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DATA EVALUATION RECORD

CASE GS 0096

PICLORAM

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CHEM 005101

BRANCH EEB DISC      Fish Toxicity 96 Hr LC50

# 30/12016

FORMULATION      - 92.9% Dry Acid

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Batchelder, T. 1974. Acute Fish Toxicity of Picloram (Dry TORDON Acid). Waste Control Department, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI.

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CONCLUSIONS

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1. CHEMICAL: Picloram (4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid)
2. FORMULATION: Assayed as containing 92.9% picloram (Dow Order No. F1941).
3. CITATION: Batchelder, T. 1974. Acute Fish Toxicity of Picloram (Dry TORDON Acid). Waste Control Department, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI.
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5. DATE REVIEWED: July 16, 1982
6. TEST TYPE: 96 Hr Static Acute Toxicity - Fish.
  - A. Test Species: Salmo gairdneri (Rainbow Trout)  
Lepomis macrochirus (Bluegill)
7. REPORTED RESULTS: The 96 hr LC50 values and the 95% confidence limits for the rainbow trout and the bluegill are 5.5 mg/L (5.2-5.8) and 14.5 mg/L (13.7-15.3), respectively.
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MATERIALS AND METHODS:

The procedures used were those recommended by the USEPA (1972. Fish-Pesticide Acute Toxicity Test Guideline. Pesticide Regulation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). Twenty fish were used in each experimental concentration and control. Five experimental concentrations ranging from 4.2 to 6.5 mg/L were used in the rainbow trout test and eight experimental concentrations ranging from 10 to 37 mg/L were used in the bluegill test. Reconstituted water was prepared and had the following characteristics: dissolved oxygen, 7.8 mg/L; ph 7.2; alkalinity, 30 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>, and hardness, 32 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>. Temperature in the bluegill test was maintained at approximately 24°C ± 1°C and approximately 13°C ± 1°C in the rainbow trout test.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

The data were evaluated by Finney's (1947-Probit Analysis. Cambridge University Press, London) method of probit analysis.

RESULTS:

The calculated 96 Hr LC<sub>50</sub> of picloram to rainbow trout and bluegills was 5.5 (5.2-5.8) and 14.5 (13.7-15.3), respectively. The complete data sets are presented in Appendix II.

REVIEWER'S EVALUATION:

There was no indication in the methods section of the use of water or acetone controls. However, examination of the raw data indicates that a water control was used in the rainbow trout test and carrier control (6.5 ml acetone) in the bluegill test. This is a minor variance from current procedures and should not affect the validity of this study.

VALIDATION:

Classification: Core

Rationale: This study is scientifically valid and fulfills the requirement for the acute toxicity of technical picloram (acid) to fish.

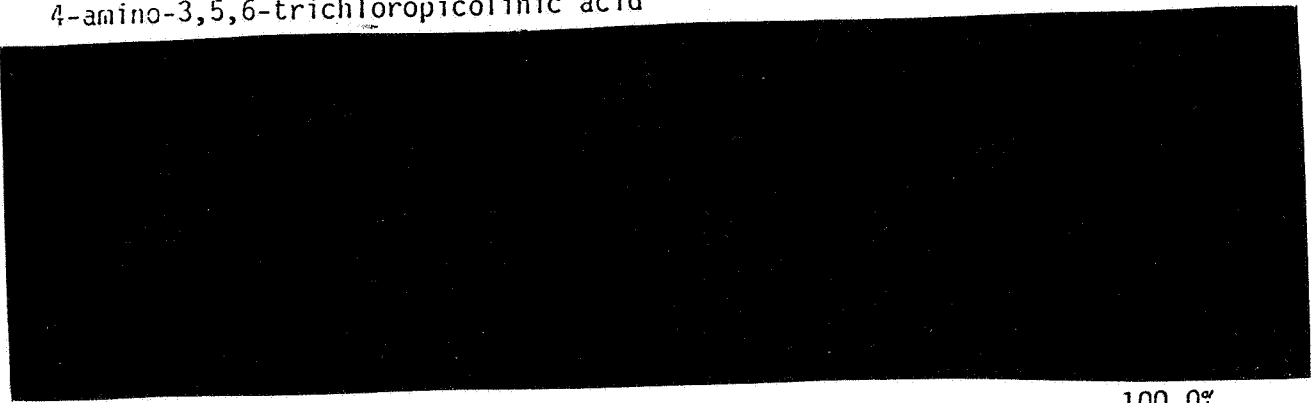
Repairability: N.A.

APPENDIX I

Analysis of TORDON Acid Sample for Fish Toxicity Study

4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid

92.9%



100.0%

MANUFACTURING PROCESS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE

PICLORAM RAINBOW TROUT DAY 4

LINEAR PROBIT EQUATION:

Y= -4.2020 + 12.4630 \*LOG(DOSE)

CHI-SQUARE FOR LACK OF FIT IS 13.74 WITH 3 DEGREES OF FREEDOM  
CRITICAL VALUE(ALPHA = .05) IS 7.81

NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS AT EACH DOSE IS 20

DOSE	LOG(DOSE)	% RESPONSE	OBS. PROBIT	EXP. PROBIT
4.20	0.62	0.200	4.159	3.566
4.90	0.69	0.100	3.718	4.400
5.38	0.73	0.250	4.326	4.906
5.60	0.75	0.700	5.524	5.123
6.50	0.81	0.900	6.282	5.929

LD	ESTIMATE	LOWER C.I.	UPPER C.I.
10	4.32	3.69	4.66
50	5.47	5.20	5.82
90	6.94	6.36	8.36

PICLORAM BLUEGILL DAY 4

LINEAR PROBIT EQUATION:

Y= -7.8697 + 11.0838 \*LOG(DOSE)

CHI-SQUARE FOR LACK OF FIT IS 42.69 WITH 4 DEGREES OF FREEDOM  
CRITICAL VALUE(ALPHA = .05) IS 9.49

NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS AT EACH DOSE IS 20

DOSE	LOG(DOSE)	% RESPONSE	OBS. PROBIT	EXP. PROBIT
10.00	1.00	0.200	4.159	3.214
13.50	1.13	0.150	3.964	4.659
13.50	1.13	0.0	*****	4.659
15.50	1.19	0.500	5.000	5.324
15.50	1.19	0.850	6.036	5.324
16.70	1.22	1.000	*****	5.683

LD	ESTIMATE	LOWER C.I.	UPPER C.I.
10	11.11	9.08	12.15
50	14.49	13.70	15.33
90	18.91	17.29	23.10