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SUBJECT: Revised Risk Assessment of Pest Control Officer (PCO) Use  
of Tempo™ 2 Insecticide in Buildings.

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Mobay Chemical Corporation has requested the registration of Tempo™ 2 Insecticide for use by pest control operators (PCO's) and professional applicators in buildings, and certain other sites. At the request of Registration Division, the Exposure Assessment Branch (EAB) prepared PCO and resident exposure estimates (Laurie Lewis memorandum, March, 16, 1987). The Toxicology Branch used these estimates to prepare risk assessments for PCO's and residents of buildings (John Whalan memorandum; EPA No. 3125-GTE; August 17, 1987).

The Benefits and Use Division has since asked the Exposure Assessment Branch to recalculate exposure values for PCO's and residents using revised usage parameters. The changed parameters were as follows:

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Apartments treated/day	32	25
Gallons of finished spray/apartment	0.93	0.1125
Calculated daily lbs of a.i. use/day	0.13	0.012

The proposed label (attached), states that, "Tempo 2 is intended for use by Professional Applicators for pest control in and around buildings and structures and their immediate surroundings and on modes of transport. Permitted areas of use include, but are not limited to, apartment buildings, greenhouses, hospitals, hotels, houses, industrial buildings, laboratories, manufacturing establishments, mausoleums, nursing homes, restaurants, schools, stores, warehouses and on aircraft, buses, rail cars, truck and trailers, vessels, and non-food areas of food handling establishments." The product is to be applied as a general, spot surface application, crack and crevice treatment, and pantry and premise pest control.

Many of the uses, such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, restaurants, and food handling establishments may pose special exposure scenarios not discussed in the EAB document (that document dealt solely with PCO use in apartments and subsequent inhalation exposures of residents). It is also not clear to the Toxicology Branch that PCO use in apartments will necessarily represent a "worst case" exposure scenario for the many uses listed on the label. The Toxicology Branch yields to the Registration Division on this matter.

One of the uses mentioned in the label, greenhouses, was addressed two years ago in a Toxicology Branch memorandum (John Whalan, EPA No. 3125-GLE, March 12, 1985). Toxicology Branch requested an exposure estimate from EAB for that use. In response to that memorandum, EAB requested the applicant to submit a greenhouse study (instead of using surrogate data). The Toxicology Branch cannot address the greenhouse use at this time since it has not received EAB's evaluation.

The balance of this memorandum is a risk assessment using the recalculated exposure values (from Laurie Lewis memorandum; September 17, 1987, attached).

TEMPO™ 2 RISK ASSESSMENT (Revised)

PCO Use and Resident Exposure In Buildings

In response to a conversation with Christine Dively (RD), this risk assessment includes exposure to PCO's by the dermal and inhalation routes. This memorandum will address these two routes on the basis of the available toxicity data base. It will be further expanded to include inhalation exposure to residents using the buildings following treatment by PCO's. Dermal exposure to residents will not be addressed because EAB explained that, "a method is not available to estimate dermal exposure of residents of treated houses from wipe tests."

The EAB memorandum described hand-pressurized or power-operated spray application by PCO's to buildings and structures and their immediate surroundings, and on modes of transport. The product is to be applied as a general, spot surface application, crack and crevice treatment, and pantry and premise pest control.

EAB assumed that a PCO will be wearing goggles or a face shield, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, and may or may not be wearing protective gloves. Fifty percent of the cyfluthrin (based on surrogate data) will penetrate the PCO's clothing. There was no estimate of the daily duration of exposure, nor of the number of days that the PCO might be exposed. For the purpose of this risk assessment, the length of exposure is assumed by the Toxicology Branch to be similar to that in the appropriate animal studies.

EAB assumed that residents of the sprayed structures will be exposed for 15 hours/day. Some residents, such as children and compromised hospital patients may be more sensitive to the toxic effects of cyfluthrin. It is also presumed that cyfluthrin will be sprayed periodically, but there was no information as to the frequency of application.

In order to determine margins of safety by the dermal and inhalation routes, the following animal NOEL's for these routes were used:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Type of Study</u>	<u>NOEL</u>
<u>PCO's -</u>		
Inhalation	21-Day - Rat	0.0014 mg/l/day
Inhalation	90-Day - Rat	0.00009 mg/l/day
Dermal	21-Day - Rabbit	>250 mg/kg/day (HDT)
<u>Residents -</u>		
Inhalation	21-Day - Rat	0.0014 mg/l/day

Actual human exposure data for cyfluthrin were not used. Instead, data for other chemicals served as surrogate. The margin of safety calculations were not adjusted to account for interspecies pharmacodynamic differences. Based on the EAB supplied surrogate values, the margins of safety were as follows:

Margins of Safety:

	<u>Inhalation</u>	<u>Dermal</u>
PCO's (21 day) =	2964	27,473
PCO's (90 day) =	190.5	-
Residents (day 1) =	59,270	-
(day 2) =	194,968	-
(day 3) =	411,600	-

Using a safety factor criteria of  $\geq 100$ , the margins of Safety for PCO's and residents by the inhalation route, and for PCO's by the dermal route are acceptable. Although resident inhalation exposure is not a problem (MOS = 59270 - 411600) consideration should be given to populations that may be at particular risk.

The following pages present the margin of safety calculations.

INHALATION EXPOSURE - PCO USE (90-Day Exposure)

Animal data:

90-Day rat inhalation NOEL = 0.00009 mg/l/day <sup>a</sup>

Assumptions:

Inhaled material is equally absorbed by rats and humans.

Rat minute volume (MV) = 0.0735 l/min <sup>b</sup>

PCO inhalation exposure = 0.00005 mg/kg/6 hr day <sup>c</sup>

Margin of Safety (MOS) Calculation:

- Rat NOEL x rat MV x 360 min/exposure = rat dose/6 hr exposure

$$0.00009 \text{ mg/l/day} \times 0.0735 \text{ l/min} \times 360 \text{ min/exposure} = 0.00238 \text{ mg/6 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{mg/6 hr exposure}}{\text{kg rat body weight}} = \text{mg/kg/6 hr exposure} -$

$$\frac{0.00238 \text{ mg/6 hr exposure}}{0.25 \text{ kg rat}} = 0.00953 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{Rat NOEL (mg/kg/6 hr exposure)}}{\text{PCO dose (mg/kg/6 hr exposure)}} = \text{Margin of Safety} -$

$$\frac{0.00953 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}}{0.00005 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}} = 190.5 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

<sup>a</sup> This rat NOEL is based on an inhalation regimen of 6 hrs/day, 5 days/week, for 13 weeks. The LEL in this study, 0.00071 mg/l/day, is based on findings of unthriftiness, unkempt fur, lethargy, and increased urinary protein.

<sup>b</sup> This value is from Reference-Handbook of Biological Data, W.S. Spector (Ed.), W.B. Saunders, Publisher, Philadelphia, Penn., 1964, p.220.

<sup>c</sup> This value is from the revised EAB review (Laurie Lewis memorandum; September 17; page 9), and is based on surrogate data (chlorpyrifos). The EAB review did not mention the length of daily exposure, but it is assumed to be close to the 6 hour/day rat exposure.

INHALATION EXPOSURE - PCO USE (21-Day Exposure)

Animal data:

21-Day rat inhalation NOEL = 0.0014 mg/l/day <sup>a</sup>

Assumptions:

Inhaled material is equally absorbed by rats and humans.

Rat minute volume (MV) = 0.0735 l/min <sup>b</sup>

PCO inhalation exposure = 0.00005 mg/kg/6 hr day <sup>c</sup>

Margin of Safety (MOS) Calculation:

- Rat NOEL x rat MV x 360 min/exposure = rat dose/6 hr exposure

$$0.0014 \text{ mg/l/day} \times 0.0735 \text{ l/min} \times 360 \text{ min/exposure} = 0.0370 \text{ mg/6 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{mg/6 hr exposure}}{\text{kg rat body weight}} = \text{mg/kg/6 hr exposure} -$

$$\frac{0.0370 \text{ mg/6 hr exposure}}{0.25 \text{ kg rat}} = 0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{Rat NOEL (mg/kg/6 hr exposure)}}{\text{PCO dose (mg/kg/6 hr exposure)}} = \text{Margin of Safety} -$

$$\frac{0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}}{0.00005 \text{ mg/kg/6 hr exposure}} = 2964 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

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<sup>a</sup> This rat NOEL is based on an inhalation regimen of 6 hrs/day, 5 days/week, for 3 weeks. The LEL in this study, 0.0023 mg/l/day, is based on decreased body weight gain.

<sup>b</sup> This value is from Reference-Handbook of Biological Data, W.S. Spector (Ed.), W.B. Saunders, Publisher, Philadelphia, Penn., 1964, p.220.

<sup>c</sup> This value is from the revised EAB review (Laurie Lewis memorandum; September 17; page 9), and is based on surrogate data (chlorpyrifos). The EAB review did not mention the length of daily exposure, but it is assumed to be close to the 6 hour/day rat exposure.

INHALATION EXPOSURE - RESIDENT

Animal data:

21-Day rat inhalation NOEL = 0.0014 mg/l/day <sup>a</sup>

21-Day rat inhalation NOEL adjusted for 15 hour exposure = 0.00056 mg/l/day<sup>b</sup>

Assumptions:

Inhaled material is equally absorbed by rats and humans.

Rat minute volume (MV) = 0.0735 l/min <sup>c</sup>

Resident inhalation exposure - DAY 1 = 0.0000025 mg/kg/15 hr day <sup>d</sup>

DAY 2 = 0.00000076 mg/kg/15 hr day <sup>d</sup>

DAY 3 = 0.00000036 mg/kg/15 hr day <sup>d</sup>

Margin of Safety (MOS) Calculation:

- Rat NOEL x rat MV x 900 min/exposure = rat dose/15 hr exposure

$$0.00056 \text{ mg/l/day} \times 0.0735 \text{ l/min} \times 900 \text{ min/exposure} = 0.0370 \text{ mg/15 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{mg/15 hr exposure}}{\text{kg rat body weight}} = \text{mg/kg/15 hr exposure} -$

$$\frac{0.0370 \text{ mg/15 hr exposure}}{0.25 \text{ kg rat}} = 0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}$$

- $\frac{\text{Rat NOEL (mg/kg/15 hr exposure)}}{\text{Resident dose (mg/kg/15 hr exposure)}} = \text{Margin of Safety} -$

$$\text{DAY 1} - \frac{0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}}{0.0000025 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}} = 59,270 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

$$\text{DAY 2} - \frac{0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}}{0.00000076 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}} = 194,968 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

$$\text{DAY 3} - \frac{0.1482 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}}{0.00000036 \text{ mg/kg/15 hr exposure}} = 411,600 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

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<sup>a</sup> This rat NOEL is based on an inhalation regimen of 6 hrs/day, 5 days/week, for 21 days. According to the surrogate data from EAB, cyfluthrin applied to structures will dissipate appreciably over several days. For this reason, the 21-day rat NOEL was used instead of the 90-day rat NOEL.

<sup>b</sup> The rat NOEL was divided by a factor of 2.5 to compensate for the difference in exposure times for resident and rat (i.e., 15 hr/6 hr = 2.5).

<sup>c</sup> This value is from Reference-Handbook of Biological Data, W.S. Spector (Ed.), W.B. Saunders, Publisher, Philadelphia, Penn., 1964, p.220.

<sup>d</sup> These values are from the revised EAB review (Laurie Lewis memorandum; September 17; page 9), and are based on surrogate data (dichlorvos).



DERMAL EXPOSURE - PCO USE

Animal data:

21-Day rabbit dermal NOEL >250 mg/kg/day

Assumptions:

Dermally applied material is absorbed equally by rabbits and humans.  
PCO dermal exposure (with or without gloves) = 0.0091 mg/kg/day <sup>a</sup>

Margin of Safety (MOS) Calculation:

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$$\frac{\text{Rabbit NOEL}}{\text{Estimated PCO exposure}} = \text{Margin of Safety} -$$

$$\frac{250 \text{ mg/kg/day}}{0.0091 \text{ mg/kg/day}} = 27,473 = \text{Margin of Safety}$$

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<sup>a</sup> This value is from the revised EAB review (Laurie Lewis memorandum; September 17; page 9), and is based on surrogate data (dichlorvos).