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DATA EVALUATION RECORD

1. CHEMICAL: Triclopyr Triethylamine
Shaughnessey No. 116002
2. TEST MATERIAL: Triclopyr OCR-544-82F; 64.7% ($\pm 2\%$) active
ingredient (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyloxyacetic acid). 116002
3. STUDY TYPE: Freshwater Fish and Invertebrate Static Acute
Toxicity Test. Species Tested: Bluegill Sunfish (Lepomis
macrochirus), Fathead Minnow (Pimephales promelas), Rainbow
Trout (Salmo gairdneri), and Daphnia magna. 72-
4. CITATION: McCarty, W.M. and H.C. Alexander. 1978.
Toxicity of Triclopyr, Triethylamine Salt, to Freshwater
Organisms. Report No. ES-199. Performed by Environmental
Sciences Research Laboratory, Dow Chemical U.S.A. Submitted
by Dow Chemical U.S.A. EPA MRID No. 92189-007. ~~TRID No.~~
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7. CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound but does
not fulfill the requirements for a freshwater, static acute
toxicity study. The submitted data tables were illegible
and must be resubmitted before the rainbow trout, bluegill
and Daphnia magna studies can be classified as "core". The
fathead minnow was tested as a coldwater species and should
be retested at 17° or 22°C. Based on nominal
concentrations, the 96-hour LC₅₀ values of Triclopyr
Triethylamine to rainbow trout, fathead minnow and bluegill

sunfish were 552, 947, and 891 mg/L, respectively. The 48-hour LC₅₀ value for Daphnia magna was 775 mg/L. These values classify Triclopyr Triethylamine as practically non-toxic to the four species involved.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS: See Section 14.D.(3).

9. BACKGROUND:

10. DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL TESTS: N/A

11. MATERIALS AND METHODS:

A. Test Animals:

1) Rainbow trout were obtained from a commercial hatchery in Minnesota. They were acclimated to laboratory conditions (12°C and a light schedule of 16-h light/8-h dark) for at least 10 days. Fish were fed a synthetic diet during the acclimation period. Feeding was discontinued 3 days prior to testing. When tested, the fish had an average weight of 0.24 g and an average standard length of 23.5 mm.

2) Fathead minnows were reared in-house. They were acclimated to test conditions as the rainbow trout above. When tested, the fish had an average weight of 0.54 g and an average standard length of 31 mm (range 30-39 mm).

3) Bluegill were obtained from the Hebron National Fish Hatchery in Ohio. They were acclimated to laboratory conditions (22°C and a light schedule of 16-h light/8-h dark) for 10 days. Bluegill were fed similarly to trout and minnows. When tested, the average weight of each fish was 0.6 g and the average standard length 27.7 mm.

4) Daphnia magna were raised in-house. First instar daphnids were used in the test.

B. Test System:

1) Fish Tests. Round glass aquaria, measuring 22 cm deep with a 24.5 cm diameter, were filled with 8 L of dechlorinated (by carbon filtration) Lake Huron water. Fish were placed in the test vessels 24 hours before the addition of the test compound. Test vessels were aerated for 24 hours. If no deaths occurred in 24 hours, aeration was stopped and the test material, dissolved in 2-L of water, was added to the container.

The final volume was 10 L. Vessels containing dead fish before the test were cleaned, reset and observed for 24 hours before the addition of test material.

Using constant temperature troughs, the temperature was maintained at $12^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ for trout and fathead minnow, and $22^{\circ}\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ for bluegill. The loading factors were 0.24, 0.54, and 0.6 g/L for trout, minnow, and bluegill, respectively. The fish were not fed during the test.

2) Daphnids. A stock solution (1 mg/mL in dechlorinated Lake Huron water) was mixed with sufficient dechlorinated Lake Huron water to make a final test volume of 200 mL in 250-mL test beakers. Temperature was maintained at 17°C using a constant temperature incubator.

Dechlorinated lake water used in the test was reported as having a dissolved oxygen (D.O.) of 8.8 mg/L; pH of 7.9; total alkalinity of 85 mg/L as CaCO_3 ; total hardness of 100 mg/L; and specific conductivity of 1700 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$. Water quality of raw Lake Huron water prior to filtration by activated carbon (for dechlorination) is presented in Table 1 (attached).

- C. **Dosage:** Ninety-six-hour static test for fish and a 48-hour static test for Daphnia. Test concentrations could not be determined from the data tables. Test solutions were prepared on an as-received basis.
- D. **Design:** Ten fish were exposed to each concentration. Ten daphnids were placed in each beaker, three beakers per concentration. The presence of mortality was observed daily and any dead fish were removed. Dead daphnids were not removed from any beaker during the test.
- E. **Statistics:** The 48 or 96-hour median lethal concentration (LC_{50}) and associated 95% confidence interval (C.I.) for each species were calculated using Finney's probit analysis (1952) or Thompson's moving average method (1947) computer software.
12. **REPORTED RESULTS:** The 96-hour LC_{50} values and associated confidence intervals for Triclopyr Triethylamine based on nominal concentrations were 552 (469-695), 947 (838-1071), and 891 (787-1011) mg/L for rainbow trout, fathead minnow, and bluegill sunfish, respectively. The 48-hour LC_{50} and

associated confidence interval was 775 (614-1108) mg/L for Daphnia magna.

Daphnia magna control mortality was 7%. There was no control mortality in the fish tests.

No data of environmental conditions during the test were provided.

13. STUDY AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES:

No conclusions were made by the author.

No statements were made regarding quality assurance and good lab practice.

14. REVIEWER'S DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF STUDY RESULTS:

- A. Test Procedure: The test procedures were generally in accordance with protocols recommended by the guidelines, but deviated from the SEP as follows:

The data tables submitted were illegible. The reviewer therefore has no knowledge of the concentrations used in the test. The statistical analysis and endpoints determined could not be checked by the reviewer.

Basic water quality measurements of the dilution water and test solutions were not provided, and it is not stated in the report whether they were measured. Without this information, environmental stresses on the test organisms, such as D.O. below 40% saturation and extremes of pH, have not been monitored and cannot be assumed to not have occurred.

The temperature was not monitored during the study, therefore it cannot be assumed the temperature maintenance systems maintained set temperatures.

Dechlorinated water was used in all tests but is not recommended. The raw lake water contained a significantly high chlorine concentration (10 ppm). Since the dilution water total residual chlorine was not reported and probably not measured, chlorine may be responsible for the 7% control mortality seen in the daphnid test.

No toxic symptoms other than mortality were monitored during the test. Therefore a no-observed-effects concentration could not be estimated.

The fathead minnow was tested as a coldwater species (12°C). The SEP clearly states that the fathead minnow should be tested as a warmwater species (17° or 22°C).

Loading in the bluegill test was listed as 0.6 g/L in the report. The recommended loading in warmwater, static tests is 0.5 g/L.

The fish acclimation period (reported as 10 days) was less than the recommended two weeks.

The temperature (17°C) used in the Daphnia magna test was lower than recommended (20°C).

The age of the Daphnia magna used in the test was not reported. First instar Daphnia magna should be less than 24 hours old.

Pretest mortality and the condition of the Daphnia magna cultures (i.e., presence of ehippia) were not reported.

- B. Statistical Analysis: The reviewer could not determine LC₅₀ values because of illegible data tables.
- C. Discussion/Results: It is the opinion of the reviewer that variable water quality can affect the toxicity of chemicals. Monitoring water quality is an essential part of every aquatic toxicity test for this reason. Given the high concentration of chlorine in the raw lake water, the total residual chlorine concentration of the dechlorinated dilution water should have been determined. However, the reported LC₅₀ values are well above the boundary which classifies Triclopyr Triethylamine as practically non-toxic. Measuring and reporting the physical and chemical parameters during the test would probably not affect the classification.

The temperature used in the fathead minnow test does not satisfy the guideline requirements for a freshwater fish acute toxicity test. The results could not be expected to provide useful information on the response of the fathead minnow to the test material at higher temperatures (i.e. 17° or 22°C) due to changes in the physiology of the organism at lower temperatures. The

registrant should submit the 96-hour LC_{50} for fathead minnows determined at 17° or 22°C. This information could be compared to the value determined at 12°C and would provide insight into the role of temperature in the toxicity of Triclopyr Triethylamine.

The 96-hour LC_{50} values of 552, 947, and 891 mg/L (based on nominal concentrations) for rainbow trout, fathead minnow, and bluegill sunfish, respectively, and the 48-hour LC_{50} of 775 mg/L for Daphnia magna classify Triclopyr Triethylamine as practically non-toxic.

D. Adequacy of the Study:

(1) Classification: 1) Fathead minnow: Supplemental.

2) Other tests: Supplemental.

(2) Rationale: 1) Fathead minnow: This species was tested as a coldwater fish. 2) Other tests: Data tables submitted were illegible.

(3) Repairability: 1) Fathead minnow: No. 2) Other tests: The registrant must submit legible data tables.

15. COMPLETION OF ONE-LINER FOR STUDY: Yes, 01-21-91.

TABLE I

RAW LAKE HURON WATER ANALYSES

Turbidity as ppm SiO ₂	3
Color, APHA	5-10
Alkyl benzene sulfonate, ppm	nd(0.10)
Arsenic, ppm	<0.005
Barium, ppm	0.011
Cadmium, ppm	nd(0.01)
Chlorine, ppm	10.0
Chromium, ppm	nd(0.01)
Copper, ppm	0.03
Cyanide, ppm	nd(0.01)
Fluoride, ppm	<0.5
Iron, ppm	0.1
Lead, ppm	nd(0.03)
Magnesium, ppm	7.0
Manganese, ppm	0.01
Nitrate, ppm	0.5
Phenols, ppm	nd(0.001)
Selenium, ppm	nd(0.02)
Silver, ppm	nd(0.01)
Sulfate, ppm	16
Total dissolved solids, ppm	144
Zinc, ppm	0.03
PCB's, ppm	<0.02 x 10 ⁻³
Mercury, ppb	nd(2)

Study/Species/Lab/ Accession	Chemical X a.i.	Chemical Name	Chemical Class	Page	of	Reviewer/ Date	Validation Status
116002		Triclorpar Tricthylamine		1	4		
4-Day Single Dose Oral LD ₅₀		LD ₅₀ =	mg/kg (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Contr. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Age (Days) =			
ab			14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(% Mortality)	Sex =			
cc.		Comments:					
4-Day Single Dose Oral LD ₅₀		LD ₅₀ =	mg/kg. (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Contr. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Age (Days) =			
ab			14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(% Mortality)	Sex =			
cc.		Comments:					
8-Day Dietary LC ₅₀		LC ₅₀ =	ppm (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Contr. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Age (Days) =			
ab			8-Day Dose Level ppm/(% Mortality)	Sex =			
cc.		Comments:					
8-Day Dietary LC ₅₀		LC ₅₀ =	ppm (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Contr. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Age (Days) =			
ab			8-Day Dose Level ppm/(% Mortality)	Sex =			
cc.		Comments:					
48-Hour LC ₅₀		LC ₅₀ = 775	ppm (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Contr. Mort. (%) = 7%			
Species		Slope = *	# Animals/Level = 30	Sol. Contr. Mort. (%) = N/A			
ab			48-Hour Dose Level pp/(% Mortality)	Temperature = 17°C			
cc.		Comments:					
96-Hour LC ₅₀		LC ₅₀ =	pp (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Con. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Sol. Con. Mort. (%) =			
ab			96-Hour Dose Level pp/(% Mortality)	Temp. =			
cc.		Comments:					
96-Hour LC ₅₀		LC ₅₀ =	pp (<u>95% C.L.</u>)	Con. Mort. (%) =			
Species		Slope =	# Animals/Level =	Sol. Con. Mort. (%) =			
ab			96-Hour Dose Level pp/(% Mortality)	Temp. =			
cc.		Comments:					

Species: Daphnia magna
 Lab: Environmental Sci. Res. Lab.
Dow Chemical

Accession: MRID 92189-007

Supplier: LR
 Date: 1/21/91
 Status: Final

Comments: nominal concentrations, * DATA tables illegible

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 4-Day Single Dose Oral LD50

Chemical Name Triclopyr Chemical Class _____ Page 2 of 4
Triethylamine

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Species _____ Results
 LD50 = mg/kg (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
 Sex = _____
 (4-Day Dose Level mg/kg / (X Mortality))
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 Comments: _____

4-Day Single Dose Oral LD50
 Species _____ Results
 LD50 = mg/kg. (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
 Sex = _____
 4-Day Dose Level mg/kg / (X Mortality)
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 Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC50
 Species _____ Results
 LC50 = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
 Sex = _____
 8-Day Dose Level ppm / (X Mortality)
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 Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC50
 Species _____ Results
 LC50 = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
 Sex = _____
 8-Day Dose Level ppm / (X Mortality)
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 Comments: _____

8-Hour LC50
 Species _____ Results
 LC50 = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temperature = _____
 48-Hour Dose Level pp / (X Mortality)
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 Comments: _____

6-Hour LC50
 Species Salmo gairdneri 64.7 Results
 LC50 = 552 pp (95% C.L.) 469-895 Contr. Mort. (X) = 0.07
 Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = N/A
 Slope = 7 # Animals/Level = 10 Temp. = 12°C LR Supplement
 96-Hour Dose Level pp / (X Mortality) 1/21/91
 () , () , () , () , ()
 Comments: Nominal concentrations * DATA TABLES illegible

6-Hour LC50
 Species _____ Results
 LC50 = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
 Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temp. = _____
 96-Hour Dose Level pp / (X Mortality)
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 Comments: _____

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Chemical Name TRICLOPYR
Triethylamine Chemical Class _____

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4-Day Single Dose Oral LD50

Chemical
X a.i.

Results

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Date _____
Validation
Status _____

Species _____

LD50 = mg/kg (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
Sex = _____
14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(X Mortality)
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Comments: _____

4-Day Single Dose Oral LD50

Species _____

LD50 = mg/kg. (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
Sex = _____
14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(X Mortality)
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Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC50

Species _____

LC50 = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
Sex = _____
8-Day Dose Level ppm/(X Mortality)
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Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC50

Species _____

LC50 = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____
Sex = _____
8-Day Dose Level ppm/(X Mortality)
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Comments: _____

48-Hour LC50

Species _____

LC50 = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temperature = _____
48-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality)
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ab _____

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Comments: _____

96-Hour LC50

Species Pimephales promelas

LC50 = 947 * PPM (95% C.L.)
838-1071) Contr. Mort. (X) = 0
Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = N/A
Slope = # Animals/Level = 10 Temp. = 12°C
96-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality)
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Comments: nominal concentrations * Data tables illegible

96-Hour LC50

Species _____

LC50 = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____
Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temp. = _____
96-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality)
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Chemical Name TRICLOPYR Triethylamine Chemical Class _____

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4-Day Single Dose Oral LD₅₀ _____

Species _____

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Results

LD₅₀ = mg/kg (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____ Sex = _____

14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____

4-Day Single Dose Oral LD₅₀ _____

Species _____

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LD₅₀ = mg/kg (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____ Sex = _____

14-Day Dose Level mg/kg/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC₅₀ _____

Species _____

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LC₅₀ = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____ Sex = _____

8-Day Dose Level ppm/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____

8-Day Dietary LC₅₀ _____

Species _____

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LC₅₀ = ppm (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Age (Days) = _____ Sex = _____

8-Day Dose Level ppm/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____

48-Hour LC₅₀ _____

Species _____

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LC₅₀ = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____ Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temperature = _____

48-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____

6-Hour LC₅₀ _____

Species Lepomis macrochirus 64.7

ab Environ. Sci. Ref. Lab

cc. Dow Chemical

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LC₅₀ = 891 ppm (787-1011) 95% C.L. Contr. Mort. (X) = 0 Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = N/A LR Supplemental

Slope = # Animals/Level = 10 Temp. = 22°C 11/21/91

96-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: nominal conc's, Data tables illegible

6-Hour LC₅₀ _____

Species _____

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LC₅₀ = pp (95% C.L.) Contr. Mort. (X) = _____ Sol. Contr. Mort. (X) = _____

Slope = # Animals/Level = _____ Temp. = _____

96-Hour Dose Level pp/(X Mortality) _____

Comments: _____