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To: *Tom Myers, RS-1*  
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~~Product Manager 51~~  
 Special Review and Reregistration Division (H7508W)

From: Anthony F. Maciorowski, Chief  
 Ecological Effects Branch/EFED (H7507C)

Attached, please find the EEB review of...

Reg./File # : 039003-010182  
 Chemical Name : Sodium N-methyldithiocarbamate (SNMDC)  
 Type Product : Microbiocide  
 Product Name : SNMDC  
 Company Name : Buckman Labs Inc.  
 Purpose : Submission of additional information support-  
ing why potassium methyldithiocarbamate aquatic studies can be  
used to support SNMDC. (Case No. 2390)  
 Action Code : 627 Date Due : 08/05/93  
 Reviewer : A. Vaughan Date In : 05/11/93

EEB Guideline/MRID Summary Table: The review in this package contains an evaluation of the following:

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71-2(A)			72-3(A)			122-1(A)		
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72-1(C)			72-6			141-2		
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Y=Acceptable (Study satisfied Guideline)/Concur

P=Partial (Study partially fulfilled Guideline but additional information is needed)

S=Supplemental (Study provided useful information but Guideline was not satisfied)

N=Unacceptable (Study was rejected)/Nonconcur

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REREG CASE # 2390

CASE: 804403  
SUBMISSION: S440392

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CASE TYPE: REREGISTRATION ACTION: 627 GENERIC DATA SUBMISSION  
CHEMICALS: 039003 Metam-sodium

100.00 %

ID#: 039003-010182

COMPANY: 010182 ZENECA INC

PRODUCT MANAGER: 51 BARBARA BRISCOE

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PM TEAM REVIEWER: TOM MYERS

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\* \* \* DATA REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS \* \* \*

ATTENTION: AL VAUGHAN

Attached is the additional information provided by the registrant to demonstrate why the potassium methyldithiocarbamate aquatic studies can be used to support the sodium methyldithiocarbamate requirements. Also included is the reasoning for the discrepancy in toxicity values between these two chemicals based on the static vs flow-through testing conditions.

\* \* \* ADDITIONAL DATA PACKAGES FOR THIS SUBMISSION \* \* \*

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OCT 1 1993

OFFICE OF  
PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Use of PNMD C Aquatic Data to Support SNMDC  
Reregistration (D191061)

FROM: *for* Anthony F. Maciorowski, Chief  
Ecological Effects Branch  
Environmental Fate and Effects Division (H7507C) *Anthony F. Maciorowski*

TO: Tom Myers, RS-1  
Accelerated Reregistration Branch  
Special Review and Reregistration Division (H7508W)

EEB has reviewed the additional information provided by the Metam Sodium Task Force to support the use of PNMD C aquatic data for SNMDC reregistration. The attached submission clearly explains the reasons for apparent toxicity differences between the two chemicals, and provides adequate support for the use of PNMD C data to support the reregistration of both chemicals. EEB concurs with the original Agency Response to Phase 3 Submission for PNMD C, which stated that testing for ecological effects is interchangeable for SNMDC and PNMD C.

Any questions or comments on this memo should be referred to Allen Vaughan at 305-6464.

Attachments

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Hydrolysis half-lives of SNMDC in buffered solutions at a test temperature of 25 °C are approximately 180 hrs at pH 7 and 45.6 hrs at pH 9. More rapid degradation is seen under elevated temperatures (40 °C) with half-lives being 27.4 hrs at pH 7 and 19.4 hrs at pH 9. Recent studies with PNMDC show it also rapidly degrades within minutes to hours depending on aerobic and anaerobic conditions. Therefore, by use of flow-through test conditions exposure to parent compound is enhanced; inverse to hydrolytic degradates. Under static conditions, there is a greater potential for exposure to hydrolytic degradates to occur. If the degradate(s) is more toxic than the parent compound, as is the case here, then toxicity values can be markedly different.

For both salt analogs, the major hydrolysis product of the N-methyldithiocarbamates is the oxidation degradate, methyl isothiocyanate (MITC). MITC is known to be highly toxic to aquatic organisms. Reported toxicity ranges from MITC are 0.13 mg/L for bluegill sunfish, 0.37 mg/L for rainbow trout, and 0.37 for carp (The Agrochemicals Handbook, 2nd Ed.; see attachment). Toxicity data reported for SNMDC, 96-hr LC50 of 0.46 mg/L for bluegill, is within the same toxicity range observed for MITC in warmwater species. This latter study was conducted under static conditions which facilitated conversion of N-methyldithiocarbamate to MITC.

These differences in design and test conditions easily explain the disparity in toxicity values in warmwater fish species due to the hydrolytic nature of these analogs. Under cooler temperatures, such as those used for testing rainbow trout, SNMDC/PNMDC undergo a much slower rate of hydrolysis. Thus, toxicity values are within similar magnitudes of order. These circumstances clearly demonstrate the classical case of parent compound being less toxic than its metabolite. It further shows how significant environmental factors such as temperature and hydrolysis can influence chemical toxicity.

We feel that reasonable arguments presented have provided sufficient information upon which the Agency can evaluate and grant exemption from conducting these additional fish toxicity studies. We ask that you review information presented and provide us with your comments as soon as practical. If there are any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

BUCKMAN LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Carl F. Watson, Ph.D.  
Environmental Toxicologist

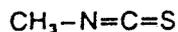


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Nematicide/Fungicide/  
Insecticide/Herbicide

**methyl isothiocyanate**



**Common name:** methyl isothiocyanate (BSI, ISO-E, JMAF)

**Chemical names:**

methyl isothiocyanate (IUPAC)

isothiocyanatomethane (CA)

**Other names:** isothiocyanate de methyle (ISO-F); MIT.

**Trade names:** Trapex (Schering).

**Chemical family:** isothiocyanate

**Molecular formula:** C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NS

**Molecular weight:** 73.11

**CAS Registry Number:** 556-61-6

**Manufacturers:** Schering.

**Physical form:** Colourless crystals with a horseradish-like odour.

**Melting point:** 35-36°C.

**Boiling point:** 118-119°C (technical).

**Vapour pressure:** 2.7 kPa at 20°C.

**Specific gravity:** 1.069 at 37°C.

**Stability:** Unstable and reactive. Rapidly hydrolyzed by alkalis, more slowly in acidic and neutral solutions. Sensitive to oxygen and to light.

**Corrosiveness:** Corrosive to iron, zinc, and other metals.

**Solubility:** In water at 20°C, 7.6 g/l. Readily soluble in common organic solvents, such as ethanol, methanol, acetone, cyclohexanone, dichloromethane, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, benzene, xylene, petroleum ether, and mineral oils.

**Analysis of products:** By reaction with *n*-butylamine, followed by potentiometric titration (M. Ottvad et al. *Anal. Methods Pestic. Plant Growth Regul.* 1978, 10, 565-568). Details from Schering.

**Analysis of residues:** By GLC with FPD (G. J. Sirons *J. Assoc. Off. Anal. Chem.* 1973, 56, 41-43). See also M. Ottvad et al. (*Anal. Methods Pestic. Plant Growth Regul.* 1978, 10, 568-573). Details from Schering.

**Mode of action:** Soil fumigant.

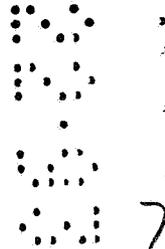
**Uses:** Multi-purpose soil fumigant for control of nematodes, soil fungi, soil insects, and weed seeds. Often used in combination with D-D (1,2-dichloropropane + 1,3-dichloropropene).

**Phytotoxicity:** Phytotoxic to all green plants.

**Formulation types:** Emulsifiable concentrate.

**Mixed formulations:** (methyl isothiocyanate +) D-D; D-D + chloropicrin. . . .

**Toxicity to mammals:** Acute oral LD50 for male rats 175, male mice 90 mg/kg. Acute percutaneous LD50 for rats 2780, male mice 1870 mg/kg. Strong irritant of skin and eyes. Rats receiving 30 mg/kg/day for 6 months showed no ill-effects.



## **methyl isothiocyanate**

**Toxicity to birds:** Acute oral LD50 for mallard ducks 136 mg/kg.

**Toxicity to fish:** LC50 (96 hours) for bluegill sunfish 0.13, rainbow trout 0.37, carp 0.37 mg/l.

**Toxicity to bees:** Not dangerous to bees when used as directed.

**Degradation and metabolism:**

**Environmental:** In damp soil, degradation and evaporation of the bulk of the substance occurs within 3 weeks at 18-20°C soil temperature, 4 weeks at 6-12°C, and 8 weeks at 0-6°C.

**Special precautions:** Wear respirator and polyethylene gloves and footwear, as methyl isothiocyanate can penetrate rubber.

**Antidotes and medical treatment:** No specific antidote known. Symptomatic treatment. If in eyes, flush immediately with water or, preferably, with 5% sodium bicarbonate solution, and obtain medical treatment (hydrocortisone eyedrops at half-hour intervals).

**Additional information:** Methyl isothiocyanate reacts with ammonia and amines; therefore manure and fresh dung reduce its activity.

