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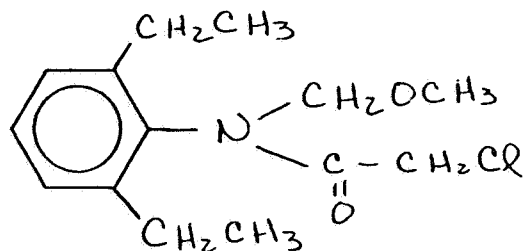
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Monsanto has submitted data in support of the registration of alachlor, a herbicide.

## 2.0 Lasso: Alachlor



2-chloro-2',6'-diethyl-N-(methoxymethyl)-acetanilide

## 3.0 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Aerial and Ground Applicator Exposure Studies with Lasso® Herbicide Under Actual Field Conditions. R. Lauer and D.D. Arras, Report No.: MSL-1889, October, 1981. EPA Acc No: 070591.

This study measured the worker exposure to alachlor during aerial and ground applications of the herbicide. The exposure to mixer/loader, pilot, and flagman was measured during aerial application while mixer/loader and applicator exposure to EC and granular formulations was measured during ground application. Ground application with the EC was followed by incorporation. Air concentrations [redacted] were also measured during all operations.

Inhalation and dermal exposures to alachlor were measured during all operations. Inhalation exposure was measured using high volume samplers fitted with PUF plugs and personal air monitoring pumps fitted with silica gel tubes. In addition exposure [redacted] by pumping air through charcoal sampling tubes. All inhalation exposure methods were in the vicinity of the worker's breathing zone.

Dermal exposure and the degree of protection afforded by protective clothing for each operation (mixing/loading, application/incorporation, and reentry) was measured by attaching two interlocked 12 ply 4x4 in surgical gauze pads to various body parts. Pads were backed with glassine paper and taped to clothing. Pads were located on top of head, forehead, shoulder, chest, back, thigh, right bicep, left forearm, and ankle on top of clothing and on right forearm, left bicep, and ankle under clothing (disposable coveralls). Dermal exposure to the hands was measured by analyzing levels in cotton knit gloves. Mixer/loaders in addition wore heavy natural latex rubber gloves. An example of a sample calculation to determine exposure levels is given in Figure 1.

Monsanto used the calculation model presented in the DER for triallate (J. Jensen, EFB, 3/27/81) for Lasso. This model assumed a 60 kg female applicator and that mixing/loading/application operations were performed by the same worker. For Lasso, the mixing/loading and application operations will be separated for aerial spraying. For ground application they can remain combined since the mixer/loader and applicator are usually the same person. In addition, a 70 kg male is assumed to be the farm worker. The 10% absorption value used by Monsanto will not be used by EFB. EFB defers to Tox Branch the determination of the dermal absorption value.

Soil samples were taken before and after application of alachlor and at the time of reentry to a depth of two inches.

Field and lab fortifications and blanks were run. Alachlor extraction was with nanograde acetone and further purified using column chromatography. Detection and quantitation was by GLC using a  $^{63}\text{Ni}$  electron capture detector. [redacted] and [redacted] quantitated using GLC equipped with flame ionization detector.

Method sensitivity: 0.005 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> for gauze pads, 0.012 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> for rubber and cotton gloves, 0.10 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> for PUF, 0.67 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> for silica gel, 0.10 ppm for a 50 g soil sample and 2.7 mg/m<sup>3</sup> for [redacted]

Figure 1.

SAMPLE CALCULATIONSA. Dermal: Aerial Applicator Exposure Tank-fill and Mix

1. Calculate the average  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{min}$  for forehead, chest, back and hands listed for tank fill (Table XXXIII).

Raw data $\mu\text{g}$ found ( $\text{cm}^2$ )	Exposure time (min)	$\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{min}$	Average $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{min}$
Forehead: 0.026	13.0	0.0020	
0.097	13.0	0.0075	0.00475
Chest : 7.040	13.0	0.5415	
2.315	13.0	0.1781	0.35980
Back : 0.031	13.0	0.0024	
0.070	13.0	0.0054	0.00390
Hands : 0.051	13.0	0.0039	
1.409	13.0	0.1084	0.0562

2. Multiply the average values times the appropriate skin surface area [skin areas: face =  $650 \text{ cm}^2$ ; back of neck =  $110 \text{ cm}^2$ ; front of neck and "V" of chest =  $150 \text{ cm}^2$  and hands =  $820 \text{ cm}^2$  (11, 14)] to get the average  $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$ . These were then totaled.

Location	Average $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2/\text{min}$	Skin area exposed ( $\text{cm}^2$ )	Average $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$
Forehead:	0.00475	650	3.088
Chest :	0.35980	150	53.970
Back :	0.00390	110	0.429
Hands :	0.05620	820	46.040
		Total	103.527

3. The totaled average  $\mu\text{g}/\text{min}$  (103.527) was multiplied by 60 min/hr to convert the number into an average exposure level ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{exposed area}/\text{hour}$ ).
- $$103.527 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{min}} \times 60 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{hr}} = 6,211.62 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{hr}}$$
4. The range was calculated by selecting the lowest and highest values from the forehead, back, chest pads and gloves listed in Table XXXIII, and carried through the calculations described in 1-3.
5. The time (in hours) for 100 acre application per airplane tank-fill was 0.2 (13 min  $\div$  60 = 0.2 hours)

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6. The unit dermal exposure per 100 acres treated was calculated on the basis of a 60 kg female operator (12).

$$6,211.62 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{0.2 \text{ hr}}{100 \text{ acre}} \div 60 \text{ kg} = 20.71 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}}$$

7. To calculate "Total Dermal Exposure", add values for airplane tank-fill and application (pilot).

$$20.71 + 5.38 = 26.09 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}}$$

8. Multiply this number by assumed 10% skin absorption rate.

$$26.06 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{kg bw/100 acres}} \times 0.1 = 2.61 \frac{\mu\text{g}}{\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}}$$

B. Inhalation: Aerial Applicator Exposure Tank-fill and Mix

1. Calculate the average  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  on polyurethane foam and silica gel (Table XXXIII).

<u>Sampling techniques</u>	<u>Raw data</u>		<u>Average <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math> found</u>
	<u>Rep 1</u>	<u>Rep 2</u>	
PUF.	6.04	10.32	7.02
	7.03	4.69	
Silica gel	14.46	39.08	26.04
	14.92	35.69	
Total Average			16.53 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

2. The time (in hours) for 100 acre application per airplane tank-fill was 0.2.

$$16.53 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \times 0.2 = 3.31 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{ for 100 acre application.}$$

3. A 1.5  $\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$  breathing rate is assumed (12).

$$3.31 \times 1.5 = 4.959 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{hr} \text{ for 100 acre application.}$$

4. Assuming a 60 kg female (12), the Unit Inhalation Exposure ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}$ ) was calculated.

$$4.959 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{hr} \div 60 \text{ kg} = 0.08 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}$$

5. To calculate "Total Inhalation Exposure" add values for airplane tank-fill and application (pilot).

$$0.08 + 0.23 = 0.31 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg bw/100 acres treated}$$

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6. 100% absorption was assumed.

### C. Total Body Dose Estimates

1. Add total dermal exposure (airplane tank-fill and pilot  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  bw/100 acres treated) to total inhalation exposure (airplane tank-fill and pilot  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  bw/100 acres treated) to get total body dose estimates for dermal and inhalation ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  bw/100 acres).

$$2.61 + 0.31 = 2.92 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg} \text{ bw}/100 \text{ acres treated}$$

2. To calculate total body dose for dermal and inhalation on  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  bw/pound applied, divide 2.92 by 300 lbs. (aerial application 300 lbs/100 acres).

$$2.92 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg} \text{ bw}/100 \text{ acres} \div 300 = 0.010 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg} \text{ bw}/\text{pound applied}$$

3. Repeat same procedure for other operations and formulation.

### 3.1.1 Aerial Applicator Exposure Study

The aerial applicator study was conducted near Fort Morgan, Colorado. The terrain is flat and heavily irrigated. Two 100 acre plots were treated with alachlor using a fixed-wing aircraft. The effective swath width was 80 ft. from a boom that was equipped with 70 whirl jet nozzles and 8 rain drop nozzles.

The mixing/loading procedure involved a two step operation. The first was the open pouring of 75 gal alachlor into a mix-tank to which was added 25 gal of water. This was followed by pumping the mix-tank contents into the airplane hopper to which another 200 gal of water were added. The application rate was 3 lb ai/acre. A flagman was used to mark successive passes.

#### Results of Aerial Applicator Study

In calculating dermal exposure values, it was assumed that the only exposed skin areas would be face, neck, and hands on the operator. For both dermal and respiratory exposure, the following exposure trend resulted: flagman > tank-fill operator > pilot. The tank-fill operation resulted in the highest levels [REDACTED] Results are shown in Table XLVIII-LIV. As is expected, dermal exposure contributes more to total exposure than does inhalation exposure.

EFB believes that the mixer/loader and applicator exposures should be separately considered and not combined as Monsanto has done. Most pilots do not mix/load pesticides into their aircraft. In addition EFB believes the worker would most likely be a 70 kg male rather than a 60 kg female. Recalculated values are in Table 1.

### 3.1.2 Ground Application Exposure Study

The ground applicator exposure study was done in south central Illinois in an area where corn and soybeans are grown. The application equipment consisted of a closed-cab tractor. The boom nozzles were about 20 in high mounted to the front frame of the disc. Tillage depth was 2.5-4 inches depending on equipment.

The spray solution was made partially filling the mix tank with water and then adding 2 five gal cans of herbicide. Additional water was added to obtain proper dilution. The effective application rate was 4 lb ai/acre. In addition



to the open-pouring tank fill, tank fills using a probe transfer system were used. The concentrate was added to the mix tank through tubing inserted into open parts on the tank.

Granules were applied using a granular applicator attached to the rear of an 8 row model 400 international cyclo planter. The effective application rate was 1.2 lb ai/acre. Hopper fill was accomplished by open pouring of bags of alachlor granules.

#### Results of the Ground Applicator Study

Two studies were conducted, one using the EC formulation and one with the granular formulation. A simulation of an open-cab tractor driver was attempted by placing a "pseudo-operator" on the outside of a closed-cab tractor by the back window. The operator was covered with dirt and any residue levels were considered to be unrealistic and not used in final calculations. [REDACTED] below TLV of 350 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. These results are found in Tables XLVIII-LIV. Recalculated values are in Table 1.

The use of probe-type transfer systems on 5 gal and 55 gal drums reduced the exposure somewhat. This was not a completely closed transfer system. These results are in Table LII and in Table 2.

#### 3.1.3 Soil and Reentry Studies and Efficacy of Protective Gloves

Thirty minute walk-through experiments on treated fields were conducted to determine possible exposures upon re-entry. Results are shown in Tables XXXIX, XL, XLIV and XLV. Levels of alachlor were below limits of detection when granules were applied. Very low levels were noted in the re-entry experiments using EC formulations.

Soil analysis from fields treated with alachlor to verify application rates showed that amounts found were less than amounts theoretically applied (Table XLVIII A). Two explanations are given: loss through evaporation and/or non-homogeneous incorporation. The conversion factor 2.5 ppm alachlor is 1.0 lb/acre in two inches of soil was used.

As a part of the study, the protective value of gloves was determined. A comparison of the levels found in cotton gloves (hand exposure) worn under the rubber gloves indicates that at least two orders of magnitude higher deposition on rubber gloves when compared to cotton gloves (Table LV).

Conclusions

Tables 1 and 2 summarize the results obtained by Monsanto for applicator exposure with the changes incorporated by EFB. The major differences in the calculation are that (1) EFB used a 70 kg person (male) as the worker rather than a 60 kg female and (2) mixer/loader and applicator exposures were kept separated rather than combined for the aerial applicator exposure study. In addition the 10% skin absorption factor was not used by EFB in its calculation. EFB defers to Tox Branch the assignment of a dermal absorption value and recommends that Tox Branch use the recalculated EFB values in its risk assessment determination.

This is a well planned and executed study which provides valuable data on exposure to applicators, effectiveness of protective clothing and equipment, and re-entry data. In addition the use of two formulation types (EC and granular) indicates that the use of granular results in lower dermal exposures in all phases of the ground application, respiratory exposure is higher for the mixer/loader.

EFB also defers to Tox Branch the determination of the toxicological significance of [REDACTED]

Table 1. Summary of Recalculated Potential Worker Exposure Estimates to Alachlor<sup>1/</sup>

Aerial and Ground Application: Open Pouring (Unit: ug/kg bw/day).

	<u>Dermal Exposure</u>	<u>Respiratory Exposure</u>	<u>Total Exposure</u>	<u>Exposure</u>
<u>Aerial Application (EC)</u>				
Mixer/Loader	17.8	0.07	17.9	41.7
Pilot	4.6	0.2	4.8	ND <sup>3/</sup>
Flagman	1.1	181.9	183.	ND
<u>Ground Application (EC)</u>				
Mixer/Loader	96.	0.16	96.2	101.0
Applicator/Inc	18.1	0.16	18.3	168.4
Combined	114.1	0.32	114.4	269.4
<u>Ground Application (Granular)</u>				
Mixer/Loader	18.4	1.8	20.2	
Applicator/Inc	ND	0.17	0.17	
Combined	18.4	2	20.4	

1/ Assume: 100% absorption for respiratory and dermal absorption; 70 kg male



3/ ND: non-detectable

Table 2. Summary of Recalculated Potential Worker Exposure Estimates to Alachlor

Ground Application: Probe Transfer System (Unit: ug/kg bw/day)

	<u>Dermal Exposure</u>	<u>Respiratory Exposure</u>	<u>Total Exposure</u>
<u>5 gal probe</u>			
Mixer/Loader	24.9	0.09	25.
Applicator/Inc	18.1	0.16	18.3
Combined	43.0	0.25	43.3
<u>55 gal probe</u>			
Mixer/Loader	48.0	0.18	48.2
Applicator/Inc	18.1	0.16	18.3
Combined	66.1	0.34	66.4

Table XLVIII

Total Body Dose Estimates

Combined Inhalation & Dermal Exposure

Operation	1 Unit Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,2</sup>	2 Total Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,2</sup>	3 Total Daily Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,4</sup> 100% Absorption Assumed	4 Unit Dermal Exposure <sup>1,5</sup>	5 Total Dermal Exposure <sup>1,5</sup>	6 Total Daily Dermal Exposure <sup>1,6</sup> 10% Absorption Assumed	7 Total Body Dose Dermal & Inhalation (ug/kg bw/100 acres) <sup>7</sup>	8 Total Body Dose Dermal & Inhalation (ug/kg bw/pound applied) <sup>7</sup>
Tank Fill (airplane)	0.08			20.71				
Application (pilot)	0.25	0.51	0.51	5.38	26.09	2.61	2.92	0.010
Application (flag-man)	1.51	1.51	1.51	211.47	211.47	21.15	22.46	0.075
Tank Fill (tractor)	0.19			111.61				
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	0.19	0.58	0.58	21.00	132.61	13.26	13.64	0.034
Hopper Fill (planter)	2.11			21.41				
Application (inside cab)	0.20	2.51	2.51	M.D.	21.41	2.14	4.45	0.011

1 ug/kg bw/acres treated (refer to footnotes in tables 49 and 50 for explanation of assumptions used).

2 Unit Inhalation values are from table 49, column 5.

3 Additive total of tankfill values and application values.

4 Column 2 multiplied by absorption rate.

5 Unit dermal exposure values are from table 50, column 5.

6 Column 5 multiplied by absorption rate.

7 Additive total of columns 3 and 6.

8 Aerial application calculated at 300 lbs/100 acres; ground application calculated at 400 lbs/100 acres.

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Table XLIX

Applicator Exposure to Alachlor Through Inhalation

Operation	1 Average Exposure Level (ug/M <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>	2 Range (ug/M <sup>3</sup> )	3 Number of Samples	4 Time (in hours) for 100 acre application	5 Unit Inhalation Exposure (ug/kg bw/100 acres treated)
Tank Fill (airplane)	16.53	4.7-39.1	8	0.2	0.08
Application (pilot)	13.14	7.5-17.1	4	0.7	0.23
Application (flag-man)	130.50	96.5-168.9	4	0.4	1.31
Tank Fill (tractor)	6.80	1.9-20.4	8	1.1	0.19
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	1.30	1.1-1.40	4	5.7	0.19
Hopper Fill (planter)	64.85	1.4-193.0	8	1.3	2.11
Application (inside cab)	0.80	0.6-1.0	4	10.0	0.20

1 Inside tractor cab air concentration values were used for application/incorporation operations.  
 2 A 60 kg female body weight is assumed; a 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr breathing rate is assumed.  
 3 Multiply the value in column 1 by column 4, then multiply by 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr, and then divide by 60 kg.

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Table I.

Applicator Exposure to Alachlor Via Dermal Deposition

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Unit Dermal Exposure  
(ug/kg bw/100 acres treated)

4  
Time (in hours) for  
100 acre application

3  
Number of  
Samples

2  
Range<sup>1,5</sup>

1  
Average  
Exposure Level

Operation	Average Exposure Level	Range <sup>1,5</sup>	Number of Samples	Time (in hours) for 100 acre application	Unit Dermal Exposure (ug/kg bw/100 acres treated)
Tank Fill (airplane)	6,212	1,889-10,535	2	0.2	20.71
Application (pilot)	461	325-591	2	0.7	5.38
Application (flag-man)	31,721	9,985-53,552	2	0.4	211.47
Tank Fill (tractor)	6,088	2,004-10,173	2	1.1	111.61
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	221	44-398	2	5.7	21.00
Hopper Fill (planter)	988	264-1,711	2	1.3	21.41
Application (inside cab)	N.D.	N.D.	2	10.0	N.D.

1. ug/exposed area.  
2. The pads located on the forehead and back of neck, and the gloves were considered representative of the exposed skin on the face, back of neck, "v" of the chest and hands.  
3. It is assumed that a long-sleeved shirt is worn. front of neck and "v" of chest = 110 cm<sup>2</sup>; back of neck = 650 cm<sup>2</sup>; face = 820 cm<sup>2</sup>. Based on W. J. Hays, Toxicology of Pesticides and Durham and Wolfe, Bull. Who 26, 75-91 (1962).  
4. Exposed areas: hands = 820 cm<sup>2</sup>.  
5. Range: lowest and highest values from forehead, back, chest pads and hand gloves, divided by exposure time (minutes), multiplied by 60 min/hr, multiplied by the appropriate surface areas listed in footnote 4.  
6. A 60 kg body weight is assumed.  
7. Multiply column 1 by column 4, then divide by 60 kg body weight.

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Table LI

Applicator Exposure to [REDACTED]

1	2	3	4	5	
Operation	Average Exposure Level (ug/M <sup>3</sup> )	Range (ug/M <sup>3</sup> )	Number of Samples	Time (in hours) for 100 acre application	Unit Inhalation Exposure (ug/kg bw/100 acres treated) <sup>2,3</sup>
Tank Fill (airplane)	9,691	8,033-12,424	4	0.2	48.46
Application (pilot)	N.D.	N.D.	4	0.7	N.D.
Application (flag-man)	N.D.	N.D.	4	0.4	N.D.
Tank Fill (open pour)	6,408	4,651-9,177	4	1.1	117.48
Tank Fill (5 gal. probe)	N.D.	N.D.	4	1.1	N.D.
Tank Fill (55 gal. probe)	11,102	7,142-16,650	4	0.9	166.53
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	1,375	1,239-1,525	4	5.7	195.87

1 Inside tractor cab air concentration values were used for application/incorporation operations.  
 2 A 60 kg female body weight is assumed; a 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr breathing rate is assumed.  
 3 Multiply the value in column 1 by column 4, then multiply by 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr, and then divide by 60 kg.

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Table LII

Total Body Dose Estimates

Combined Inhalation & Dermal Exposure

Operation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Unit Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,2</sup>	Total Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,4</sup>	Total Daily Inhalation Exposure <sup>1,4</sup> 100% Absorption Assumed	Unit Dermal Exposure <sup>1,5</sup>	Total Dermal Exposure <sup>1,5</sup>	Total Daily Dermal Exposure <sup>1,6</sup> 10% Absorption Assumed	Total Body Dose Dermal & Inhalation (ug/kg bw/100 acres) <sup>7</sup>	Total Body Dose Dermal & Inhalation (ug/kg bw/pound apple) <sup>1</sup>
Tank Fill (5 gal. probe)	0.11			28.93				
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	0.19	0.30	0.30	21.00	49.93	4.99	5.29	0.013
Tank Fill (55 gal. probe)	0.21			55.83				
Application/Inc. (inside cab)	0.19	0.40	0.40	21.00	76.83	7.68	8.08	0.020

1. ug/kg bw/acre treated (refer to footnotes in tables 53 and 54 for explanation of assumptions used).  
 2. Unit inhalation values are from table 53, column 5.  
 3. Additive total of tankfill values and application values.  
 4. Column 2 multiplied by absorption rate.  
 5. Unit dermal exposure values are from table 54, column 5.  
 6. Column 5 multiplied by absorption rate.  
 7. Additive total of columns 5 and 6.  
 8. Application calculated at 400 lbs/100 acres.

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Table LIII  
 Applicator Exposure to Alachlor Through Inhalation

1	2	3	4	5	
Operation	Average Exposure Level (ug/M <sup>3</sup> )	Range (ug/M <sup>3</sup> )	Number of Samples	Time (in hours) for 100 acre application	Unit Inhalation Exposure (ug/kg bw/100 acres treated) <sup>1,2</sup>
Tank Fill (5 gal. probe)	3.83	1.2-9.1	8	1.1	0.11
Tank Fill (55 gal. probe)	9.34	3.0-28.5	8	0.9	0.21

1. A 60 kg female body weight is assumed; a 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr breathing rate is assumed.  
 2. Multiply the value in column 1 by column 4, then multiply by 1.5 M<sup>3</sup>/hr, and then divide by 60 kg.

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Table LIV  
 Applicator Exposure to Alachlor Via Dermal Deposition

Operation	Average Exposure Level		Number of Samples	Time (in hours) for 100 acre application	Unit Dermal Exposure (ug/kg bw/100 acres treated)
	1,2,3,4	Range			
Tank Fill (5 gal. probe)	1,578	114-3,042	2	1.1	28.93
Tank Fill (55 gal. probe)	3,722	1,843-5,595	2	0.9	55.83

1. µg/exposed area.
2. The pads located on the forehead and back of neck and the gloves were considered representative of the exposed skin on the face, back of neck and "V" of the chest and hands.
3. It is assumed that a long-sleeved shirt is worn.
4. Exposed areas: face = 650 cm<sup>2</sup>; back of neck = 110 cm<sup>2</sup>; front of neck and "V" of chest = 150 cm<sup>2</sup>; hands = 820 cm<sup>2</sup>. Based on W. J. Hayse, Toxicology of Pesticides and Durham and Wolfe, Bull. Who 26, 75-91 (1962).
5. Range: lowest and highest values from forehead, back, chest pads and hand gloves, divided by exposure time (minutes), multiplied by 60 min/hr, multiplied by the appropriate surface areas listed in footnote 4.
6. A 60 kg body weight is assumed.
7. Multiply column 1 by column 4, then divide by 60 kg body weight.

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Table LV  
MEASURED DEPOSITION OF ALACHLOR  
ON THE SURFACE OF PROTECTIVE RUBBER GLOVES  
DURING TANK FILLS USING GROUND BASED EQUIPMENT

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Total ug Found</u>	<u>ug/cm<sup>2</sup></u>
Lasso EC open pour tank fill	39,987.66	48.77
Lasso EC open pour tank fill	16,861.66	20.56
Lasso EC 55 gal probe transfer	18,475.62	22.53
Lasso EC 55 gal probe transfer	10,195.15	12.43
Lasso EC 5 gal probe transfer	26,932.57	32.84
Lasso EC 5 gal probe transfer	35,003.34	42.69
Lasso II hopper fill	98.60	0.12
Lasso II hopper fill	75.75	0.09

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FIELD RE-ENTRY (REP-1) GROUND APPLICATOR EXPOSURE

AFTER

LASSO EC APPLICATION

3 D.A.T.                      7 D.A.T.

12 NE                      12 NNW  
 50%                      89%  
 17                      10  
 30                      30

SAMPLING CONDITIONS

Wind (mph-direction):  
 Humidity:  
 Air Temperature (°C):  
 Sampling Time (min):

Measured Concentration of Alachlor in Air (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

(silica gel)

<0.67<sup>1</sup>  
 <0.67<sup>1</sup>

Measured Concentration

(charcoal)

<2,667.0<sup>2</sup>  
 <2,667.0<sup>2</sup>

Dermal Deposition of Alachlor (ug/cm<sup>2</sup>)

- Hands:
- Head:
- Forehead:
- Shoulder:
- Chest:
- Back:
- Thigh:
- Forearm (under):
- Forearm (outer):
- Bicep (under):
- Bicep (outer):
- Ankle (under):
- Ankle (outer):

0.013                      <0.012  
 <0.005                      <0.005  
 0.010                      <0.005  
 0.007                      <0.005  
 0.005                      <0.005  
 0.012                      <0.005  
 0.019                      <0.005  
 0.008                      <0.005  
 <0.005                      <0.005  
 <0.005                      <0.005  
 <0.005                      <0.005  
 0.091                      <0.005  
 0.007                      0.005

1 Based on 0.10 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.  
 2 Based on 200 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.

Table XL

FIELD RE-ENTRY (REP-2) GROUND APPLICATION EXPOSURE

AFTER

LASSO EC APPLICATION

1 D.A.T.                      4 D.A.T.  
 5 S                              12 NNW  
 58%                             89%  
 18                                10  
 30                                30

SAMPLING CONDITIONS

Wind (mph-direction):  
 Humidity:  
 Air Temperature (°C):  
 Sampling Time (min):

Measured Concentration of  
 Alachlor in Air (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

(silica gel)

<0.67<sup>1</sup>  
 <0.67<sup>1</sup>

Measured Concentration of

(charcoal)

1.07                              <0.67<sup>1</sup>  
 1.07                              <0.67<sup>1</sup>  
 (2,667.0<sup>2</sup>)                      (2,667.0<sup>2</sup>)  
 (2,667.0<sup>2</sup>)                      (2,667.0<sup>2</sup>)

Dermal Deposition of  
 Alachlor (ug/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Hands:  
 Head:  
 Forehead:  
 Shoulder:  
 Chest:  
 Back:  
 Thigh:  
 Forearm (under):  
 Forearm (outer):  
 Bicep (under):  
 Bicep (outer):  
 Ankle (under):  
 Ankle (outer):

<0.012                              <0.012  
 <0.005                              <0.005  
 <0.005                              <0.005  
 <0.005                              <0.005  
 <0.005                              <0.005  
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 <0.005                              <0.005  
 <0.005                              <0.005  
 0.017                                <0.005  
 0.012                                <0.005

<sup>1</sup> Based on 0.10 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.  
<sup>2</sup> Based on 200 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.

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Table XLIV

FIELD RE-ENTRY (REP-1) GROUND APPLICATOR EXPOSURE

AFTER

LASSO II GRANULES APPLICATION

	<u>1 D.A.T.</u>	<u>3 D.A.T.</u>	<u>7 D.A.T.</u>
Wind (mph-direction):	3 S	10 SW	23 SW
Humidity:	78%	56%	49%
Air Temperature (°C):	24	35	35
Sampling Time (min):	30	30	30

SAMPLING CONDITIONS

Measured Concentration of Alachlor in Air (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

(silica gel)	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>
	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>

Dermal Deposition of Alachlor (ug/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Hands:	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012
Head:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forehead:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Shoulder:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Chest:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Back:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Thigh:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forearm (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forearm (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Bicep (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Bicep (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Ankle (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Ankle (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005

<sup>1</sup> Based on 0.10 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.

Table O.V

FIELD RE-ENTRY (REP-2) GROUND APPLICATOR EXPOSURE

AFTER

LASSO II GRANULES APPLICATION

	1 D.A.T.	3 D.A.T.	7 D.A.T.
Wind (mph-direction):	3 S	10 SW	23 SW
Humidity:	78%	56%	49%
Air Temperature (°C):	24	35	35
Sampling Time (min):	30	30	30

SAMPLING CONDITIONS

Measured Concentration of Alachlor in Air (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

(silica gel)	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>
	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>	<0.67 <sup>1</sup>

Dermal Deposition of Alachlor (ug/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Hands:	<0.012	<0.012	<0.012
Head:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forehead:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Shoulder:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Chest:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Back:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Thigh:	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forearm (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Forearm (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Bicep (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Bicep (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Ankle (under):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Ankle (outer):	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005

<sup>1</sup> Based on 0.10 ug sensitivity and volume of air sampled.

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SOIL ANALYSIS FROM LASSO APPLICATOR EXPOSURE STUDY

Rep no.	Type of Sample	Herbicide Applied	Rate (lbs/A)	% Moisture	PPM Found	PPM Corrected for H <sub>2</sub> O and Av. Rec.	lbs./Found
1	check	none	0.0	1.9	----	----	----
1	check	none	0.0	1.9	----	----	----
1	aerial app.	Lasso EC	3.0	1.9	1.04	1.15	0.46
1	aerial app.	Lasso EC	3.0	1.9	0.98	1.09	0.44
2	check	none	0.0	2.4	----	----	----
2	check	none	0.0	2.4	----	----	----
2	aerial app.	Lasso EC	3.0	1.4	2.18	2.40	0.96
2	aerial app.	Lasso EC	3.0	1.4	2.06	2.27	0.91
1	check	none	0.0	2.8	----	----	----
1	check	none	0.0	2.8	----	----	----
1	ground app.	Lasso EC	4.0	2.4	3.25	3.63	1.45
1	ground app.	Lasso EC	4.0	2.4	2.44	2.72	1.09
1	3 DAT	none	0.0	2.6	not		
1	3 DAT	none	0.0	2.6	analyzed		
1	7 DAT	none	0.0	2.3	3.20	3.56	1.42
1	7 DAT	none	0.0	2.3	3.04	3.38	1.35
2	check	none	0.0	2.2	0.10	0.11	0.04
2	check	none	0.0	2.2	0.10	0.11	0.04
2	ground app.	Lasso EC	4.0	2.4	2.73	3.04	1.22
2	ground app.	Lasso EC	4.0	2.4	2.76	3.07	1.23
2	1 DAT	none	0.0	2.0	4.77	5.29	2.1
2	1 DAT	none	0.0	2.0	5.11	5.67	2.27
2	4 DAT	none	0.0	2.4	1.32	1.47	0.59
2	4 DAT	none	0.0	2.4	1.38	1.54	0.62
1	check	none	0.0	1.8	0.11	0.12	0.05
1	check	none	0.0	1.8	----	----	----
1	ground app.	Lasso II	4.0	1.7	7.74	8.56	3.42
1	ground app.	Lasso II	4.0	1.7	6.97	7.71	3.08
1	1 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	5.74	6.33	2.53
1	1 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	5.83	6.43	2.57
1	3 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	4.60	5.08	2.03
1	3 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	5.78	6.38	2.55
1	7 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	8.01	8.84	3.54
1	7 DAT	none	0.0	1.5	7.90	8.72	3.49
2	check	none	0.0	1.8	0.11	0.12	0.05
2	check	none	0.0	1.8	----	----	----
2	ground app.	Lasso II	4.0	1.7	8.40	9.29	3.72
2	ground app.	Lasso II	4.0	1.7	7.65	8.46	3.39
2	1 DAT	none	0.0	2.0	3.92	4.35	1.74
2	1 DAT	none	0.0	2.0	lost		
2	3 DAT	none	0.0	1.6	5.21	5.76	2.30
2	3 DAT	none	0.0	1.6	4.63	5.11	2.04
2	7 DAT	none	0.0	1.3	4.44	4.89	1.96
2	7 DAT	none	0.0	1.3	4.77	5.25	2.10

---- indicates less than 0.10 PPM.  
 DAT indicates days after treatment.  
 PPM's are corrected for 92% average recovery.

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Table LV  
MEASURED DEPOSITION OF ALACHLOR  
ON THE SURFACE OF PROTECTIVE RUBBER GLOVES  
DURING TANK FILLS USING GROUND BASED EQUIPMENT

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Total ug Found</u>	<u>ug/cm<sup>2</sup></u>
Lasso EC open pour tank fill	39,987.66	48.77
Lasso EC open pour tank fill	16,861.66	20.56
Lasso EC 55 gal probe transfer	18,475.62	22.53
Lasso EC 55 gal probe transfer	10,175.15	12.43
Lasso EC 5 gal probe transfer	26,932.57	32.84
Lasso EC 5 gal probe transfer	35,003.34	42.69
Lasso II hopper fill	98.60	0.12
Lasso II hopper fill	75.75	0.09

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- 3.2 Dermal Absorption Studies. Report compiled by R.W. Street, Report No. MSL-1983.

EFB does not review dermal absorption studies.

- 3.3 Glove Penetration Studies. Report compiled by R.W. Street, Jan. 5, 1982, Parts 1 and 2, Acc No 070593.

- 3.3.1 Part 1. Alachlor Penetration Study Through Rubber Gloves, R. Lauer and S. Dubelman, Aug. 1981, Report No. MSL-1806

The permeation cells used are similar to those developed for the ASTM standard permeation test method. The procedure measures the time required for initial breakthrough and then the rate of penetration of the chemical (alachlor) through the membrane. One chamber of the cell contains the chemical and the other the sampling solution which is withdrawn and analyzed for residue levels. The chambers are separated from each other by the membrane to be tested. Residue levels of the alachlor in this study that permeated various glove materials was determined by GC using Ni<sup>63</sup> electron capture detector. Figure 9 provides a sketch of the permeation cell; Table 10 lists the various gloves materials tested.

The method used simulates worst case conditions which are equivalent to holding a hand in glove in constant contact with alachlor for 24 hr. Tables 1-8 show the breakthrough times for the gloves tested. Only one glove offered complete and continuous protection; these give adequate protection; and four had low breakthrough times.

#### Conclusion

This is an ancillary study and not required as a condition of registration.

With the development of the ASTM method for determination of breakthrough times and permeation rates, EFB is supportive of a continuation of this type of work by registrants to determine efficacy of protective clothing and equipment.

FIGURE 9

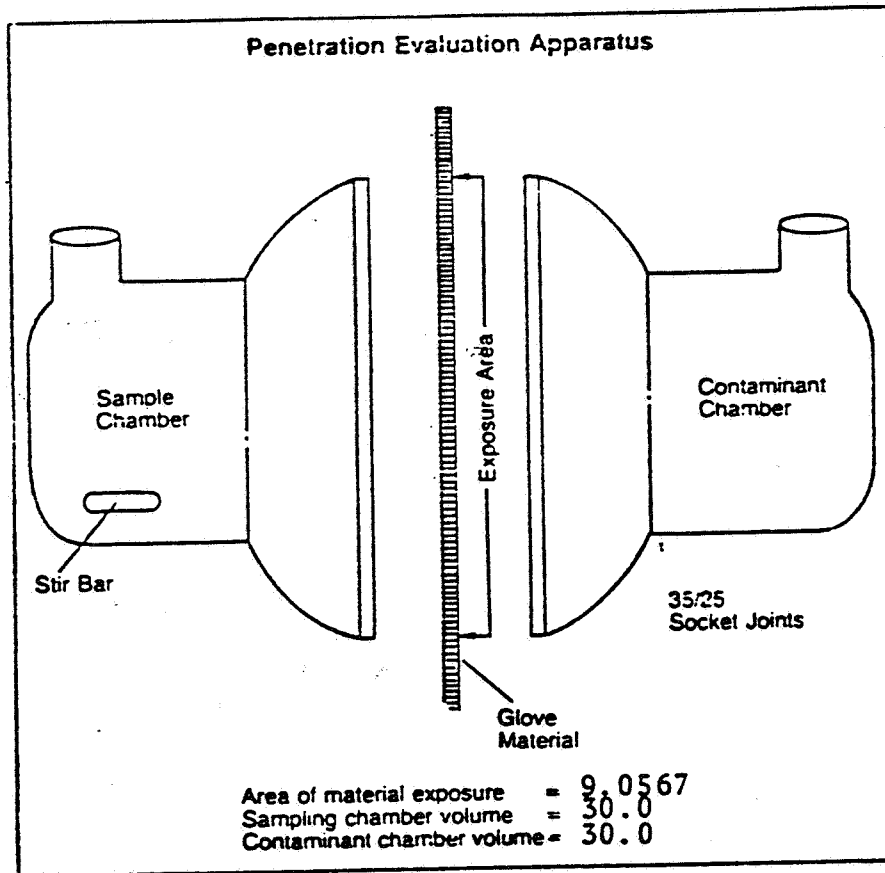


TABLE 10

GLOVE MATERIAL

1. Norton Viton Gloves:  
Cat. No. F-121; 12 Mils; 11" length;  
Size 10
2. Norton Nitrile Latex Gloves:  
Cat. No. LA-256-EB; 25 Mils; 18" length;  
Size 10
3. Norton Butyl Rubber Gloves:  
Cat. No. B-147; 14" Length; Size 10
4. Fisher (brand) Natural Rubber Gloves:  
Cat. No. 11-394-30B; 46 Mils; extra-heavy  
smooth finish
5. Edmont<sup>®</sup> Neoprene Unsupported Line Gloves:  
Cat. No. 29-840; 15 Mils; 11" length;  
Size 10
6. Edmont<sup>®</sup> Sol-Vex Unsupported Solvent Resistant  
Gloves:  
Cat. No. 37-145; 11 Mils; 12" length;  
Size 10
7. Surety Natural Rubber Latex Gloves  
Cat. No. 30-242T; 17 Mils; 12" length;  
Size 10
8. Surety Sureseal Milled Nitrile Gloves:  
Cat. No. 10-116R; 10 Mils; 11" length;  
Size 10

TABLE I

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Norton Viton Glove	12	0.5	No	--	--
		1.0	No	--	--
		2.0	No	--	--
		4.0	No	--	--
		6.0	No	--	--
		24.0	No	--	0.20

-- <0.005 µg/cm<sup>2</sup> (sensitivity limit)

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TABLE 2

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Norton Nitrile Latex Glove	25	0.5	No	--	--
		1.0	No	--	--
		2.0	No	--	--
		4.0	No	--	--
		6.0	swelling	--	42.01
		24.0	swelling	0.64	252.62

-- <0.005 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>

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TABLE 3

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Norton Butyl Rubber Glove		0.5	No	--	--
		1.0	No	--	1.70
		2.0	No	--	2.15
		4.0	No	--	3.88
		6.0	swelling	--	76.14
		24.0	swelling	21.04	320.08

— <0.005 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>

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TABLE 4

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Fisher (brand) Natural Rubber Glove (extra-heavy)	46	0.5	No	--	--
		1.0	No	--	0.26
		2.0	No	--	1.50
		4.0	swelling	--	76.08
		6.0	swelling	--	199.53
		24.0	swelling	96.03	398.61

-- <0.005  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

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TABLE 5

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Neoprene unsupported Line Glove	19	0.5	No	--	--
		1.0	No	--	11.99
		2.0	swelling	--	129.25
		4.0	swelling	--	308.20
		6.0	loss of shape.	0.59	507.53
		24.0	loss of shape	173.52	1050.20

-- <0.005  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

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TABLE 6

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Surety Natural Rubber Latex Glove	17	0.5	No	--	25.86
		1.0	swelling	--	96.25
		2.0	swelling	0.52	272.80
		4.0	loss of shape	29.60	496.34
		6.0	loss of shape	124.10	721.31
		24.0	loss of shape	430.86	986.30

-- <0.005  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$

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TABLE 7

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Surety sureseal milled nitrile glove	10	0.5	No	--	0.30
		1.0	No	--	0.82
		2.0	swelling	--	62.82
		4.0	swelling	--	279.10
		6.0	loss of shape	--	491.56
		24.0	loss of shape	178.80	1370.77

-- <0.05 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>

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TABLE 8

Penetration of Alachlor through Rubber Gloves

Material	Thickness Mils	Sampling Time	Physical Change	Microgr./cm <sup>2</sup>	
				Spray Tank (conc.)	Lasso EC Formu- lation
Sol-Vex unsupported solvent resistant glove	11	0.5	No	--	0.02
		1.0	No	--	0.27
		2.0	swelling	--	35.91
		4.0	swelling	--	242.10
		6.0	loss of shape	--	469.17
		24.0	loss of shape	1.25	22716.62

-- <0.005 µg/cm<sup>2</sup>

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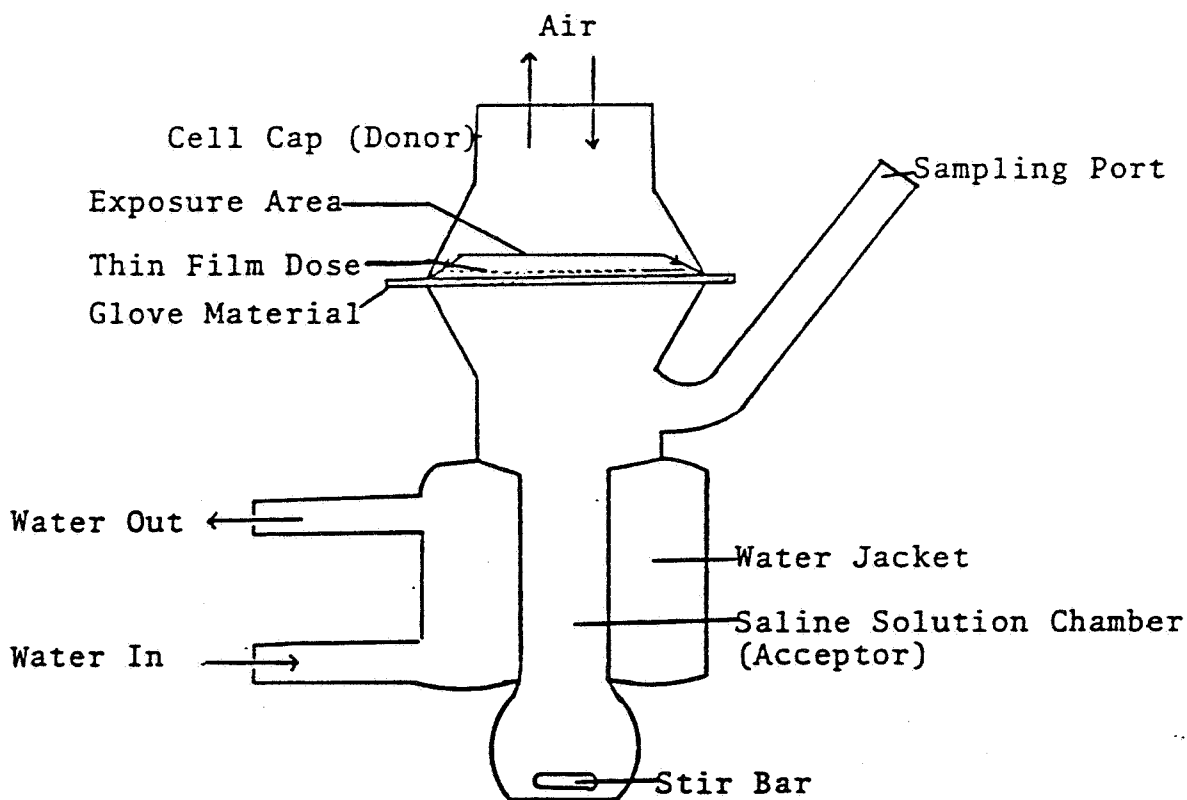
3.3.2 Part 2, Permeation of Protective Glove Materials by Lasso® EC Herbicide, C.C. Ting and J.W. Worley, 1981, Report No. MSL-1907.

The previous study (Part 1) employed the constant contact (infinite dose) technique while this study uses a "finite dose" technique while this study uses a "finite dose" technique which is believed to simulate reality to a greater degree than the infinite dose way. This technique places the pesticide on top of the membrane. This side is kept open to the atmosphere to allow for possible evaporation. A sketch of the apparatus is in Figure 2. Residues were analyzed using HPLC techniques. Table II lists the glove materials tested. The results are summarized in Table III for both finite and infinite methods. Apparently this technique indicates that gloves provide about 10X more protection than indicated by the infinite dose test method.

Conclusions

This is an ancillary study as well that provides valuable data concerning the effectiveness of protective clothing tested under possibly more realistic conditions.

Figure 2. Configurations of Permeation Cells for "Finite Dose" Technique



Area of material exposure = 3.93 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Acceptor chamber volume = 16.5 ml

TABLE II. Glove Materials Employed for Permeation Investigation

<u>No.</u>	<u>Glove Material</u>	<u>Catalogue No.</u>	<u>Thickness (mm)<sup>a</sup></u>
1.	Norton Viton Gloves	F-121	0.030
2.	Norton Nitrile Latex Gloves	LA-256-EB	0.059
3.	Norton Butyl Rubber Gloves	B-147	0.037
4.	Fisher (brand) Natural Rubber (extra heavy) Gloves	11-394-30B	0.11
5.	Edmont® Neoprene Unsupported Line Gloves	29-875	0.040
6.	Edmont® Sol-Vex (Nitrile Butyl Rubber) Unsupported	37-185	0.054
7.	Surety Natural Rubber Latex Gloves	30-242T	0.033
8.	Surety Sureseal Milled Nitrile Gloves	10-116R	0.034

<sup>a</sup>Based on average of three measurements by arbitrary selection of the gloves.



II. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Permeation experimental results of undiluted Lasso® EC and Spray Tank Mix using both "infinite dose" and "finite dose" techniques are summarized below.

	Infinite Dose				Finite Dose			
	Lasso EC		Lasso EC Spray Tank Mix		Lasso EC		Lasso EC Spray Tank M	
	(Breakthrough Time, HR)				(Breakthrough)			
Glove Material	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	██████████ Alachlor	
Norton Viton	>48	>48	>48	>48	NO	NO	NO	NO
Norton Nitrile	4.0	6.0	20	24	NO	NO	NO	NO
Norton Butyl Rubber	3.8	4.0	16	20	NO	NO	NO	NO
Percher Natural Rubber	2.0	3.5	5.5	10	D2 <sup>a</sup>	D2 <sup>a</sup>	NO	NO
Edmont Neoprene	0.5	1.0	4.6	6.0	D2 <sup>a</sup>	D2 <sup>a</sup>	NO	NO
Edmont Sol-Vex	3.8	4.0	24	>34	NO	NO	NO	NO
Surety Natural Rubber	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.0	D1 <sup>b</sup>	D1 <sup>b</sup>	NO	D1 <sup>b</sup>
Surety Milled Nitrile	1.0	1.0	6.0	8.0	NO	NO	NO	NO

<sup>a</sup> Permeation breakthrough was observed on the second day application.  
<sup>b</sup> Permeation breakthrough was observed on the first day application.

The results for alachlor breakthrough by the infinite dose procedure agree closely with those reported by Lauer and Dubelman. In addition, breakthrough of ██████████ always faster than alachlor. That ██████████ serve as a "carrier" of alachlor is indicated by results from the "finite dose" technique.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Exposures to both ground and aerial applicators are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.
- Granular formulation of alachlor result in lower exposures than EC formulations.
- Mixer/loaders face potentially higher exposures than applicators.
- Mechanical transfer systems help reduce exposures.
- Protective clothing is a factor in reducing exposure (for example, gloves).
- Use of standard test methods may indicate effectiveness of protective clothing materials.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- EFB believes the exposure studies to be scientifically valid and provide useful data to be used in determining appropriate protective clothing.
- EFB defers to Tox Branch:
  - 1) The determination of the risk assessment using the recalculated exposure values in Tables 1 and 2; and
  - 2) The determination of the possible toxicological significance of the exposures to the formulation solvent, [REDACTED]
- The two ancillary studies on glove permeation provide interesting results concerning the "protectiveness" of protective clothing. What methodologies are developed and accepted to determine breakthrough times, permeation, and penetrations may have significant influence upon the wording of precautionary statements found on the label.

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