and preservatives for dyes, perfumes, and fungicides

Use during solvent refining of lubrication oil and wax; use in synthesis of additives for gasoline and lubricating fluids and intermediates

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Use in synthesis of surface-active agents and detergent intermediates; in synthesis of explosives

Use in manufacture of disinfectant agents and products for industrial and household use

Use in synthesis of synthetic cresols and xylenois

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EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, institute first aid procedures and send for first aid or medical assistance. Eye Exposure

If solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol get into the eyes, wash eyes immediately with large amounts of water, lifting the lower and upper lids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this Skin Exposure

If solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol get on the skin, promptly wash the contaminated skin using soap or mild detergent and water. If solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol penetrate through the clothing, remove the clothing immediately and wash the skin using soap or mild detergent and water. Get medical attention immediately. Breathing

If a person breathes in large amounts of phenol, move the exposed person to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Keep the affected person warm and at rest. Get medical attention as soon as possible. Swallowing

When solid or liquid phenol or liquids containing phenol have been swallowed and the person is conscious, give the person large quantities of water immediately. After the water has been swallowed, try to get the person to vomit by having him touch the back of his throat with his finger. Do not make an unconscious person vomit. Get medical attention immediately.

Rescue

Move the affected person from the hazardous exposure. If the exposed person has been overcome, notify someone else and put into effect the established emergency rescue procedures. Do not become a casualty. Understand the facility's emergency rescue procedures and know the locations of rescue equipment before the need arises.

SPILL, LEAK, AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

 Persons not wearing protective equipment and clothing should be restricted from areas of spills or leaks until cleanup has been completed.

• If phenol is spilled or leaked, the following steps should be taken:

1. Ventilate area of spill.

2. If in the solid form, for small quantities, sweep onto paper or other suitable material, place in an appropriate container and burn in a safe place (such as a fume hood). Large quantities may be reclaimed; however, if this is not practical, dissolve in a flammable solvent (such as alcohol) and atomize in a suitable combustion chamber. 3. If in the liquid form, for small quantities, absorb on paper towels. Evaporate in a safe place (such as a fume hood). Allow sufficient time for evaporating vapors to completely clear the hood ductwork. Burn the paper in a suitable location away from combustible materials. Large quantities can be collected and atomized in a suitable combustion chamber.

Waste disposal methods:

Phenol may be disposed of:

1. If in the solid form, by making packages of phenol in paper or other flammable material and burning in a suitable combustion chamber, or by dissolving phenol in a flammable solvent (such as alcohol) and atomizing in a suitable combustion chamber.

2. If in the liquid form, by absorbing it in vermiculite, dry sand, earth or a similar material and disposing in a secured sanitary landfill, or by atomizing the liquid in a suitable combustion chamber.

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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR PHENOL

Condition	Minimum Respiratory Protection* Required Above 5 ppm
Vapor or Particulate Concentration	
50 ppm or less	Any chemical cartridge respirator with an organic vapor cartridge(s) and dust and mist filter(s).
	Any supplied-air respirator.
•	Any self-contained breathing apparatus.
100 ppm or less	A chemical cartridge respirator with a full facepiece, organic vapor cartridge(s), and dust and mist filter(s).
	A gas mask with a chin-style or a front- or back-mounted organic vapor canister and dust and mist filter.
	Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece, heimet, or hood.
	Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facebiece.
Greater than 100 ppm** or entry and escape from unknown concentrations	Self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in pressure- demand or other positive pressure mode.
	A combination respirator which includes a Type C supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure or continu- ous-flow mode and an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive pressure mode.
Fire Fighting	Self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in pressure- demand or other positive pressure mode.
Escape	Any gas mask providing protection against organic vapors and particulates. Any escape self-contained breathing apparatus.

*Only NIOSH-approved or MSHA-approved equipment should be used.

**Use of supplied-air suits may be necessary to prevent skin contact while providing respiratory protection from airborne concentrations of phenol; however, this equipment should be selected, used, and maintained under the immediate supervision of trained personnel. Where supplied-air suits are used above a concentration of 100 ppm, an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in positive pressure mode should also be worn.

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Occupational Health Guideline for Pentachlorophenol

INTRODUCTION

This guideline is intended as a source of information for employees, employers, physicians, industrial hygienists, and other occupational health professionals who may have a need for such information. It does not attempt to present all data; rather, it presents pertinent information and data in summary form.

SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION

- Formula: C.Cl.OH
- Synonyms: PCP; penta

• Appearance and odor: Light brown solid with a pungent odor when hot.

PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT (PEL)

The current OSHA standard for pentachlorophenol is 0.5 milligram of pentachlorophenol per cubic meter of air (mg/m^3) averaged over an eight-hour work shift.

HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

Routes of exposure

Pentachlorophenol can affect the body if it is inhaled, if it comes in contact with the eyes or skin, or if it is swallowed. It may enter the body through the skin. * Effects of overexposure

Exposure to pentachlorophenol may cause irritation of the eyes and respiratory tract. Bronchitis has been reported to occur. Systemic effects from either a large exposure or repeated smaller exposures include weakness, loss of appetite, nau: a, vomiting, shortness of breath, chest pain, excessive sweating, headache, and dizziness. In fatal cases the temperature is often very high and death may occur as early as three hours after the onset of symptoms. The risk of serious intoxication is greater in hot weather. Persons with decreased liver or kidney functions are more susceptible to poisoning from this chemical. Repeated exposure to pentachlorophenol may cause an acne-like skin rash and liver damage. Commercial pentachlorophenol may be contaminated with dioxin compounds which are much more toxic than pentachlorophenol.

Reporting signs and symptoms:

A physician should be contacted if anyone develops any signs or symptoms and suspects that they are caused by exposure to pentachlorophenol.

· Recommended medical surveillance

The following medical procedures should be made available to each employee who is exposed to pentachlorophenol at potentially hazardous levels:

I. Initial Medical Examination:

-A complete history and physical examination: The purpose is to detect pre-existing conditions that might place the exposed employee at increased risk, and to establish a baseline for future health monitoring. Examination of the cardiovascular system, eyes, upper respiratory tract, liver, and kidneys should be stressed. The skin should be examined for evidence of chronic disorders. Analysis of the urine for pentachlorophenol may be helpful in estimating the extent of absorption.

2. Periodic Medical Examination: The aforementioned medical examinations should be repeated on an annual basis.

Summary of toxicology

Pentachlorophenol dust and mist cause irritation of the eyes and upper respiratory tract; absorption results in an increase in metabolic rate and hyperpyrexia; prolonged skin exposure causes an acneform dermatitis. Human exposure to dust or mist concentrations greater than 1 mg/m³ causes pain in the nose and throat, violent sneezing, and cough; 0.3 mg/m^3 may cause some nose irritation; persons acclimated to pentachlorophenol can tolerate concentrations up to 2.4 mg/m³. Pentachlorophenol readily penetrates the skin; systemic intoxication is characterized by weakness, anorexia, weight loss, and profuse sweating; there also may be headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, dyspnea, and chest pain. In fatal cases, the body temperature is frequently extremely high and

These recommendations reflect good industrial hygiene and medical surveillance practices and their implementation will assist in achieving an effective occupational health program. However, they may not be sufficient to achieve compliance with all requirements of OSHA regulations,

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death has occurred as early as 3 hours after the onset of symptoms. The risk of serious intoxication is increased during hot weather: persons with impaired liver or kidney function are more susceptible to the effects of pentachlorophenol. The dust, mist, and vapor cause eye irritation. Prolonged exposure of workers has caused an acneform dermatitis; 10 workers engaged in production of pentachlorophenol for 5 to 10 months developed a widely disseminated skin eruption characterized by small and large furuncles, brown pigmentation, and some cicatrization; 7 workers also developed severe bronchisis; all but I worker still showed signs of extensive acne more than a year after cessation of exposure, and 4 still complained of bronchitis. On the skin, solutions of pentachlorophenol as dilute as 1% may cause irritation if contact is repeated or prolonged.

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical data

1. Molecular weight: 266.3

2. Boiling point (760 mm Hg): 311 C (592 F) (decomposes)

3. Specific gravity (water = 1): 2.0

4. Vapor density (air = 1 at boiling point of pentachlorophenol): Not applicable

5. Melting point: 182 - 190 C (360 - 374 F)

6. Vapor pressure at 20 C (68 F): 0.00017 mm Hg 7. Solubility in water, g/100 g water at 20 C (68 F):

0.002
8. Evaporation rate (butyl acetate = 1): Not applicable

Reactivity

1. Conditions contributing to instability: None.

2. Incompatibilities: Contact with strong oxidizers may cause fires and explosions.

3. Hazardous decomposition products: Toxic gases and vapors (such as hydrogen chloride, chlorinated phenols, and carbon monoxide) may be released when pentachlorophenol decomposes.

4. Special precautions: None.

Flammability

1. Not combustible

Warning properties

1. Odor Threshold: The AIHA Hygienic Guide states that pentachlorophenol has a characteristic odor. No quantitative information is available, however, concerning the odor threshold of this substance.

2. Irritation Levels: The Documentation of TLV's states that "dusts are particularly irritating to the eyes and nose, in concentrations appreciably greater than 1 mg/m³, but some irritation of the nose may occur at 0.3 mg/m³. Hardened workers can tolerate up to 2.4 mg/m³."

3. Evaluation of Warning Properties: Through its irritant effects, pentachlorophenol can be detected within three times of the permissible exposure limit. For the purposes of this guideline, therefore, pentachlorophenol is treated as a material with good warning properties.

MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

· General

Measurements to determine employee exposure are best taken so that the average eight-hour exposure is based on a single eight-hour sample or on two four-hour samples. Several short-time interval samples (up to 30 minutes) may also be used to determine the average exposure level. Air samples should be taken in the employee's breathing zone (air that would most nearly represent that inhaled by the employee).

• Method

An analytical method for pentachlorophenol is in the NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods. 2nd Ed., Vol. 4, 1978, available from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (GPO No. 017-033-00317-3). • Gleason, M. N., Gosselin, R. E., Hodge, H. C., and Smith, R. P.: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products (3rd ed.), Williams and Wilkins. Baltimore, 1969.

RESPIRATORS

· Good industrial hygiene practices recommend that engineering controls be used to reduce environmental concentrations to the permissible exposure level. However, there are some exceptions where respirators may be used to control exposure. Respirators may be used when engineering and work practice controls are not technically feasible, when such controls are in the process of being installed, or when they fail and need to be supplemented. Respirators may also be used for operations which require entry into tanks or closed vessels, and in emergency situations. If the use of respirators is necessary, the only respirators permitted are those that have been approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (formerly Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration) or by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

• In addition to respirator selection, a complete respiratory protection program should be instituted which includes regular training, maintenance, inspection, cleaning, and evaluation.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

• Employees should be provided with and required to use impervious clothing, gloves, face shields (eight-inch minimum), and other appropriate protective clothing necessary to prevent any possibility of skin contact with pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol.

• If employees' clothing has had any possibility of being contaminated with pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol, employees should change into uncontaminated clothing before leaving the work premises.

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• Clothing which has had any possibility of being contaminated with pentachlorophenol should be placed in closed containers for storage until it can be discarded or until provision is made for the removal of pentachlorophenol from the clothing. If the clothing is to be laundered or otherwise cleaned to remove the pentachlorophenol, the person performing the operation should be informed of pentachlorophenol's hazardous properties.

• Where there is any possibility of exposure of an employee's body to pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol, facilities for quick drenching of the body should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use.

• Non-impervious clothing which becomes contaminated with pentachlorophenol should be removed immediately and not reworn until the pentachlorophenol is removed from the clothing.

• Employees should be provided with and required to use dust- and splash-proof safety goggles where there is any possibility of pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol contacting the eyes.

• Where there is any possibility that employees' eyes may be exposed to pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol, an eye-wash fountain should be provided within the immediate work area for emergency use.

SANITATION

• Skin that becomes contaminated with pentachlorophenol should be immediately washed or showered with soap or mild detergent and water to remove any pentachlorophenol.

• Workers subject to skin contact with pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol should ... wash with soap or mild detergent and water any areas of the body which may have contacted pentachlorophenol at the end of each work day.

• Eating and smoking should not be permitted in areas where pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol are handled, processed, or stored.

• Employees who handle pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol should wash their hands thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water ... before eating, smoking, or using toilet facilities.

COMMON OPERATIONS AND CONTROLS

The following list includes some common operations in which exposure to pentachlorophenol may occur and control methods which may be effective in each case:

Operation

Formulation of preservatives, pesticides, and fungicides

Application as a preservative for wood, starch, paint, adhesives, leather, latex, and oils; use in slime-algae control; use as a pesticide, herbicide, and sr.all control agent

Manufacture of pentachlorophenol

Controls

Process enclosure; local exhaust ventilation; personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment

Process enclosure: local exhaust ventilation: personal protective equipment

EMERGENCY FIRST AID PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, institute first aid procedures and send for first aid or medical assistance. • Eye Exposure

If pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol get into the eyes, wash eyes immediately with large amounts of water, lifting the lower and upper lids occasionally. Get medical attention immediately. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with this chemical.

• Skin Exposure

If pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol get on the skin, immediately wash the contaminated skin using soap or mild detergent and water. If pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenoi penetrate through the clothing, remove the clothing immediately and wash the skin using soap or mild detergent and water. If irritation is present after washing, get medical attention.

Breathing

If a person breathes in large amounts of pentachlorophenol, move the exposed person to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, perform artificial respiration. Keep the affected person warm and at rest. Get medical attention as soon as possible.

· Swallowing

When pentachlorophenol or liquids containing pentachlorophenol have been swallowed and the person is conscious, give the person large quantities of water immediately. After the water has been swallowed, try to get the person to vomit by having him touch the back of his throat with his finger. Do not make an unconscious person vomit. Get medical attention immediately.

Rescue

Move the affected person from the hazardous exposure. If the exposed person has been overcome, notify someone else and put into effect the established emergency

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rescue procedures. Do not become a casualty. Understand the facility's emergency rescue procedures and know the locations of rescue equipment before the need arises.

SPILL AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

 Persons not wearing protective equipment and clothing should be restricted from areas of spills until cleanup has been completed.

• If pentachlorophenol is spilled, the following steps should be taken:

1. Ventilate area of spill.

2. Collect spilled material in the most convenient and safe manner and depost in sealed containers for reclamation or for disposal in a secured sanitary landfill. Liquid containing pentachlorophenol should be absorbed in vermiculite, dry sand, earth, or a similar material.
Waste disposal method:

Pentachlorophenol may be disposed of in sealed containers in a secured sanitary landfill.

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	Required Above 0.5 mg/m ¹
Particulate or Vapor Concentration	
2.5 mg/m² or less	Any chemical cartridge respirator with an organic vapor cartridge(s) and dust fume, and mist filter(s), including pesticide respirators which meet the require ments of this class.**
	Any supplied air respirator.**
	Any self-contained breathing apparatus.**
25 mg/m³ or less	Any chemical cartridge respirator with a full facepiece, an organic vapo cartridge(s), and dust, fume, and mist filter(s), including pesticide respirators which meet the requirements of this class.
	A gas mask with a chin-style or a front- or back-mounted organic vapor caniste and dust, fume, and mist filter, including pesticide respirators which meet the requirements of this class.
	Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece, helmet, or hood.
	Any self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece.
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