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HAZARD QUOTIENT: NONCARCINOGENS

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Description

This equation calculates the hazard quotient for indirect exposure to noncarcinogenic COPCs. The following uncertainty is associated with this equation.

A chronic *RfD* is an estimate of a daily exposure level for the human population, including sensitive subpopulations, that is likely to be without an appreciable risk of deleterious effects during a lifetime. Chronic *RfDs* are specifically developed to be protective for long-term exposure (from 7 years to a lifetime) to a compound. COPC-specific reference doses (*RfD*) are unlikely to underestimate a chemical potential for causing adverse effects.

Equation

$$HQ = \frac{I \cdot ED \cdot EF}{RfD \cdot AT \cdot 365}$$

Variable	Description	Units	Value														
HQ	Hazard quotient	unitless															
I _i	Daily intake of COPC <i>i</i> from animal tissue <i>j</i>	mg COPC/ kg-day	Varies This variable is COPC- and site-specific, and is calculated by using the equation in Table C-1-6. The value for this variable will vary for each exposure pathway and each exposure scenario location. Uncertainties associated with this variable are site-specific.														
ED	Exposure duration	yr	6, 30, or 40 Consistent with U.S. EPA (1994b) and NC DEHNR (1997), U.S. EPA OSW recommends the use of the following default values. <table><tr><td><u>Exposure Scenario</u></td><td><u>ED</u></td></tr><tr><td>Subsistence Farmer</td><td>40 (U.S. EPA 1994a)</td></tr><tr><td>Subsistence Farmer Child</td><td>6 (U.S. EPA 1989)</td></tr><tr><td>Subsistence Fisher</td><td>30 (U.S. EPA 1994a)</td></tr><tr><td>Subsistence Fisher Child</td><td>6 (U.S. EPA 1989)</td></tr><tr><td>Adult Resident</td><td>30 (U.S. EPA 1989)</td></tr><tr><td>Child Resident</td><td>6 (U.S. EPA 1989)</td></tr></table> Uncertainty associated with this variable includes: These exposure durations are single values that represent the highest exposure that is reasonably expected to occur at a site. These values may overestimate <i>ED</i> for some individuals.	<u>Exposure Scenario</u>	<u>ED</u>	Subsistence Farmer	40 (U.S. EPA 1994a)	Subsistence Farmer Child	6 (U.S. EPA 1989)	Subsistence Fisher	30 (U.S. EPA 1994a)	Subsistence Fisher Child	6 (U.S. EPA 1989)	Adult Resident	30 (U.S. EPA 1989)	Child Resident	6 (U.S. EPA 1989)
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Variable	Description	Units	Value
<i>EF</i>	Exposure frequency	days/yr	350 This variable is site-specific. U.S. EPA OSW recommends the use of this default value in the absence of site-specific data. This value is based on U.S. EPA (1991) and is consistent with U.S. EPA (1994b). Uncertainty associated with this variable includes: This exposure frequency is a single value that represents the most frequent exposure that is reasonably expected to occur at a site with two weeks of vacation or travel. This recommended value may overestimate <i>EF</i> for individuals who are away from their home for more than two weeks each year. On the other hand, some individuals such as subsistence farmers, may remain at their home (or farm) for more than 350 days per year. In either case, the degree of over- or underestimation is not expected to be significant in most cases.
<i>RfD</i>	Reference Dose	mg/kg-day	Varies This variable is COPC-specific, and should be determined from the COPC tables in Appendix A-3. The following uncertainty is associated with this variable: A chronic <i>RfD</i> is an estimate of a daily exposure level for the human population, including sensitive subpopulations, that is likely to be without an appreciable risk of deleterious effects during a lifetime. Chronic <i>RfDs</i> are specifically developed to be protective for long-term exposure (from 7 years to a lifetime) to a compound. COPC-specific <i>RfDs</i> are unlikely to underestimate a COPC's potential for causing adverse health effects.
365	Units conversion factor	day/yr	
<i>AT</i>	Averaging time	yr	6, 30, or 40 This variable is site-specific and related to <i>ED</i>. Specifically, the <i>AT</i> for noncarcinogens is numerically the same as <i>ED</i>. This default value is consistent with U.S. EPA (1989), U.S. EPA (1991), and U.S. EPA (1994a). Uncertainty associated with this variable includes: The recommendation for averaging time may not accurately represent site-specific time; specifically this single value may under- or overestimate the length of an average adult lifetime.

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This document recommends the following:

- An exposure frequency of 350 days per year
- Receptor-specific exposure duration values as presented in U.S. EPA (1994a)—subsistence fisher (40 years) and subsistence farmer (40 years) and U.S. EPA (1989)—adult resident (30 years) and child resident (6 years)
- Adult and child body weights of 70 kg and 15 kg, respectively