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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Oyster Shell Growth Study with Dicofol
Reg# 707-203

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The registrant, Rohm and Haas, has submitted an oyster shell growth study conducted with kelthane (dicofol). The study is identified as MRID# 410267-01, 72-3 B

Citation: Manning, C.S. 1988. Kelthane Technical: Acute Toxicity on Shell Growth of the Eastern Oyster (Crassostrea virginica). Conducted by Environmental Science and engineering, Inc., Gainesville, FL. ESE No. 88309-0200-2130. Submitted by Rohm and Haas Company.

✓ Conclusion: The study is scientifically sound and fulfills the guideline requirements for a mollusc flow-through shell deposition test. With a 96-hour EC50 of 15.1 ppb mean measured concentration, Kelthane is considered very highly toxic to eastern oysters. The NOEC was 4.4 ppb, with the LOEC being 10.4 ppb.

Data Requirements Status

1. A fish early-life stage study (71-4) with a coldwater species is required. The original study was conducted with the fathead minnow. However, in acute toxicity tests, the fathead exhibited much less sensitivity to dicofol than did coldwater species (lake trout and cutthroat trout).

Fathead minnow LC50 = 0.5 ppm¹
Fathead minnow NOEL = 0.019 ppm (embryo larvae study)
Lake trout LC50 = 0.0869 ppm
Cutthroat trout LC50 = 0.0531 ppm

An extrapolation using the ratio of the fathead minnow LC50 to chronic NOEL shows that coldwater fish species may potentially have a NOEL of 0.003 ppm (3 ppb). Therefore, EEB requires that this be verified via laboratory testing with a coldwater species.

2. Monitoring (70-1) of avian food items and aquatic habitats is also required. This is ongoing according to the registrant, with the first report anticipated for the end of 1990.

3. Reserved is a fish life-cycle test (72-5)².

4. It is possible that if exposure in aquatic habitats is expected to exceed aquatic organisms acute or chronic concern levels, that biological field testing would be required to negate concern or quantify the effects to aquatic and/or estuarine organisms.

¹ Based on information presented in the Feb 17, 1981 kelthane Registration Standard.

² See the List A Project Summary Sheet.