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Attached, please find the EFGWB review of:

Reg./File #: 90-PA-01, 90-NJ-06

Chemical Name: Dimethazone

Type Product: Herbicide

Company Name: FMC Corporation

Purpose: Review of application for specific exemption under  
FIFRA Section 18 for use on peppers in Pennsylvania and New  
Jersey.

Date Received: 3/9/90 ACTION CODE: 510

Date Completed: 3/20/90 EFGWB #(s): 90-0423

Monitoring study requested:      Total Review Time: 1 day

Monitoring study voluntarily:     

Deferrals To:      Biological Effects Branch  
     Science Integration & Policy Staff, EFED  
     Non-Dietary Exposure Branch, HED  
     Dietary Exposure Branch, HED  
     Toxicology Branch, HED

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# Data Review Record

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1. Product Name <i>Command</i>				Chemical Name <i>Chomazone</i>			
2. Identifying Number	3. Record Number	4. Action Code	5. MRID/ Accession Number	6. Study Guideline or Narrative			
<i>90-PA-01</i>	<i>260655</i>	<i>510</i>					
<i>90-IV-06</i>	<i>260666</i>	<i>510</i>					

7. Reference No.	8. Date Rec'd (EPA)	9. Prod/Review Mgr/DCI	10. PM/RM Team No.	11. Date to HED/EFED/RD/BEAD	12. Proj Return Date	13. Date Returned to RD/SRRD
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Instructions

*Please comment on groundwater concerns - Note PA slightly higher rate*

### This Section Applies to Review of Studies Only

14. Check Applicable Box	15. No. of Individual Studies Submitted
<input type="checkbox"/> Adverse 6(a)(2) Data (405) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Review Data (870) <input type="checkbox"/> Generic Data (Reregistration)(660) <input type="checkbox"/> Product Specific Data (Reregistration)(655)	
16. Have any of the above studies (in whole or in part) been previously submitted for review?	17. Related Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please identify the study(ies)) <input type="checkbox"/> No	

18.	To	Type of Review	19. Reviews Also Sent to	20. Data Review Criteria
HED		Science Analysis & Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> SAC <input type="checkbox"/> PC	A. Policy Note No. 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data which meet 6(a)(2) or meet 3(c)(2)(B) flagging criteria <input type="checkbox"/> 2 = data of particular concern from registration standard <input type="checkbox"/> 3 = data necessary to determine tiered testing requirements  B. Section 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data in support of section 3 in lieu of section 18  C. Inert Ingredients <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = data in support of continued use of List 1 inert
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		Fungicide-Herbicide	<input type="checkbox"/> GSC	
		Antimicrobial		
		Product Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/> IR	
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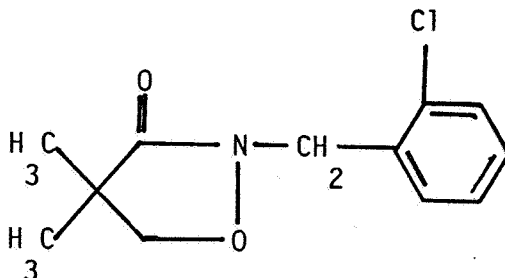
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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER  
FIFRA SECTION 18

1. CHEMICAL:

Chemical name: 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-methyl-4,4-dimethyl-3-isoxazolidinone  
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Structure:



2. TEST MATERIAL:

Not Applicable.

3. STUDY/ACTION TYPE:

Review of application for specific exemption in accordance with FIFRA Section 18.

4. STUDY IDENTIFICATION:

Submitted by: Raymond Ferrarin, Assistant Director  
Pesticide Control Program  
State of New Jersey  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Environmental Quality  
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Identifying No.: 90-NJ-06  
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Signature: *W. Martin Williams*

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6. APPROVED BY:

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7. CONCLUSIONS:

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS:

EFGWB does not object to this Section 18 on the basis of ground water concerns with the recommendation that dimethazone not be used in areas having very permeable (sandy) soils, ground water less than 30 feet, and/or soil conditions conducive to preferential flow (e.g., karst terrane).

Please contact Toxicology Branch, HED for toxicological implications of ppb levels of dimethazone in ground water.

9. BACKGROUND:

The applicant requests the use of Command 4EC at a rate of 0.5 to 0.75 lb ai/A once per year to control broadleaf weeds on peppers. Up to 8000 acres would be treated with a single application (preplant incorporated) from April, 1990 to October, 1990. The ineffectiveness of alternative methods of control are discussed in the application. The total quantity of active ingredient required is 8000 lb.

10. DISCUSSION:

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Table 2 illustrates that application rates for dimethazone are generally less than those of atrazine by a factor of 2 to 8. Application rates for this Section 18 are 0.5 to 0.75 lb ai/A compared to typical application rates of 2 to 4 lb ai/A for atrazine. Based on the lower application rates and similar environmental fate behavior, is unlikely that dimethazone will result in higher concentrations in ground water than atrazine.

Dimethazone is substantially less toxic than carbofuran, simazine, 2,4-D, and atrazine. Although EPA's Office of Drinking Water has not proposed a health advisory level for dimethazone, a surrogate lifetime health advisory of 300 ppb can be calculated from the reference dose (RfD) of 0.043 mg/kg/day (USEPA 1990) based on assuming a human having an average weight of 70 kg consumes two liters of water per day of which 20 percent is drinking water. This is the standard approach used by the Office of Drinking Water in calculating long-term health advisory levels. This surrogate standard of 300 ppb is significantly higher than the maximum concentration of 40 ppb detected to date for atrazine in ground water as a result of agricultural use.

## REFERENCES

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TABLE 1.  
LEACHING ASSESSMENT FOR DIMETHAZONE

PROPERTY	RANGES	CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
ABSORPTION PARTITION COEFF.	1.54 - 6.85	<5.0, <1.0 OR 2.0	MODERATE TO SIGNIFICANT
SOLUBILITY	1110 PPM	>30 PPM	SIGNIFICANT
HYDROLYSIS HALF-LIFE	STABLE	>25 WEEKS	SIGNIFICANT
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HENRY'S LAW CONSTANT	4.07 E-8 ATM-M3/MOL	<1.0 E-2 ATM-M3/MOL	SIGNIFICANT

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: DIMETHAZONE IS BOTH MOBILE AND PERSISTENT

COMPUTATION OF HENRY'S LAW CONSTANT:

$$K_H = C_S / P$$

$$P = \text{VAPOR PRESSURE} = 1.44 \text{ E-4 TORR} = 1.895\text{E-7 ATM}$$

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$$K_H = (C_S/P) = 4.631 / 1.895\text{E-7} = 2.444 \text{ E 7 MOL/(M}^3\text{-ATM)}$$

$$1/K_H = 4.092 \text{ E-8 (M}^3\text{-ATM/MOL)}$$



Table 2. Environmental Chemistry Characteristics and Leaching Potential Ranking of Some Commonly Used Pesticides

Rank	Common Name	Use <sup>1</sup>	Health Standard <sup>2</sup> (ppb)	Typical Application Rate (lb./acre)	Henry's Law Constant (atm-m <sup>3</sup> /mol)	Organic Carbon Water Partition Coefficient (ml/g O.C.)	Retardation Factor	Degradation Half-Life (days)	Attenuation Factor
1	Carbofuran	I	40	0.90	8.10 E-09	25.5	2.0	42	5.2 E-01
2	Simazine	H	4	2.00 - 4.00	3.68 E-10	144.0	6.5	75	3.0 E-01
3	2,4-D	H	70	0.25 - 2.00	3.17 E-02	33.0	2.3	16	1.4 E-01
4	Atrazine	H	3	2.00 - 4.00	3.20 E-09	160.0	7.1	60	1.3 E-01
5	Metribuzin	H	200	0.25 - 1.00	2.33 E-10	95.0	4.6	30	1.2 E-01
6	Cyanazine	H	10	1.00 - 4.00	3.17 E-12	168.0	7.4	20	5.9 E-03
7	Metolachlor	H	100	1.50 - 3.00	9.16 E-09	200.0	8.6	20	2.5 E-03
8	Alachlor	H	2	1.50 - 4.00	3.24 E-08	190.0	8.2	14	2.9 E-04
9	Carbaryl	I	700	1.50	1.85 E-05	229.0	9.7	7	4.3 E-09
10	Butylate	H	350	3.00 - 6.00	8.26 E-06	540.0	22.0	12	1.5 E-11
11	Malathion	I	--	0.90	1.20 E-07	1790.0	69.0	1	0.0 E-00
12	Methyl parathion	I	2	0.50	6.12 E-07	7330.0	280.0	4	0.0 E-00
13	Trifluralin	H	2	0.50 - 1.00	1.62 E-04	9850.0	3830.0	70	0.0 E-00

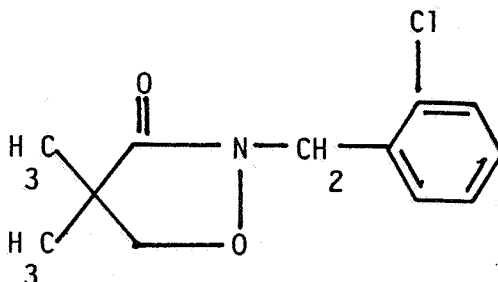
<sup>1</sup> (H) herbicide, (I) insecticide  
<sup>2</sup> Drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level or Lifetime Health Advisory level (USEPA 1989)

DIMETHAZONE	H	300	0.4-1.5	$4.13 \times 10^{-8}$	100.0	3.2	75	3.9 E-01
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8	Alachlor	H	2	1.50 - 4.00	3.24 E-08	190.0	8.2	14	2.9 E-04
9	Carbaryl	I	700	1.50	1.85 E-05	229.0	9.7	7	4.3 E-09
10	Butylate	H	350	3.00 - 6.00	8.26 E-06	540.0	22.0	12	1.5 E-11
11	Malathion	I	--	0.90	1.20 E-07	1790.0	69.0	1	0.0 E-00
12	Methyl parathion	I	2	0.50	6.12 E-07	7330.0	280.0	4	0.0 E-00
13	Trifluralin	H	2	0.50 - 1.00	1.62 E-04	9850.0	3830.0	70	0.0 E-00

<sup>1</sup> (H)erbicide, (I)nsecticide

<sup>2</sup> Drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level or Lifetime Health Advisory level (USEPA 1989)

DIMETHAZONE H 300 0.4-1.5 4.13 x 10<sup>-8</sup> 100.0 3.2 95 3.9 E-01

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