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# Chapter NR 105

## SURFACE WATER QUALITY CRITERIA AND SECONDARY VALUES FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES


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**NR 105.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish water quality criteria, and methods for developing criteria and secondary values for toxic substances to protect public health and welfare, the present and prospective use of all surface waters for public and private water supplies, and the propagation of fish and aquatic life and wildlife. This chapter also establishes how bioaccumulation factors used in deriving water quality criteria and secondary values for toxic and organoleptic substances shall be determined. Water quality criteria are a component of surface water quality standards. This chapter and chs. NR 102 to 104 constitute quality standards for the surface waters of Wisconsin.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1989, No. 398, eff. 3-1-89.; am. Register, August, 1997, No. 500, eff. 9-1-97.

**NR 105.02 Applicability.** The provisions of this chapter are applicable to surface waters of Wisconsin as specified in chs. NR 102 to 104 and in this chapter.

**(1)** SITE SPECIFIC CRITERIA AND SECONDARY VALUES. A criterion contained within this chapter or a secondary value calculated pursuant to this chapter may be modified for a particular surface water segment or body. A criterion or secondary value may be modified if specific information is provided which shows that the data used to derive the criterion or secondary value do not apply and if additional information is provided to derive a site-specific criterion or secondary value. Site-specific criteria are intended to be applicable to a specific surface water segment. Criteria may be modified for site-specific considerations according to the USEPA "Water Quality Standards Handbook" Second Edition, revised 1994. Any criterion modified for site-specific conditions shall be promulgated in ch. NR 104 before it can be applied on a site-specific basis. Site-specific modifications of criteria and secondary values shall be consistent with the procedures described in 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix F, Procedure 1: Site-specific modifications to criteria and values. 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix F, Procedure 1 as stated on September 1, 1997 is incorporated by reference.

**Note:** Copies of 40 CFR Part 132 Appendix F, Proc. 1 are available for inspection in the offices of the department of natural resources, secretary of state and the legislative reference bureau, Madison, WI or may be purchased from the superintendent of documents, US government printing office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

**(2)** STATEWIDE CRITERIA. (a) The department may promulgate a less stringent criterion or remove a criterion from this chapter when the department determines that the previously promulgated criterion is more stringent than necessary, or unnecessary for the protection of humans, fish and other aquatic life or wildlife. The modification shall assure that the designated uses are protected and water quality standards continue to be attained.

(b) The department may promulgate a more stringent criterion in this chapter when the department determines that the previously promulgated criterion is inadequate for the protection of humans, fish and other aquatic life or wildlife.

**(3)** DETERMINATION OF SECONDARY VALUES FOR EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS. If a discharge contains a toxic substance, and if data to calculate a water quality criterion for that substance are not available, then, on a case-by-case basis, the department may calculate a secondary value as defined in this chapter and establish an effluent limitation for the toxic substance if the conditions contained in s. NR 106.05 (1) (b) are met.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1989, No. 398, eff. 3-1-89; am. (1) and (2), cr. (3), Register, August, 1997, No. 500, eff. 9-1-97.

**NR 105.03 Definitions. (1)** "Acute toxicity" means the ability of a substance to cause mortality or an adverse effect in an organism which results from a single or short-term exposure to the substance.

**(2)** "Acute toxicity criterion" or "ATC" means the maximum daily concentration of a substance which ensures adequate protection of sensitive species of aquatic life from the acute toxicity of that substance and will adequately protect the designated fish and aquatic life use of the surface water if not exceeded more than once every 3 years. If the available data indicate that one or more life stages of a particular species are more sensitive to a substance than other life stages of the same species, the ATC shall represent the acute toxicity of the most sensitive life stage.

**(3)** "Adequate protection" means a level of protection which ensures survival of a sufficient number of healthy individuals in a population of aquatic species to provide for the continuation of an unreduced population of these species.

**(4)** "Adverse effect" means any effect resulting in a functional impairment or a pathological lesion, or both, which may affect the performance of the whole organism, or which contributes to a reduced ability to respond to an additional challenge. Adverse effects include toxicant-induced mutagenic, teratogenic, or carcinogenic effects or impaired, developmental, immunological or reproductive effects.

**(5)** "Baseline BAF" means for organic chemicals, a bioaccumulation factor normalized to 100% lipid that is based on the concentration of a freely dissolved chemical in the ambient water and takes into account the partitioning of the chemical within the organism. For inorganic chemicals, a bioaccumulation factor is based on the wet weight of the tissue.

**(6)** "Baseline BCF" means for organic chemicals, a bioconcentration factor normalized to 100% lipid that is based on the concentration of freely dissolved chemical in the ambient water and takes into account the partitioning of the chemical within the organism. For inorganic chemicals, a bioconcentration factor is based on the wet weight of the tissue.

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**(7)** "Bioaccumulation" means the net accumulation of a substance by an organism as a result of uptake from all environmental sources.

**(8)** "Bioaccumulation factor" or "BAF" means the ratio (in L/kg) of a substance's concentration in the tissue of an aquatic organism to its concentration in the ambient water, in situations where both the organism and its food are exposed to the substance and where the ratio does not change substantially over time.

**(9)** "Bioaccumulative chemical of concern" or "BCC" means any substance that has the potential to cause adverse effects which, upon entering the surface waters, accumulates in aquatic organisms by a human health or wildlife bioaccumulation factor greater than 1000.

**(10)** "Bioconcentration" means the net accumulation of a substance by an aquatic organism as a result of uptake directly from the ambient water through its gill membranes or other external body surfaces.

**(11)** "Bioconcentration factor" or "BCF" means the ratio (in L/kg) of a substance's concentration in the tissue of an aquatic organism to its concentration in the ambient water, in situations where the organism is exposed through the water only and where the ratio does not change substantially over time.

**(12)** "Biota-sediment accumulation factor" or "BSAF" means the ratio (in kg of organic carbon/kg of lipid) of a substance's lipid-normalized concentration in the tissue of an aquatic organism to its organic carbon-normalized concentration in surface sediment, in situations where the ratio does not change substantially over time, both the organism and its food are exposed, and where the surface sediment is representative of the average surface sediment in the vicinity of the organism.

**(13)** "Carcinogen" means any substance listed in Table 9 or a substance for which the induction of benign or malignant neoplasms has been demonstrated in:

(a) Humans; or

(b) Two mammalian species; or

(c) One mammalian species, independently reproduced; or

(d) One mammalian species, to an unusual degree with respect to increased incidence, shortened latency period, variety of site, tumor type, or decreased age at onset; or

(e) One mammalian species, supported by reproducible positive results in at least 3 different types of short-term tests which are indicative of potential oncogenic activity.

**(14)** "Chronic toxicity" means the ability of a substance to cause an adverse effect in an organism which results from exposure to the substance for a time period representing that substantial portion of the natural life expectancy of that organism.

**(15)** "Chronic toxicity criterion" or "CTC" means the maximum 4-day concentration of a substance which ensures adequate protection of sensitive species of aquatic life from the chronic toxicity of that substance and will adequately protect the designated fish and aquatic use of the surface water if not exceeded more than once every 3 years.

**(16)** "Depuration" means the loss of a substance from an organism as a result of any active or passive process.

**(17)** "$EC_{50}$" means a concentration of a toxic substance which causes an adverse effect including mortality in 50% of the exposed organisms in a given time period.

**(18)** "Food-chain multiplier" or "FCM" means the ratio of a BAF to an appropriate BCF.

**(19)** "$LC_{50}$" means a concentration of a toxic substance which is lethal to 50% of the exposed organisms in a given time period.

**(20)** "$LD_{50}$" means a dose of a toxic substance which is lethal to 50% of the exposed organisms in a given time period.

**(21)** "Lipid-soluble substance" means a substance which is soluble in nonpolar organic solvents and which tends to accumulate in the fatty tissues of an organism exposed to the substance.

**(22)** "Lowest observable adverse effect level" or "LOAEL" means the lowest tested concentration that caused an adverse effect in comparison with a control when all higher test concentrations caused the same effect.

**(23)** "No observable adverse effect level" or "NOAEL" means the highest tested concentration that did not cause an adverse effect in comparison with a control when no lower test concentration caused an adverse effect.

**(24)** "Octanol/water partition coefficient" or "$K_{OW}$" means the ratio of the concentration of a substance in the octanol phase to its concentration in the aqueous phase in an equilibrated 2-phase octanol-water system. For log $K_{OW}$, the log of the octanol-water partition coefficient is a base 10 logarithm.

**(25)** "Secondary value" means a temporary value that represents the concentration of a substance which ensures adequate protection of sensitive species of aquatic life, wildlife or human health from the toxicity of that substance and will adequately protect the designated use of the surface water until database requirements are fulfilled to calculate a water quality criterion.

**(26)** "Steady state" means that an equilibrium condition in the body burden of a substance in an organism has been achieved and is assumed when the rate of depuration of a substance matches its rate of uptake.

**(27)** "Toxic substance" means a substance or mixture of substances which through sufficient exposure, or ingestion, inhalation or assimilation by an organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through the food chain, will cause death, disease, behavioral or immunological abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, or developmental or physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction or physical deformations, in such organisms or their offspring.

**(28)** "Trophic level" means a functional classification of taxa within a community that is based on feeding relationships (e.g., aquatic plants comprise the first trophic level, herbivores comprise the second, small fish comprise the third, predatory fish the fourth, etc.).

**(29)** "Uptake" means the acquisition of a substance from the environment by an organism as a result of any active or passive process.

**(30)** "Water quality parameter" means one of the indicators available for describing the distinctive quality of water including, but not limited to, hardness, pH, or temperature.

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**NR 105.04 Determination of adverse effects. (1)** Substances may not be present in surface waters at concentrations which adversely affect public health or welfare, present or prospective uses of surface waters for public or private water supplies, or the protection or propagation of fish or other aquatic life or wild or domestic animal life.

**(2)** A substance shall be deemed to have adverse effects on fish or other aquatic life if it exceeds any of the following more than once every 3 years:

(a) The acute toxicity criterion as specified in s. NR 105.05, or

(b) The chronic toxicity criterion as specified in s. NR 105.06.

(c) The acute and chronic toxicity criteria for ammonia nitrogen shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the department for the appropriate aquatic life use category.

**(3)** A substance shall be deemed to have adverse effects on wildlife if it exceeds the wildlife criterion as specified in s. NR 105.07.

**(4)** A substance shall be deemed to have adverse effects on public health and welfare if it exceeds any of the following:

(a) The human threshold criterion as specified in s. NR 105.08; or

(b) The human cancer criterion as specified in s. NR 105.09; or

(c) The taste and odor criterion as specified in s. NR 102.14.

**(4m)** The presence of PFOA as defined in s. NR 102.03 (4e), as well as the presence of PFOS as defined in s. NR 102.03 (4m), shall be deemed to have adverse effects on public health and welfare if these substances exceed the public health significance levels in s. NR 102.04 (8) (d) 1.

**(5)** A substance shall be deemed to have adverse effects or the reasonable potential to have adverse effects on aquatic life, wildlife or human health, if it exceeds a secondary value determined according to the procedures in ss. NR 105.05 to 105.08.

**(6)** The determination of the criteria or secondary values for substances as calculated under ss. NR 105.05 to 105.09 shall be based upon the available scientific data base. References to be used in obtaining scientific data may include, but are not limited to:

(a) "Water Quality Criteria 1972", EPA-R3-73-033, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1974.

(b) "Quality Criteria for Water", EPA-440/9-76-003, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C., 1976.

(c) October 1980 and January 1985 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ambient water quality criteria documents.

(d) "Public Health Related Groundwater Standards: Summary of Scientific Support Documentation for NR 140.10", Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health, September 1985.

(e) "Public Health Related Groundwater Standards - 1986: Summary of Scientific Support Documentation for NR 140.10", Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health, June 1986.

(f) Health advisories published on March 31, 1987 by EPA, Office of Drinking Water.

(g) Any other reports, documents or information published by EPA or any other federal agency.

(h) Any other reports, documents or information that the department, deems to be reliable.

**(7)** When reviewing any of the references in sub. (6) to determine the effect of a substance, the department:

(a) Shall use scientific studies on the toxicity of a substance to fish and other aquatic life and wild and domestic animals, indigenous to the state;

(b) May use scientific studies on the toxicity of a substance to fish or other aquatic life, plant, mammalian, avian, and reptilian species not indigenous to the state; and

(c) May consider biomonitoring information to determine the aquatic life toxicity of complex mixtures of toxic substances in addition to the chemical specific criteria specified in this chapter.

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**NR 105.05 Acute toxicity criteria and secondary acute values for aquatic life. (1)** MINIMUM DATABASE FOR ACUTE CRITERION DEVELOPMENT. (a) To derive an acute toxicity criterion for aquatic life, the minimum information required shall be the results of acceptable acute toxicity tests with one or more species of freshwater animal in at least 8 different families provided that of the 8 species:

1. At least one is a salmonid fish in the family Salmonidae in the class Osteichthyes,

2. At least one is a non-salmonid fish from another family in the class Osteichthyes, preferably a commercially or recreationally important warmwater species,

3. At least one is a planktonic crustacean (e.g., cladoceran, copepod),

4. At least one is a benthic crustacean (e.g., ostracod, isopod, amphipod, crayfish),

5. At least one is an insect (e.g., mayfly, dragonfly, damselfly, stonefly, caddisfly, mosquito, midge),

6. At least one is a fish or amphibian from a family in the phylum Chordata not already represented in one of the other subdivisions.

7. At least one is an organism from a family in a phylum other than Arthropoda or Chordata (e.g., Rotifera, Annelida, Mollusca), and

8. At least one is an organism from a family in any order of insect or any other phylum not already represented in subds. 1. to 7.

9. If all 8 of the families in subds. 1. to 8. are represented, an acute toxicity criterion may be developed for surface waters classified as cold water using information on all of those families. If an acute toxicity criterion is developed for surface waters classified as cold water, acute toxicity criteria may also be developed for any of the surface water classifications in s. NR 102.04 (3) (b) to (e) using the procedure in sub. (2) or (3) and data on families in subds. 1. to 8. which are representative of the aquatic life communities associated with those classifications. For each substance, in no case may the criterion for a lower quality fish and aquatic life subcategory as defined in s. NR 102.04 be less than the criterion for a higher quality fish and aquatic life subcategory.

10. For a substance, if all of the families in subds. 1. to 8. are not represented, an acute toxicity criterion may not be developed for that substance. Instead, any available data may be used to develop a secondary acute value (SAV) for that substance according to s. NR 105.02 (3) and sub.(4).

(b) The acceptability of acute toxicity test results shall be judged according to the guidelines in section IV of the United States environmental protection agency's 1985 "Guidelines for Deriving National Numerical Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses" or 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix A. II, IV and V, as stated on September 1, 1997, is incorporated by reference.

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**(2)** ACUTE TOXICITY CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCES WITH TOXICITY UNRELATED TO WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS. If the acute toxicity of a substance has not been adequately shown to be related to a water quality parameter (i.e., hardness, pH, temperature, etc.), the acute toxicity criterion (ATC) is calculated using the procedures specified in this subsection.

(a) 1. For each species for which at least one acute value is available, the species mean acute value (SMAV) is calculated as the geometric mean of all acceptable acute toxicity tests using the guidelines in sub. (1) (b).

2. For each genus for which one or more SMAVs are available, the genus mean acute value (GMAV) is calculated as the geometric mean of the SMAVs available for the genus.

(b) The GMAVs are ordered from high to low.

(c) Ranks (R) are assigned to the GMAVs from 1 for the lowest to N for the highest. If 2 or more GMAVs are identical, successive ranks are arbitrarily assigned.

(d) The cumulative probability (P) is calculated for each GMAVs as P=R/(N + 1).

(e) The 4 GMAVs are selected which have P closest to 0.05. If there are less than 59 GMAVs, these will always be the lowest GMAVs.

(f) Using the selected GMAVs and Ps, the ATC is calculated using the following:

1. Let EV = sum of the 4 ln GMAVs,
   EW = sum of the 4 squares of the ln GMAVs,
   EP = sum of the 4 P values,
   EPR = sum of the 4 square roots of P, and
   JR = square root of 0.05.
2. $S = ((EW - (EV)^2/4)/(EP-(EPR)^2/4))^{0.5.}$
3. L = (EV - S(EPR))/4.
4. A = (JR)(S) + L.
5. Final Acute Value (FAV)= $e^A$.
6. ATC = FAV/2.

(g) If, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the geometric mean of the acute values from flow-through tests in which the concentration of test material was measured is lower than the calculated ATC [FAV], then that geometric mean is used as the ATC [FAV] instead of the calculated one.

(h) Table 1 contains the acute toxicity criteria for fish and aquatic life subcategories listed in s. NR 102.04 (3) that are calculated using the procedures described in this subsection for substances meeting the database requirements indicated in sub. (1) (a).

**(3)** ACUTE TOXICITY CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCES WITH TOXICITY RELATED TO WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS. If data are available on a substance to show that acute toxicity to 2 or more species is similarly related to a water quality parameter (i.e., hardness, pH, temperature, etc.), the acute toxicity criterion (ATC) is calculated using the procedures specified in this subsection.

(a) For each species for which acceptable acute toxicity tests using the guidelines in sub. (1) (b) are available at 2 or more different values of the water quality parameter, a least squares regression of the acute toxicity values on the corresponding values of the water quality parameter is performed to obtain the slope of the curve that best describes the relationship. Because the most commonly documented relationship is that between hardness and acute toxicity of metals and a log-log relationship fits these data, geometric means and natural logarithms of both toxicity and water quality are used in the rest of this subsection to illustrate this method. For relationships based on other water quality parameters, no transformation or a different transformation might fit the data better, and appropriate changes shall be made as necessary throughout this subsection.

(b) For each species, the geometric mean of the available acute values (W) is calculated and then each of those acute values is divided by the mean for that species. This normalizes the acute values so that the geometric mean of the normalized values for each species individually and for any combination of species is 1.0.

(c) For each species, the geometric mean of the available corresponding water quality parameter values (X) is calculated and then each of those water quality parameter values is divided by the mean for that species. This normalizes the water quality parameter values so that the geometric mean of the normalized values for each species individually and for any combination of species is 1.0.

(d) A least squares regression of all the normalized acute values on the corresponding normalized values of the water quality parameter is performed to obtain the pooled acute slope (V). If the coefficient of determination, or r value, calculated from that regression is found not to be significant based on a standard F-test at a 0.05 level, then the pooled acute slope shall be set equal to zero.

(e) For each species the logarithmic intercept (Y) is calculated using the equation: Y = ln W - V(ln X).

(f) 1. For each species the species mean acute intercept (SMAI) is calculated as $e^Y$.

2. For each genus for which one or more SMAIs are available, the genus mean acute intercept (GMAI) is calculated as the geometric mean of the SMAIs available for the genus.

(g) The GMAIs are ordered from high to low.

(h) Ranks (R) are assigned to the GMAIs from 1 for the lowest to N for the highest. If 2 or more GMAIs are identical, successive ranks are arbitrarily assigned.

(i) The cumulative probability (P) is calculated for each GMAI as P=R/(N+1).

(j) The 4 GMAIs are selected which have P closest to 0.05. If there are less than 59 GMAIs, these will always be the lowest GMAIs.

(k) Using the selected GMAIs and Ps, the ATC is calculated using the following:

1. Let EV = sum of the 4 ln GMAIs,
   EW = sum of the 4 squares of the ln GMAIs,
   EP = sum of the 4 P values,
   EPR = sum of the 4 square roots of P, and
   JR = square root of 0.05.
2. $S = ((EW - (EV)^2/4) /(EP-(EPR)^2/4))^{0.5.}$
3. L = (EV - S(EPR))/4.
4. A = (JR)(S) + L.
5. Final Acute Intercept (FAI) = $e^A$.
6. Acute Criterion Intercept (ACI) = FAI/2.

(L) The acute toxicity equation (ATE) is written as:

ATC = $_e$(V ln(water quality parameter) + ln ACI).

The ATE shall be applicable only over the range of water quality parameters equivalent to the mean plus or minus 2 standard deviations using the entire fresh water acute toxicity data base and the water quality parameter transformation employed in par. (a). If the value at a specific location is outside of that range, the endpoint of the range nearest to that value shall be used to determine the criterion. Additional information may be used to modify those ranges. The final acute value (FAV) equals 2 times the ATC (acute toxicity criterion) calculated using the formula in this paragraph.

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(m) If, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the SMAI is lower than the calculated ACI, then that SMAI is used as the ACI instead of the calculated one.

(n) Table 2 contains the acute toxicity criteria for the fish and aquatic life subcategories listed in s. NR 102.04 (3) that are calculated using the procedures described in this subsection for substances meeting the database requirements indicated in sub. (1) (a). Table 2A contains the water quality parameter ranges calculated in par. (L).

**(4)** SECONDARY ACUTE VALUES. If all 8 minimum data requirements for calculating acute toxicity criteria in sub. (1) (a) are not met, secondary acute values (SAVs) shall be determined using the procedure in this subsection.

(a) In order to calculate a SAV, the database shall contain, at a minimum, a genus mean acute value (GMAV) for one of the following 3 genera in the family Daphnidae - *Ceriodaphnia sp., Daphnia sp.*, or *Simocephalus sp.* To calculate a SAV, the lowest GMAV in the database is divided by the Secondary Acute Factor (SAF). The SAF is an adjustment factor corresponding to the number of satisfied minimum data requirements, listed in sub. (1) (a). SAFs are listed in Table 2B.

(b) Whenever appropriate, the effects of variable water quality parameters shall be considered when calculating a SAV, consistent with the procedures described in sub. (3).

(c) Whenever, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the SMAV is lower than the calculated SAV, that SMAV shall be used as the SAV instead of the calculated SAV.

**(5)** ACUTE TOXICITY CRITERIA EXPRESSED IN THE DISSOLVED FORM. Acute water quality criteria may be expressed as a dissolved concentration. The conversion of an acute water quality criterion expressed as a total recoverable concentration, to an acute water quality criterion expressed as a dissolved concentration, the portion of the substance which will pass through a 0.45 um filter, shall be done using the equations in pars. (a) and (b). Substances which may have criteria expressed as a dissolved concentration are listed in par. (a) with corresponding conversion factors.

(a) The conversion of the water quality criterion expressed as total recoverable ($WQC_{Total\ R.}$) to the water quality criterion expressed as dissolved ($WQC_D$) shall be performed as follows:

$$WQC_D = (CF)(WQC_{Total\ R.})$$

Where: $WQC_{Total\ R.}$ = Criteria from NR 105, Table 1 or 2.

CF = Conversion factor for total recoverable to dissolved.

Conversion factors are as follows:

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| Arsenic | 1.000 |
| Cadmium | 0.850 |
| Chromium (III) | 0.316 |
| Chromium (VI) | 0.982 |
| Copper | 0.960 |
| Lead | 0.875 |
| Mercury | 0.850 |
| Nickel | 0.998 |
| Selenium | 0.922 |
| Silver | 0.850 |
| Zinc | 0.978 |

(b) The translation of the $WQC_D$ into the water quality criterion which accounts for site-specific conditions ($WQC_{TRAN}$) shall be performed as follows:

$$WQC_{TRAN} = (Translator)(WQC_D)$$

Where: Translator (unitless) = $((M_P)(TSS) + M_D)/M_D$

$M_P$ = Particle-bound concentration of the pollutant (ug/g) in receiving water.

$M_D$ = Dissolved concentration of the pollutant in receiving water (ug/L).

TSS = Total Suspended Solids (g/L) concentration in receiving water.

(c) The procedures in pars. (a) and (b) may also be used for the conversion of secondary values from total recoverable to dissolved.

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**NR 105.06 Chronic toxicity criteria and secondary chronic values for fish and aquatic life. (1)** MINIMUM DATABASE FOR CHRONIC CRITERION DEVELOPMENT. (a) To derive a chronic toxicity criterion for aquatic life, the minimum information required shall be results of acceptable chronic toxicity tests with one or more species of freshwater animal in at least 8 different families provided that of the 8 species:

1. At least one is a salmonid fish, in the family Salmonidae in the class Osteichthyes,

2. At least one is a non-salmonid fish, from another family in the class Osteichthyes, preferably a commercially or recreationally important warmwater species,

3. At least one is a planktonic crustacean (e.g., cladoceran, copepod),

4. At least one is a benthic crustacean (e.g., ostracod, isopod, amphipod, crayfish),

5. At least one is an insect (e.g., mayfly, dragonfly, damselfly, stonefly, caddisfly, mosquito, midge),

6. At least one is a fish or amphibian from a family in the phylum Chordata not already represented in one of the other subdivisions,

7. At least one is an organism from a family in a phylum other than Arthropoda or Chordata (e.g., Rotifera, Annelida, Mollusca), and

8. At least one is an organism from a family in any order of insect or any other phylum not already represented in subds. 1. to 7.

9. If all 8 of the families in subds. 1. to 8. are represented, a chronic toxicity criterion may be developed for surface waters classified as cold water using information on all of those families. If a chronic toxicity criterion is developed for surface waters classified as cold water, chronic toxicity criteria may also be developed for any of the surface water classifications in s. NR 102.04 (3) (b) to (e) using the procedure in sub. (2) or (3) and data on families in subds. 1. to 8. which are representative of the aquatic life communities associated with those classifications. For each substance, in no case may the criterion for a lower quality fish and aquatic life subcategory as defined in s. NR 102.04 be less than the criterion for a higher quality fish and aquatic life subcategory.

10. For a substance, if all the families in subds. 1. to 8. are not represented, acute-chronic ratios as calculated in sub. (5) may be used to generate the chronic toxicity values necessary to calculate a chronic toxicity criterion.

11. For a substance, if all of the families in subds. 1. to 8. are not represented, a chronic toxicity criterion may not be developed for that substance except as provided in subd. 10. Instead, any available data may be used to develop a secondary acute value (SAV) for that substance according to sub. (4).

(b) The acceptability of chronic toxicity test results shall be judged according to the guidelines in section VI of the United States environmental protection agency's 1985 "Guidelines for Deriving National Numerical Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses" or 40 CFR Part 132 Appendix A, sections VI and VII as stated on September 1, 1997, is incorporated by reference.

**Note:** Copies of 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix A, Sections VI and VII are available for inspection in the offices of the department of natural resources, secretary of state and the legislative reference bureau, Madison, WI or may be purchased from the superintendent of documents, US government printing office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

**(2)** CALCULATION OF A CHRONIC CONCENTRATION. A chronic concentration is obtained by calculating the geometric mean of the chronic lowest observable adverse effect level and the chronic no observable adverse effect level.

**(3)** CHRONIC TOXICITY CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCES WITH TOXICITY UNRELATED TO WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS. If the chronic toxicity of a substance has not been adequately shown to be related to a water quality parameter, i.e., hardness, pH, temperature, etc., the chronic toxicity criterion (CTC) is calculated using the procedures specified in this subsection.

(a) 1. For each species for which at least one chronic value is available, the species mean chronic value (SMCV) is calculated as the geometric mean of all acceptable chronic toxicity tests using the guidelines in sub. (1) (b).

2. For each genus for which one or more SMCVs are available, the genus mean chronic value (GMCV) is calculated as the geometric mean of the SMCVs available for the genus.

(b) The GMCVs are ordered from high to low.

(c) Ranks (R) are assigned to the GMCVs from 1 for the lowest to N for the highest. If 2 or more GMCVs are identical, successive ranks are arbitrarily assigned.

(d) The cumulative probability (P) is calculated for each GMCVs as P=R/(N + 1).

(e) The 4 GMCVs are selected which have P closest to 0.05. If there are less than 59 GMCVs, these will always be the lowest GMCVs.

(f) Using the selected GMCVs and Ps, the final chronic value (FCV) is calculated using the following:

1. Let EV = sum of the 4 ln GMCVs,
   EW = sum of the 4 squares of the ln GMCVs,
   EP = sum of the 4 P values,
   EPR = sum of the 4 square roots of P, and
   JR = square root of 0.05.
2. $S = ((EW - (EV)^2/4)/(EP-(EPR)^2/4))^{0.5}$
3. L = (EV - S(EPR))/4.
4. A = (JR)(S) + L.
5. $FCV = e^A$.

(g) If, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the geometric mean of the chronic values is lower than the calculated FCV then that geometric mean is used as the FCV instead of the calculated one.

(h) The chronic toxicity criterion (CTC) equals the lower of the FCV and the final plant value calculated using the procedure in s. NR 105.11.

(i) Table 3 contains the chronic toxicity criteria for the fish and aquatic life subcategories listed in s. NR 102.04 (3) that are calculated using the procedures described in this subsection for substances meeting the database requirements indicated in sub. (1).

**(4)** CHRONIC TOXICITY CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCES WITH TOXICITY RELATED TO WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS. (a) If data are available on a substance to show that chronic toxicity to 2 or more species is similarly related to a water quality parameter (i.e., hardness, pH, temperature, etc.), the chronic toxicity criterion (CTC) is calculated using the procedures specified in this paragraph.

1. For each species for which acceptable chronic toxicity tests using the guidelines in sub. (1) (b) are available at 2 or more different values of the water quality parameter, a least squares regression of the chronic toxicity values on the corresponding values of the water quality parameter is performed to obtain the slope of the curve that best describes the relationship. Because the most commonly documented relationship is that between hardness and the chronic toxicity of metals and a log-log relationship fits these data, geometric means and natural logarithms of both toxicity and water quality are used in the rest of this subsection to illustrate this method. For relationships based on other water quality parameters, no transformation or a different transformation might fit the data better, and appropriate changes shall be made as necessary throughout this subsection.

2. For each species, the geometric mean of the available chronic values (W) is calculated and then each of the chronic values is divided by the mean for that species. This normalizes the chronic values so that the geometric mean of the normalized values for each species individually and for any combination of species is 1.0.

3. For each species, the geometric mean of the available corresponding water quality parameter values (X) is calculated and then each of the water quality parameter values is divided by the mean for that species. This normalizes the water quality parameter values so that the geometric mean of the normalized values for each species individually and for any combination of species is 1.0.

4. A least squares regression of all the normalized chronic values on the corresponding normalized values of the water quality parameter is performed to obtain the pooled chronic slope (V). If the coefficient of determination, or r value, calculated from that regression is found not to be significant based on a standard F-test at a 0.05 level, then the pooled chronic slope shall be set equal to zero.

5. For each species the logarithmic intercept (Y) is calculated using the equation: Y = ln W - V(ln X).

6. a. For each species the species mean chronic intercept (SMCI) is calculated as $e^Y$.

b. For each genus for which one or more SMCIs are available, the genus mean chronic intercept (GMCI) is calculated as the geometric mean of the SMCIs available for the genus.

7. The GMCIs are ordered from high to low.

8. Ranks (R) are assigned to the GMCIs from 1 for the lowest to N for the highest. If 2 or more GMCIs are identical, successive ranks are arbitrarily assigned.

9. The cumulative probability (P) is calculated for each GMCI as P=R/(N + 1).

10. The 4 GMCIs are selected which have P closest to 0.05. If there are less than 59 GMCIs, these will always be the lowest GMCIs.

11. Using the selected GMCIs and Ps, the final chronic value (FCV) is calculated using the following:

a. Let EV = sum of the 4 ln GMCIs,
EW = sum of the 4 squares of the ln GMCIs,
EP = sum of the 4 P values,
EPR = sum of the 4 square roots of P, and
JR = square root of 0.05.

b. $S = ((EW-(EV)^2/4)/(EP-(EPR)^2/4))^{0.5}$

c. L = (EV - S(EPR))/4.

d. A = (JR)(S) + L.

e. Final Chronic Intercept (FCI) = $e^A$.

12. The final chronic equation (FCE) is written as:

FCV = $_e$(V ln(water quality parameter) + ln FCI).

The FCE shall be applicable only over the range of water quality parameters equivalent to the mean ± 2 standard deviations using the entire freshwater chronic toxicity data base and the water quality parameter transformation employed in subd. 1. If the value at a specific location is outside of that range, the endpoint of the range nearest to that value shall be used to determine the criterion. Additional information may be used to modify those ranges.

13. If, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the SMCI is lower than the calculated FCI, then that SMCI is used as the FCI instead of the calculated one.

(b) At a value of the water quality parameter, the chronic toxicity criterion (CTC) equals the lower of the FCV and the final plant value calculated using the procedure in s. NR 105.11.

(c) Table 4 contains the chronic toxicity criteria for the fish and aquatic life subcategories listed in s. NR 102.04 (3) that are calculated using the procedures described in this subsection for substances meeting the database requirements indicated in sub. (1). Table 4A contains the water quality parameter ranges calculated in par. (a) 1.

**(5)** ACUTE-CHRONIC RATIOS. (a) The acute-chronic ratio is used to estimate the chronic toxicity of a substance to fish or other aquatic species when the database of sub. (1) (a) is not satisfied.

(b) The acute-chronic ratio for a species equals the acute concentration from data considered under s. NR 105.05 (1) divided by the chronic concentration from data calculated under sub. (1), subject to the following conditions:

1. If the acute toxicity of a substance is related to any water quality parameter, the acute-chronic ratio shall be based on acute and chronic toxicity data obtained from organisms exposed to test water with similar, if not identical, values of those water quality parameters. Preference under this paragraph shall be given to data from acute and chronic tests done by the same author or reference in order to increase the likelihood of comparable test conditions.

2. If the acute and chronic toxicity data indicate that the acute-chronic ratio varies with changes in the values of the water quality parameters, the acute-chronic ratio used at specified values of the water quality parameters shall be based on the ratios at values closest to that specified.

3. If the acute toxicity of a substance is unrelated to water quality parameters, the acute-chronic ratio may be derived from any acute and chronic test on a species regardless of the similarity in values of those parameters. Preference under this paragraph shall be given to data from acute and chronic tests done by the same author or reference to increase the likelihood of comparable test conditions.

(c) A final chronic value shall be calculated for a substance under this subsection only if at least one acute-chronic ratio is available for at least one species of aquatic animal in at least 3 different families, provided that of the 3 species, one is a fish, one is an invertebrate, and the third is a relatively sensitive freshwater species on an acute toxicity basis. The other 2 may be saltwater species.

(d) The geometric mean acute-chronic ratio is calculated for each species using the available acute-chronic ratios for that species. That mean ratio shall be called the species mean acute-chronic ratio (SMACR).

(e) For a given substance, if the SMACR appears to increase or decrease as the species or genus mean acute values (SMAVs or GMAVs) calculated for that substance using the procedure described in s. NR 105.05 increase, the final acute-chronic ratio (FACR) shall be equal to the geometric mean of the SMACRs for species with SMAVs closest to the final acute value.

(f) For a given substance, if no trend is apparent regarding changes in SMACRs and GMAVs, the FACR shall be equal to the geometric mean of all SMACRs available for that substance.

(g) For a given substance, the final chronic value (FCV) shall be equal to the final acute value (FAV) divided by the final acute-chronic ratio (FACR). The chronic toxicity criterion shall be equal to the lower of the FCV and the final plant value as calculated using the procedure in s. NR 105.11, if available.

(h) Chronic toxicity criteria for the fish and aquatic life subcategories listed in s. NR 102.04 (3) that are calculated using acute-chronic ratios are listed in Table 5 for substances with acute toxicity unrelated to water quality parameters and in Table 6 for substances with acute toxicity related to water quality parameters. Equations listed in Table 6 are applicable over the range of water quality parameters as contained in Table 4A. Table 2A should be used where no range is listed in Table 4A.

**(6)** SECONDARY CHRONIC VALUES. If all 8 minimum data requirements for calculating FCVs in sub. (1) (a) are not met for a substance, secondary chronic values (SCVs) shall be calculated for that substance using the procedure in this subsection.

(a) If any one of the combinations of information in subds. 1. to 3. is available, a SCV may be calculated. To calculate a SCV for a substance, the acute value from subds. 1. to 3. is divided by the applicable acute-chronic ratio in the same subdivision.

1. Calculate a FAV using the procedure in s. NR 105.05 (2) and divide it by a secondary acute-chronic ratio (SACR) using the procedure in sub. (7).

2. Calculate a SAV using the procedure in s. NR 105.05 (4) and divide it by a final acute-chronic ratio (FACR) using the procedure in sub. (5).

3. Calculate a SAV using the procedure in s. NR 105.05 (4) and divide it by a SACR using the procedure in sub. (7).

(b) If appropriate, the SCV shall be made a function of a water quality characteristic in a manner similar to that described in sub. (4) (a).

(c) If, for a commercially, recreationally or ecologically important species, the SMCV is lower than the calculated SCV, that SMCV shall be used as the SCV instead of the calculated SCV.

(d) If there is an FPV available using the procedure in s. NR 105.11 which is lower than the calculated SCV, that FPV shall be used as the SCV instead of the calculated SCV.

**(7)** SECONDARY ACUTE-CHRONIC RATIOS. (a) If a FACR cannot be calculated using the procedure in sub. (5) because SMACRs are not available for a fish, an invertebrate or an acutely sensitive freshwater species, a secondary acute-chronic ratio (SACR) may be calculated using the procedure in this subsection.

(b) The SACR shall be equal to the geometric mean of 3 acute-chronic ratios. Those ratios consist of the SMACRs avail-

able for the species in sub. (5) (c). When SMACRs are not available for the species in par. (a), the default acute-chronic ratio to be used is 18. Use of a SACR will result in the calculation of a secondary chronic value.

**(8)** CHRONIC TOXICITY CRITERIA EXPRESSED IN THE DISSOLVED FORM. Chronic water quality criteria may be expressed as a dissolved concentration. The conversion of a chronic water quality criterion expressed as a total recoverable concentration to a chronic water quality criterion expressed as a dissolved concentration, the portion of the substance which will pass through a 0.45 um filter, shall be done using the equations in pars. (a) and (b). Substances which may have criteria expressed as a dissolved concentration are listed in par. (a) with corresponding conversion factors.

(a) The conversion of the water quality criterion expressed as total recoverable ($WQC_{Total\ R.}$) to the water quality criterion expressed as dissolved ($WQC_D$) shall be performed as follows:

$$WQC_D = (CF)(WQC_{Total\ R.})$$

Where: $WQC_{Total\ R.}$ = Criteria from NR 105, Table 5 or 6.

CF = Conversion factor for total recoverable to dissolved.

Conversion factors are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Arsenic | 1.000 |
| Cadmium | 0.850 |
| Chromium (III) | 0.860 |
| Chromium (VI) | 0.962 |
| Copper | 0.960 |
| Lead | 0.792 |
| Mercury | 0.85 |
| Nickel | 0.997 |
| Selenium | 0.922 |
| Zinc | 0.986 |

(b) The translation of the $WQC_D$ into the water quality criterion which accounts for site-specific conditions ($WQC_{TRAN}$) shall be performed as follows:

$$WQC_{TRAN} = (Translator)(WQC_D)$$

Where: Translator (unitless) = $((M_P)(TSS) + M_D)/M_D$

$M_P$ = Particle-bound concentration of the pollutant (ug/g) in receiving water.

$M_D$ = Dissolved concentration of the pollutant in receiving water (ug/L).

TSS = Total Suspended Solids (g/L) concentration in receiving water.

(c) The procedures in pars. (a) and (b) may also be used for the conversion of secondary values from total recoverable to dissolved.

**Table 1**
**Acute Toxicity Criteria for Substances With Toxicity Unrelated to Water Quality**
**(in ug/L except where indicated)**

| Substance | Cold Water | Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage, and Limited Forage Fish | Limited Aquatic Life |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenic (+3)* | 339.8 | 339.8 | 339.8 |
| Chromium (+6)* | 16.02 | 16.02 | 16.02 |
| Mercury (+2)* | 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| Cyanide, free | 22.4 | 45.8 | 45.8 |
| Chloride | 757,000 | 57,000 | 757,000 |
| Chlorine* | 19.03 | 19.03 | 19.03 |
| Gamma - BHC | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| Dieldrin | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| Endrin | 0.086 | 0.086 | 0.12 |
| Toxaphene | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 |
| Chlorpyrifos | 0.041 | 0.041 | 0.041 |
| Parathion | 0.057 | 0.057 | 0.057 |

**Note:** * - Criterion listed is applicable to the "total recoverable" form except for chlorine which is applicable to the "total residual" form.

**Table 2**
**Acute Toxicity Criteria for Substances With Toxicity Related to Water Quality**
**(all in ug/L)**

| Water Quality Parameter: Hardness (in ppm as $CaCO_3$) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ATC=e^{(V \text{ in hardness}) + \ln ACI)}$ | | ATC at Various Hardness (ppm) Levels | | |
| Substance | V | ln ACI | 50 | 100 | 200 |
| Total Recoverable Cadmium: | | | | | |
| Cold Water | 1.147 | -3.8104 | 1.97 | 4.36 | 9.65 |
| Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage and Limited Forage Fish | 1.147 | -2.9493 | 4.65 | 10.31 | 22.83 |
| Limited Aquatic Life | 1.147 | -1.9195 | 13.03 | 28.87 | 63.92 |
| Total Recoverable Chromium (+3): | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.819 | 3.7256 | 1022 | 1803 | 3181 |
| Total Recoverable Copper: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.9436 | -1.6036 | 8.07 | 15.51 | 29.84 |
| Total Recoverable Lead: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.9662 | 0.2226 | 54.73 | 106.92 | 208.90 |
| Total Recoverable Nickel: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.846 | 2.255 | 261 | 469 | 843 |
| Total Recoverable Zinc: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.8745 | 0.7634 | 65.66 | 120.4 | 220.7 |
| Water Quality Parameter: pH | | | | | |
| | $ATC = e^{(V(pH) + \ln ACI)}$ | | | | |
| Substance | V | ln ACI | 6.5 | 7.8 | 8.8 |
| Pentachlorophenol: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 1.0054 | -4.877 | 5.25 | 19.40 | 53.01 |

**Table 2A**
**Water Quality Parameter Ranges for Substances With Acute Toxicity Related to Water Quality**

| Substance | Parameter | Applicable Range |
|---|---|---|
| Cadmium | Hardness (ppm) | 6 - 457 |
| Chromium (+3) | Hardness (ppm) | 13 - 301 |
| Copper | Hardness (ppm) | 13 - 495 |
| Lead | Hardness (ppm) | 12 - 356 |
| Nickel | Hardness (ppm) | 13 - 268 |
| Zinc | Hardness (ppm) | 12 - 333 |
| Pentachlorophenol | pH (s.u.) | 6.6 - 8.8 |

**Table 2B**
**Secondary Acute Factors**

| Number of minimum data requirements satisfied | Adjustment factor |
|---|---|
| 1 | 21.9 |
| 2 | 13.0 |
| 3 | 8.0 |
| 4 | 7.0 |
| 5 | 6.1 |
| 6 | 5.2 |
| 7 | 4.3 |

**Table 2C**
**Acute Toxicity Criteria for Ammonia With Toxicity Related to Water Quality(all in mg/L)**
**Cold Water (CW) Categories 1-5 are applicable only to ammonia criteria.[1]**

Water Quality Parameter: pH

ATC (in mg/L) = $[A / (1 + 10^{(7.204 - pH)})] + [B /(1 + 10^{(pH - 7.204)})]$

| **Substance** | **A** | **B** | **7.5** | **8.0** | **8.5** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ammonia (as N) in mg/L: | | | | | |
| CW Category 1 & 4 | 0.275 | 39.0 | 13.28 | 5.62 | 2.14 |
| CW Category 2 & 3 | 0.343 | 48.7 | 16.59 | 7.01 | 2.67 |
| CW Category 5, Warm Water Sport Fish, Warm Water Forage, and Limited Forage Fish | 0.411 | 58.4 | 19.89 | 8.41 | 3.20 |
| Limited Aquatic Life | 0.633 | 90.0 | 30.64 | 12.95 | 4.93 |

[1] For ammonia, along with data on all warm water fish species and invertebrates, the cold water criteria are calculated using data on all cold water fish species with the following exceptions:

CW Category 1 = Default category of cold water classification. This category includes all fish. [Note: CW Category 1 is always applicable in Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay north of 44° 32' 30" north latitude.]

CW Category 2 = Inland lakes with populations of cisco, lake trout, brook trout or brown trout, but no other trout or salmonid species. This category excludes data on genus *Onchorhynchus*.

CW Category 3 = Inland lakes with populations of cisco, but no trout or salmonid species. This category excludes data on genera *Onchorhynchus, Salmo*, and *Salvelinus*.

CW Category 4 = Inland trout waters with brook, brown, or rainbow trout, but no whitefish or cisco. This category excludes data on genus *Prosopium*.

CW Category 5 = Inland trout waters with brook and brown trout, but no whitefish, cisco, or other trout or salmonid species. This category excludes data on genera *Prosopium* and *Onchorhynchus*.

**Table 3**
**Chronic Toxicity Criteria for Substances With Toxicity Unrelated to Water Quality(all in ug/L)**

| Substance | Cold Water | Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage and Limited Forage Fish | Limited Aquatic Life |
|---|---|---|---|

(Reserved)

**Note:** This table is reserved for criteria that USEPA has indicated may be available in the near future.

**Table 4**
**Chronic Toxicity Criteria for Substances With Toxicity Related to Water Quality (all in ug/L)**

Water Quality Parameter: Hardness (in ppm as $CaCO_3$)

| | $CTC=e^{(V \ln(hardness) + \ln CCI)}$ | | CTC at Various Hardness (ppm) Levels | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substance | V | ln CCI | 50 | 100 | 175 |
| Total Recoverable Cadmium: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.7852 | -2.7150 | 1.43 | 2.46 | 3.82 |

**Table 4A**
**Water Quality Parameter Ranges for Substances With Chronic Toxicity Related to Water Quality**

| Substance | Parameter | Applicable Range |
|---|---|---|
| Cadmium | Hardness (ppm) | 18-175 |

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**Table 4B**
**Chronic Toxicity Criteria for Ammonia with Toxicity Related to Water Quality (all in mg/L)**

Substance: Ammonia (as N)
Water Quality Parameters: Temperature in degrees Celsius, pH

30-Day CTC:
CTC = E X $((0.0676/(1 + 10^{(7.688 - pH)})) + (2.912/(1 + 10^{(pH - 7.688)}))) X C$

4-Day CTC = 30-Day CTC X 2.5

Cold Water (all periods), Warm Water Sport Fish and Warm Water Forage Fish (periods with Early Life Stages Present):
C = minimum of (2.85) or $(1.45 X 10^{(0.028 X (25 - T))})$
T = Temperature in degrees Celsius
E = 0.854

Warm Water Sport Fish and Warm Water Forage Fish (periods with Early Life Stages Absent):
C = $(1.45 X 10^{(0.028 X (25 - T))})$
T = Maximum of (actual temperature in degrees Celsius) and (7)
E = 0.854

Limited Forage Fish (periods with Early Life Stages Present):
C = minimum of (3.09) or $(3.73 X 10^{(0.028 X (25 - T))})$
T = temperature in degrees Celsius
E = 1

Limited Forage Fish (periods with Early Life Stages Absent):
C = $(3.73 X 10^{(0.028 X (25 - T))})$
T = Maximum of (actual temperature in degrees Celsius) and (7)
E = 1

Limited Aquatic Life (all periods):
C = $(8.09 X 10^{(0.028 X (25 - T))})$
T = Maximum of (actual temperature in degrees Celsius) and (7)
E = 1

| | 30-day CTC in mg/L @ pH of: | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 7.5 | 8.0 | 8.5 |
| Cold Water, Warm Water Sport Fish (Early Life Stages Present), and Warm Water Forage Fish (Early Life Stages Present): | | | |
| @ 25 degrees Celsius | 2.22 | 1.24 | 0.55 |
| @ 14.5 degrees Celsius or less | 4.36 | 2.43 | 1.09 |
| Warm Water Sport Fish (Early Life Stages Absent), and Warm Water Forage Fish (Early Life Stages Absent): | | | |
| @ 25 degrees Celsius | 2.22 | 1.24 | 0.55 |
| @ 7 degrees Celsius or less | 7.09 | 3.95 | 1.77 |
| Limited Forage Fish (Early Life Stages Present): | | | |
| @ 27 degrees Celsius or less | 5.54 | 3.09 | 1.38 |
| Limited Forage Fish (Early Life Stages Absent): | | | |
| @ 25 degrees Celsius | 6.69 | 3.73 | 1.67 |
| @ 7 degrees Celsius or less | 21.34 | 11.90 | 5.33 |
| Limited Aquatic Life: | | | |
| @ 25 degrees Celsius | 14.50 | 8.09 | 3.62 |
| @ 7 degrees Celsius or less | 46.29 | 25.82 | 11.56 |

**Note:** The terms “early life stage present” and “early life stage absent” are defined in subch. III of ch. NR 106.

**Table 5**
**Chronic Toxicity Criteria Using Acute-Chronic Ratios for Substances with Toxicity Unrelated to Water Quality (all in ug/L)**

| Substance | Cold Water | Warm Water Sportfish and Warm Water Forage | Limited Forage Fish and Limited Aquatic Life |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenic (+3)* | 148 | 152.2 | 152.2 |
| Chromium (+6)* | 10.98 | 10.98 | 10.98 |
| Mercury (+2)* | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 |
| Cyanide, free | 5.22 | 11.47 | 11.47 |
| Chloride | 395,000 | 395,000 | 395,000 |
| Selenium | 5.0 | 5.0 | 46.5 |
| Chlorine* | 7.28 | 7.28 | 7.28 |
| Dieldrin | 0.055 | 0.077 | 0.077 |
| Endrin | 0.036 | 0.050 | 0.050 |
| Parathion | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.011 |

**Note:** *Criterion listed is applicable to the "total recoverable" form except for chlorine which is applicable to the "total residual" form.

**Table 6**
**Chronic Toxicity Criteria Using Acute-Chronic Ratios for Substances With Toxicity Related to Water Quality (all in ug/L)**

| Water Quality Parameter: Hardness (in ppm as $CaCO_3$) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $CTC=e^{(V \ln(hardness) + \ln CCI)}$ | | | CTC at Various Hardness (ppm) Levels | | |
| Substance | V | ln CCI | 50 | 100 | 200 |
| Total Recoverable Chromium (+3): | | | | | |
| Cold Water | 0.819 | 0.6851 | 48.86 | 86.21 | 152.1 |
| Warm Water Sportfish | 0.819 | 1.112 | 74.88 | 132.1 | 233.1 |
| All others | 0.819 | 1.112 | 74.88 | 132.1 | 233.1 |
| Total Recoverable Copper: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.8557 | -1.6036 | 5.72 | 10.35 | 18.73 |
| Total Recoverable Lead: | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.9662 | -1.1171 | 14.33 | 28.01 | 54.71 |
| Total Recoverable Nickel: | | | | | |
| Cold Water, Warm Water Sportfish, Warm Water Forage, and Limited Forage Fish | 0.846 | 0.059 | 29.0 | 52.2 | 93.8 |
| Limited Aquatic Life | 0.846 | 0.4004 | 40.8 | 73.4 | 132.0 |
| Total Recoverable Zinc | | | | | |
| All Surface Waters | 0.8745 | 0.7634 | 65.66 | 120.4 | 220.7 |
| Water Quality Parameter: pH | | | | | |
| $CTC=e^{(V(pH) + \ln CCI)}$ | | | CTC at Various pH (s.u.) Levels | | |
| Substance | V | ln CCI | 6.5 | 7.8 | 8.8 |
| Pentachlorophenol: | | | | | |
| Cold Water | 1.0054 | -5.1468 | 4.43 | 14.81 | 40.48 |
| All Other Surface Waters | 1.0054 | -4.9617 | 5.33 | 17.82 | 48.70 |

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1989, No. 398, eff. 3-1-89; am. (5) (f) and Tables 2, 2a, 4, 4a and 6, Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; am. (1) (a) 1., 2., 4., and 5., (1) (b), (3) (intro.), (a) to (g), (4) (a) 1., 7. to 13., (5) (c), renum. (1) (a) 6. to be (1) (a) 10., (3) (h) to be (3) (i) and am. (1) (a) 10, (4) (a) 6. to be (4) (a) 6. a., (4) (b) to be (4) (c), (5) (e) to (i) to be (5) (d) to (h) and am. (5) (e) to (g), cr. (3) (h), (4) (a) 6. b., (4) (b), (5) (b) 3., (6) to (8), r. and recr., Tables 1 to 2a, 3 to 6, r. (5) (d); am. Tables 1 and 5, Register, January, 2000, No. 529, eff. 2-1-00; CR 03-050: am. Tables 2 and 6, cr. Tables 2C and 4B Register February 2004 No. 578, eff. 3-1-04; CR 07-110: am Tables 2, 2A, 5 and 6 Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 12-1-08; CR 09-123: am. (5) (h), (8) (a), Tables 4B and 5 Register July 2010 No. 655, eff. 8-1-10.

**NR 105.07 Wildlife criteria. (1)** The wildlife criterion is the concentration of a substance which if not exceeded protects Wisconsin's wildlife from adverse effects resulting from ingestion of surface waters of the state and from ingestion of aquatic organisms taken from surface waters of the state.

(a) For any substance not shown in Table 7, the wildlife criterion (WC) is the lower of the available mammalian or avian wildlife values (WVs) calculated pursuant to sub. (2). A wildlife criterion protective of Wisconsin's reptile fauna may be calculated pursuant to sub. (2) whenever data specific to reptiles are available.

(b) Table 7 contains the wildlife criteria calculated according to the procedures of this chapter.

**Table 7**
**Wildlife Criteria**

| Substance | Criteria (in ng/L, except where indicated) |
|---|---|
| DDT & Metabolites | 0.011 |
| Mercury | 1.3 |
| Polychlorinated Biphenyls | 0.12 |
| 2,3,7,8 - TCDD | 0.003 (pg/L) |

**(2)** (a) Mammalian and avian wildlife values shall be calculated as follows using information available from scientifically acceptable studies of animal species exposed repeatedly to the substance via oral routes including gavage:

$$WV = \frac{NOAEL \times Wt_A \times SSF}{W + \Sigma[F_{TLi} \times BAF_{TLi}]}$$

Where:

WV= Wildlife value in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

NOAEL= No observed adverse effect level in milligrams of substance per kilogram of body weight per day (mg/kg-d) as derived from subchronic or chronic mammalian or avian studies or as specified in subs. (3) to (5).

Wt= Average weight in kilograms (kg) of the representative species.

W= Average daily volume of water in liters consumed per day (L/d) by the representative species or as specified in sub. (6).

SSF= Species sensitivity factor, ranging between 0.01 and 1 to account for interspecies differences in sensitivity.

$F_{TLJ}$= Average daily amount of food consumed from trophic level i by the representative species in kilograms per day (kg/d) or as specified in sub. (6).

$BAF_{TLJ}$= Bioaccumulation factor for wildlife food in trophic level i with units of liter per kilogram (L/kg) as derived in s. NR 105.10. For consumption of piscivorous birds by other birds (e.g., herring gull by eagles), the BAF is derived by multiplying the trophic level 3 BAF for fish by a biomagnification factor to account for the biomagnification from fish to the consumed birds.

(b) The selection of the species sensitivity factor (SSF) shall be based on the available toxicological data base and available physicochemical and toxicokinetic properties of the substance and the amount and quality of available data.

(c) The bald eagle, kingfisher, herring gull, mink and otter are representative of avian and mammalian species to be protected by wildlife criteria. A NOAEL specific to each taxonomic class is used to calculate WVs for each of the 5 representative species. The avian WV is the geometric mean of the WVs calculated for the 3 representative avian species. The mammalian WV is the geometric mean of the WVs calculated for the 2 representative mammalian species.

(d) In those cases in which more than one NOAEL is available, the following shall apply:

1. If more than one NOAEL is available within a taxonomic class, based on the same endpoint of toxicity, the NOAEL from the most sensitive species shall be used.

2. If more than one NOAEL is available for a given species, based on the same enpoint of toxicity, the NOAEL for that species shall be calculated using the geometric mean of those NOAELs.

(e) Because wildlife consume fish from both trophic levels 3 and 4, baseline BAFs shall be available for both trophic levels 3 and 4 to calculate either a criterion or secondary value for a chemical. When appropriate, ingestion through consumption of invertebrates, plants, mammals and birds in the diet of wildlife species to be protected shall be included.

**(3)** In those cases in which a no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) is available from studies of mammalian or avian species exposed repeatedly to the substance via oral routes including gavage, but is available in units other than mg/kg-d as specified in sub. (2), the following procedures shall be used to express the NOAEL prior to calculating the wildlife value:

(a) If the NOAEL is given in milligrams of toxicant per liter of water consumed (mg/L), the NOAEL shall be multiplied by the daily average volume of water consumed by the test animals in liters per day (L/d) and divided by the average weight of the test animals in kilograms (kg).

(b) If the NOAEL is given in milligrams of toxicant per kilogram of food consumed (mg/kg), the NOAEL shall be multiplied by the average amount of food in kilograms consumed daily by the test animals (kg/d) and divided by the average weight of the test animals in kilograms (kg).

**(4)** In those cases in which a NOAEL is unavailable and a lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) is available from studies of animal species exposed repeatedly to the substance via oral routes including gavage, the LOAEL may be substituted with proper adjustment to estimate the NOAEL. An uncertainty factor of between one and 10 may be applied to the LOAEL, depending on the sensitivity of the adverse effect, to reduce the LOAEL into the range of a NOAEL. If the LOAEL is available in units other than mg/kg-d, the LOAEL shall be expressed in the same manner as that specified for the NOAEL in sub. (3).

**(5)** In instances where a NOAEL is based on subchronic data, an uncertainty factor may be applied to extrapolate from subchronic to chronic levels. The value of the uncertainty factor may not be less than 0.1 and may not exceed 1.0. This factor is to be used when assessing highly bioaccumulative substances where toxicokinetic considerations suggest that a bioassay of limited length underestimates chronic effects.

**(6)** If drinking or feeding rates are not available for representative species, drinking (W) and feeding rates ($F_{TLi}$) shall be cal-

culated for representative mammalian or avian species by using the allometric equations given in pars. (a) and (b).

(a) For mammalian species the allometric equations are as follows:

1. $F_{TLi}=0.0687 \times (Wt)^{0.82}$

Where: $F_{TLi}$ = Feeding rate of mammalian species in kilograms per day (kg/d).

Wt = Average weight in kilograms (kg) of the test animals.

2. $W=0.099\times(Wt)^{0.90}$

Where: W = Drinking rate of mammalian species in liters per day (L/d).

Wt = Average weight in kilograms (kg) of the test animals.

(b) For avian species the allometric equations are as follows:

1. $F_{TLi} = 0.0582\ (Wt)^{0.65}$

Where: $F_{TLi}$ = Feeding rate of avian species in kilograms per day (kg/d).

Wt = Average weight in kilograms (kg) of the test animals.

2. $W= 0.059 \times (Wt)^{0.67}$

Where: W = Drinking rate of avian species in liters per day (L/d).

Wt = Average weight in kilograms (kg) of the test animals.

**Note:** Criteria to protect domestic animals will be considered on an as needed basis using a model that accounts for domestic animal exposure through drinking water. Because domestic animals do not regularly consume aquatic organisms, the wildlife exposure model is not appropriate.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1989, No. 398, eff. 3-1-89; am. table 7, Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91; am. (1), (2) (a), (b), (3) (intro.), (6) (intro.), r. and recr. (2) (c), (5), cr. (2) (d), (e), r. (6) (a), renum. (6) (b) and (c) to be (6) (a) and (b) and am., Register, August, 1997, No. 500, eff. 9-1-97.

**NR 105.08 Human threshold criteria. (1)** The human threshold criterion (HTC) is the maximum concentration of a substance established to protect humans from adverse effects resulting from contact with or ingestion of surface waters of the state and from ingestion of aquatic organisms taken from surface waters of the state. Human threshold criteria are derived for those toxic substances for which a threshold dosage or concentration can be estimated below which no adverse effect or response is likely to occur.

**(2)** For noncarcinogenic components of mixtures in effluents, interactions among substances may be additive, antagonistic or synergistic and may be accounted for by a model that is supported by credible scientific evidence. The risks are assumed to be additive when substances are members of the same structural class and cause potential adverse effects via the same mechanism of action, influencing the same kind of endpoint, and shall be accounted for by a model that is supported by credible scientific evidence.

**(3)** Human threshold criteria are listed in Table 8. Criteria for the same substance may be different depending on the surface water classification, due to the lipid value of representative fish, a component of the BAF, and whether or not the water may be a source of drinking water. Further application of these criteria to protect drinking water and downstream uses in the Great Lakes system shall be according to s. NR 106.06 (1)

**(4)** To derive human threshold criteria for substances not included in Table 8 the following methods shall be used:

(a) The human threshold criterion shall be calculated as follows:

$$HTC = \frac{ADE \times 70\ kg \times RSC}{W_H + (F_H \times BAF)}$$

Where: HTC = Human threshold criterion in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

ADE = Acceptable daily exposure in milligrams toxicant per kilogram body weight per day (mg/kg-d) as specified in sub. (5).

70 kg = Average weight of an adult male in kilograms (kg).

RSC = Relative source contribution factor used to account for routes of exposure other than consumption of contaminated water and aquatic organisms. In the absence of sufficient data on alternate sources of exposure, including but not limited to non-fish diet and inhalation, the relative source contribution factor shall be set equal to 0.8.

$W_H$ = Average per capita daily water consumption of 2 liters per day (L/d) for surface waters classified as public water supplies or, for all other surface waters, 0.01 liters per day (L/d) for exposure through body contact or ingestion of small volumes of water during swimming or other recreational activities.

$F_H$ = Average per capita daily consumption of sport-caught fish by Wisconsin anglers equal to 0.02 kilograms per day (kg/d).

BAF = Aquatic organism bioaccumulation factor with units of liter per kilogram (L/kg) as derived in s. NR 105.10.

**Table 8**
**Human Threshold Criteria**
(ug/L unless specified otherwise)

| | | Public Water Supply | | Non-Public Water Supply | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Substance | Warm Water Sport Fish Communities | Cold Water[4] Communities | Warm Water Forage, Limited Forage, and Warm Water Sport Fish Communities | Cold Water Communities | Limited Aquatic Life |
| 1. | Acrolein | 7.2 | 3.4 | 15 | 4.4 | 2,800 |
| 2. | Antimony | 5.6 | 5.6 | 373 | 373 | 1,120 |
| 3. | Benzene[2] | 5 | 5 | 610 | 260 | 4,000 |
| 4. | Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether | 1,100 | 1,100 | 55,000 | 34,000 | 220,000 |
| 5. | Cadmium | 4.4 | 4.4 | 370 | 370 | 880 |
| 6. | *Chlordane (ng/L) | 2.4 | 0.70 | 2.4 | 0.70 | 310,000 |
| 7. | Chlorobenzene[2] | 100 | 100 | 1,210 | 400 | 28,000 |
| 8. | Chromium, total[2] | 100 | 100 | | | |
| 9. | Chromium (+3) | 41,750 | 41,750 | 3,818,000 | 3,818,000 | 8,400,000 |
| 10. | Chromium (+6) | 83.5 | 83.5 | 7,636 | 7,636 | 16,800 |
| 11. | Cyanide, Total[2] | 138.6 | 138.6 | 9,300 | 9,300 | 28,000 |
| 12. | *4.4'-DDT (ng/L) | 3.0 | 0.88 | 3.0 | 0.88 | 2800000 |
| 13. | 1,2-Dichlorobenzene[2] | 446 | 273 | 1,509 | 481 | 126,000 |
| 14. | 1,3-Dichlorobenzene | 1,400 | 710 | 3,300 | 1,000 | 500,000 |
| 15. | cis-1,2-Dichloroethene[2] | 70 | 70 | 14,000 | 9,000 | 56,000 |
| 16. | trans-1,2-Dichloroethene[2] | 100 | 100 | 24,000 | 13,000 | 110,000 |
| 17. | Dichloromethane[2] (methylene chloride) | 5 | 5 | 95,000 | 72,000 | 328,000 |
| 18. | 2,4-Dichlorophenol | 74 | 58 | 580 | 180 | 17,000 |
| 19. | Dichloropropenes[3] (1,3-Dichloropropene) | 8.3 | 8.2 | 420 | 260 | 1,700 |
| 20. | *Dieldrin (ng/L) | 0.59 | 0.17 | 0.59 | 0.17 | 280,000 |
| 21. | 2,4-Dimethylphenol | 450 | 430 | 11,000 | 4,500 | 94,000 |
| 22. | Diethyl phthalate[2] | 5,000 | 5,000 | 68,000 | 21,000 | 4,500,000 |
| 23. | Dimethyl phthalate (mg/L) | 241 | 184 | 1,680 | 530 | 56,000 |
| 24. | 4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol | 100 | 96 | 1,800 | 640 | 22,000 |
| 25. | Dinitrophenols[3] (2,4-Dinitrophenol) | 55 | 55 | 2,800 | 1,800 | 11,000 |
| 26. | 2,4-Dinitrotoluene | 0.51 | 0.48 | 13 | 5.3 | 110 |
| 27. | Endosulfan | 87 | 41 | 181 | 54 | 33,600 |
| 28. | Ethylbenzene[2] | 567 | 401 | 2,920 | 931 | 140,000 |
| 29. | Fluoranthene | 890 | 610 | 4,300 | 1,300 | 220,000 |
| 30. | *Hexachlorobenzene | 0.075 | 0.022 | 0.075 | 0.022 | 4,500 |
| 31. | Hexachlorocyclopentadiene | 34.7 | 25.6 | 195 | 65.3 | 8,400 |
| 32. | Hexachloroethane | 8.7 | 3.3 | 13 | 3.7 | 5,600 |
| 33. | *gamma-BHC (lindane)[2] | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.84 | 0.25 | 1,900 |
| 34. | Isophorone | 5,500 | 5,300 | 180,000 | 80,000 | 1,100,000 |
| 35. | Lead | 10 | 10 | 140 | 140 | 2,240 |
| 36. | *Mercury[5] | 0.0015 | 0.0015 | 0.0015 | 0.0015 | 336 |
| 37. | Nickel[2] | 100 | 100 | 43,000 | 43,000 | 110,000 |
| 38. | *Pentachlorobenzene | 0.46 | 0.14 | 0.47 | 0.14 | 4,500 |
| 39. | Selenium[2] | 50 | 50 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 28,000 |
| 40. | Silver | 140 | 140 | 28,000 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| 41. | *2,3,7,8-TCDD (pg/L) | 0.11 | 0.032 | 0.11 | 0.032 | 7,300 |
| 42. | *1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene | 0.54 | 0.17 | 0.58 | 0.17 | 1,700 |
| 44. | Toluene[2] | 1,000 | 1,000 | 15,359 | 5,201 | 280,000 |
| 45. | 1,1,1-Trichloroethane[2] | 200 | 200 | 270,000 | 110,000 | 2,000,000 |
| 46. | 2,4,5-Trichlorophenol | 1,600 | 830 | 3,900 | 1,200 | 560,000 |

* Indicates substances that are BCCs.

[1] A human threshold criterion expressed in micrograms per liter (ug/L) can be converted to milligrams per liter (mg/L) by dividing the criterion by 1000.

[2] For this substance the human threshold criteria for public water supply receiving water classifications equal the maximum contaminant level pursuant to s. NR 105.08 (4) (b).

[3] The human threshold criteria for this chemical class are applicable to each isomer.

4 For BCCs, these criteria apply to all water of the Great Lakes system.

[5] The mercury criteria were calculated using 20 g/day fish consumption and the human non-cancer criteria derivation procedure in 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix C. For these criteria, 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix C as stated on September 1, 1997 is incorporated by reference.

(b) For surface waters classified as public water supplies, if the human threshold criterion for a toxic substance as calculated in par. (a) exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for that substance as specified in ch. NR 809 or the July 8, 1987 Federal Register (52 FR 25690), the MCL shall be used as the human threshold criterion.

**(5)** The acceptable daily exposure (ADE) referenced in sub. (4) represents the maximum amount of a substance which if ingested daily for a lifetime results in no adverse effects to humans. Paragraphs (a) to (c) list methods for determining the acceptable daily exposure.

(a) The department shall review available references for acceptable daily exposure or equivalent values, such as a reference dose (RfD) as used by the U.S. environmental protection agency, and for human or animal toxicological data from which an acceptable daily exposure can be derived. Suitable references for review include, but are not limited to, those presented in s. NR 105.04 (5).

(b) When human or animal toxicological data are available, the department may derive an acceptable daily exposure by using as guidance procedures presented by the U.S. environmental protection agency in "Water Quality Criteria Documents; Availability" (45 FR 79318, November 28, 1986). Additional guidance for

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deriving acceptable daily exposures from toxicological data are given in subds. 1. to 4. Alternate procedures may be used if supported by credible scientific evidence.

1. No observable adverse effect levels (NOAELs) and lowest observable adverse effect levels (LOAELs) from studies of humans or mammalian test species shall be divided by an uncertainty factor to derive an acceptable daily exposure. Uncertainty factors reflect uncertainties in predicting acceptable exposure levels for the general human population based upon experimental animal data or limited human data. Factors to be considered when selecting an uncertainty factor include, but are not limited to, interspecies and individual variations in response and susceptibility to a toxicant, and the quality and quantity of the available data. The following guidelines shall be considered when selecting an uncertainty factor:

a. Use an uncertainty factor of 10 when extrapolating from valid experimental results from studies on prolonged ingestion by humans. This 10-fold factor protects sensitive members of the human population.

b. Use an uncertainty factor of 100 when extrapolating from valid results of long-term feeding studies on experimental animals with results of studies of human ingestion not available or insufficient (e.g., acute exposure only). This represents an additional 10-fold uncertainty factor in extrapolating data from the average animal to the average human.

c. Use an uncertainty factor of 1000 when extrapolating from less than chronic results on experimental animals with no useful long-term or acute human data. This represents an additional 10-fold uncertainty factor in extrapolating from less than chronic to chronic exposures.

d. Use an additional uncertainty factor of between 1 and 10 depending on the severity of the adverse effect when deriving an acceptable daily exposure from a lowest observable adverse effect level (LOAEL). This uncertainty factor reduces the LOAEL into the range of a no observable adverse effect level (NOAEL).

e. Use an additional uncertainty factor of 10 when deriving an acceptable daily exposure for a substance which the U.S. environmental protection agency classifies as a "group C" carcinogen, but which is not defined as a carcinogen in s. NR 105.03 (13).

2. Results from studies of humans or mammalian test species used to derive acceptable daily exposures shall have units of milligrams of toxicant per kilogram of body weight per day (mg/kg-d). When converting study results to the required units, a water consumption of 2 liters per day (L/d) and a body weight of 70 kilograms (kg) is assumed for humans. The following examples and procedures illustrate the conversion of units:

a. Results from human studies which are expressed in milligrams of toxicant per liter of water consumed (mg/L) are converted to mg/kg-d by multiplying the results by 2 L/d and dividing by 70 kg.

b. Results from animal studies which are expressed in milligrams of toxicant per liter of water consumed (mg/L) are converted to mg/kg-d by multiplying the results by the daily average volume of water consumed by the test animals in liters per day (L/d) and dividing by the average weight of the test animals in kilograms (kg).

c. Results from animal studies which are expressed in milligrams of toxicant per kilogram of food consumed (mg/kg) are converted to mg/kg-d by multiplying the results by the average amount of food consumed daily by the test animals in kilograms per day (kg/d) and dividing by the average weight of the test animals in kilograms (kg).

d. If a study does not specify water or food consumption rates, or body weight of the test animals, standard values taken from appropriate references, such as the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, 1980, Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, may be used to convert units.

e. Results from animal studies in which test animals were not exposed to the toxicant each day of the test period shall be multiplied by the ratio of days that the test animals were dosed to the total days of the test period. For the purposes of this adjustment, the test period is defined as the interval beginning with the administration of the first dose and ending with the administration of the last dose, inclusive.

3. When assessing the acceptability and quality of human or animal toxicological data from which an acceptable daily exposure can be derived, the department may use the following documents as guidance:

a. "Guidelines for Mutagenicity Risk Assessment", (51 FR 34006, September 24, 1986).

b. "Guidelines for the Health Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures", (51 FR 34014, September 24, 1986).

c. "Guidelines for the Health Assessment of Suspect Development Toxicants", (51 FR 34028, September 24, 1986).

d. "Guidelines for Exposure Assessment", (51 FR 34042, September 24, 1986).

e. Any other documents that the department deems reliable.

4. When the available human or animal toxicological data contains conflicting information, the department may consult with experts outside of the department for guidance in the selection of the appropriate data.

(c) Using sound scientific judgment, the department shall select an acceptable daily exposure as derived in pars. (a) and (b) for calculation of the human threshold criterion. When selecting an acceptable daily exposure, the department shall adhere to the following guidelines unless a more appropriate procedure is supported by credible scientific evidence:

1. Acceptable daily exposures based on human studies are given preference to those based on animal studies.

2. When deriving an acceptable daily exposure from animal studies preference is given to chronic studies involving oral routes of exposure, including gavage, over a significant portion of the animals' life span. If acceptable studies using oral exposure routes are not available, acceptable daily exposures derived from studies using alternate exposure routes, such as inhalation, may be used.

3. When 2 or more acceptable daily exposure values are available and have been derived from studies having equal preference as defined in subds. 1. and 2., the lowest acceptable daily exposure is generally selected. If the acceptable daily exposure values differ significantly, the department may consult with experts outside of the department for guidance in the selection of the more appropriate acceptable daily exposure.

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**NR 105.09 Human cancer criteria. (1)** The human cancer criterion (HCC) is the maximum concentration of a substance or mixture of substances established to protect humans from an unreasonable incremental risk of cancer resulting from contact with or ingestion of surface waters of the state and from ingestion of aquatic organisms taken from surface waters of the

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state. Human cancer criteria are derived for those toxic substances which are carcinogens as defined in s. NR 105.03 (13).

**(2)** For any single carcinogen or any mixture of carcinogens the incremental cancer risk from exposure to surface waters and aquatic organisms taken from surface waters may not exceed one in 100,000. The combined cancer risk of individual carcinogens in a mixture is assumed to be additive unless an alternate model is supported by credible scientific evidence.

**(3)** Human cancer criteria are listed in Table 9. Criteria for the same substance may be different depending on the surface water classification, due to the lipid value of representative fish, a component of the BAF, and whether or not the water may be a source of drinking water. Further application of these criteria to protect drinking water and downstream uses in the Great Lakes system shall be according to s. NR 106.06 (1).

**Table 9**
**Human Cancer Criteria**
(ug/L unless specified otherwise[1])

| | | Public Water Supply | | Non-Public Water Supply | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Substance | Warm Water Sport Fish Communities | Cold Water[4] Communities | Warm Water Forage, Limited Forage, and Warm Water Sport Fish Communities | Cold Water Communities | Limited Aquatic Life |
| 1. | Acrylonitrile | 0.57 | 0.45 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 130 |
| 2. | Arsenic | 0.2 | 0.2 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 40 |
| 3. | *alpha-BHC | 0.012 | 0.0037 | 0.013 | 0.0039 | 11 |
| 4. | *gamma-BHC (lindane) | 0.052 | 0.018 | 0.064 | 0.019 | 54 |
| 5. | *BHC, technical grade | 0.038 | 0.013 | 0.047 | 0.014 | 39 |
| 6. | Benzene[2] | 5 | 5 | 140 | 45 | 1300 |
| 7. | Benzidine (ng/L) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 81 | 55 | 300 |
| 8. | Beryllium | 0.054 | 0.054 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 16 |
| 9. | Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether | 0.31 | 0.29 | 7.6 | 3.0 | 64 |
| 10. | Bis(chloromethyl) ether (ng/L) | 1.6 | 1.6 | 96 | 79 | 320 |
| 11. | Carbon tetrachloride | 2.5 | 2.1 | 29 | 9.5 | 540 |
| 12. | *Chlordane (ng/L) | 0.41 | 0.12 | 0.41 | 0.12 | 54000 |
| 13. | Chloroethene (vinyl chloride) | 0.18 | 0.18 | 10 | 6.8 | 37 |
| 14. | Chloroform (trichloromethane) | 55 | 53 | 1960 | 922 | 11200 |
| 15. | *4,4'-DDT (ng/L) | 0.22 | 0.065 | 0.22 | 0.065 | 206000 |
| 16. | 1,4-Dichlorobenzene | 14 | 12 | 163 | 54 | 2940 |
| 17. | 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 140 |
| 18. | 1,3-Dichloropropene | 3.4 | 3.4 | 173 | 108 | 700 |
| 19. | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 3.8 | 3.8 | 217 | 159 | 770 |
| 20. | Dichloromethane[2] (methylene chloride) | 5 | 5 | 2700 | 2100 | 9600 |
| 21. | *Dieldrin (ng/L) | 0.0091 | 0.0027 | 0.0091 | 0.0027 | 4400 |
| 22. | 2,4-Dinitrotoluene | 0.51 | 0.48 | 13 | 5.3 | 110 |
| 23. | 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine | 0.38 | 0.31 | 3.3 | 1.04 | 88 |
| 24. | Halomethanes[3] | 55 | 53 | 1960 | 922 | 11200 |
| 25. | *Hexachlorobenzene (ng/L) | 0.73 | 0.22 | 0.73 | 0.22 | 44000 |
| 26. | *Hexachlorobutadiene | 0.59 | 0.19 | 0.69 | 0.2 | 910 |
| 27. | Hexachloroethane | 7.7 | 2.9 | 11 | 3.3 | 5000 |
| 28. | N-Nitrosodiethylamine (ng/L) | 2.3 | 2.3 | 150 | 140 | 460 |
| 29. | N-Nitrosodimethylamine | 0.0068 | 0.0068 | 0.46 | 0.46 | 1.4 |
| 30. | N-Nitrosodi-n-butylamine | 0.063 | 0.062 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 13 |
| 31. | N-Nitrosodiphenylamine | 44 | 23 | 116 | 34 | 13000 |
| 32. | N-Nitrosopyrrolidine | 0.17 | 0.17 | 11 | 11 | 34 |
| 33. | *Polychlorinated biphenyls (ng/L) | 0.01 | 0.003 | 0.01 | 0.003 | 9100 |
| 34. | *2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (pg/L) | 0.014 | 0.0041 | 0.014 | 0.0041 | 930 |
| 35. | 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane | 1.7 | 1.6 | 52 | 22 | 350 |
| 36. | Tetrachloroethene[2] | 5.0 | 4.6 | 46 | 15 | 1300 |
| 37. | *Toxaphene (ng/L) | 0.11 | 0.034 | 0.14 | 0.034 | 63600 |
| 38. | 1,1,2-Trichloroethane[2] | 5.0 | 5.0 | 195 | 87 | 1200 |
| 39. | Trichloroethene[2] | 5 | 5 | 539 | 194 | 6400 |
| 40. | 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol | 29 | 24 | 300 | 97 | 6400 |

* Indicates substances that are BCCs.

[1] A human cancer criterion expressed in micrograms per liter (ug/L), nanograms per liter (ng/L) or picograms per liter (pg/L) can be converted to milligrams per liter (mg/L) by dividing the criterion by 1000, 1,000,000 or 1,000,000,000, respectively.

[2] For this substance the human cancer criteria for public water supply receiving water classifications equal the maximum contaminant level pursuant to s. NR 105.09 (4) (b).

[3] Human cancer criteria for halomethanes are applicable to any combination of the following chemicals: bromomethane (methyl bromide), chloromethane (methyl chloride), tribromomethane (bromoform), bromodichloromethane (dichloromethyl bromide), dichlorodifluoromethane (fluorocarbon 12) and trichlorofluoromethane (fluorocarbon 11).

[4] For BCCs, these criteria apply to all waters of the Great Lakes system.

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**(4)** To derive human cancer criteria for substances not included in Table 9 the following methods shall be used:

(a) The human cancer criterion shall be calculated as follows:

$$HCC = \frac{RAD \times 70\ kg}{W_H + (F_H \times BAF)}$$

Where:

HCC = Human cancer criterion in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

RAD = Risk associated dose in milligrams toxicant per kilogram body weight per day (mg/kg-d) that is associated with a lifetime incremental cancer risk equal to one in 100,000 as derived in sub. (5).

70 kg = Average weight of an adult male in kilograms (kg).

$W_H$ = Average per capita daily water consumption of 2 liters per day (L/d) for surface waters classified as public water supplies or, for other surface waters, 0.01 liters per day (L/d) for exposure through contact or ingestion of small volumes of water during swimming or during other recreational activities.

$F_H$ = Average per capita daily consumption of sport-caught fish by Wisconsin anglers equal to 0.02 kilograms per day (kg/d).

BAF = Aquatic life bioaccumulation factor with units of liter per kilogram (L/kg) as derived in s. NR 105.10.

(b) For surface waters classified as public water supplies, if the human cancer criterion for a toxic substance as calculated in par. (a) exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for that substance as specified in ch. NR 809 or the July 8, 1987 Federal Register (52 FR 25690), the MCL shall be used as the human cancer criterion.

**(5)** The risk associated dose (RAD) referenced in sub. (4) represents the maximum amount of a substance which if ingested daily for a lifetime of 70 years has an incremental cancer risk equal to one case of human cancer in a population of 100,000. Methods for deriving the risk associated dose are specified in pars. (a) to (d).

(a) The department shall review available references for acceptable human and animal studies from which the risk associated dose can be derived. The department shall use sound scientific judgment when determining the acceptability of a study and may use the U.S. environmental protection agency's "Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment" (FR 51 33992, September 24, 1986) as guidance for judging acceptability. Suitable references for review include, but are not limited to, those presented in s. NR 105.04 (5).

(b) If an acceptable human epidemiologic study is available, contains usable exposure data, and indicates a carcinogenic effect, the risk associated dose shall be set equal to the lifetime average exposure which would produce an incremental cancer risk of one in 100,000 based on the exposure information from the study and assuming the excess cancer risk is proportional to the lifetime average exposure. If more than one human epidemiologic study is judged to be acceptable, the most protective risk associated dose derived from the studies is generally used to calculate the human cancer criterion. If the risk associated dose values differ significantly, the department may consult with experts outside of the department for guidance in the selection of the more appropriate value.

(c) In the absence of an acceptable human epidemiologic study, the risk associated dose shall be derived from available studies which use mammalian test species and which are judged acceptable. Methods for deriving the risk associated dose are specified in subds. 1. to 4.

1. A linear, non-threshold dose-response relationship as applied by the U.S. environmental protection agency in "Water Quality Criteria Documents; Availability" (45 FR 79318, November 28, 1980) shall be assumed unless a more appropriate dose-response relationship or extrapolation model is supported by credible scientific evidence.

**Note:** The linear non-threshold dose-response model used by the U.S. environmental protection agency provides an upper-bound estimate (i.e., the one-sided 95% upper confidence limit) of incremental cancer risk. The true cancer risk is unknown. While the true cancer risk is not likely to be greater than the upper bound estimate, it may be lower.

2. When a linear, non-threshold dose-response relationship is assumed, the risk associated dose shall be calculated using the following equation:

$$RAD = \frac{1}{q_1^*} \times 0.00001$$

Where:

RAD = Risk associated dose in milligrams toxicant per kilogram body weight per day (mg/kg-d).

0.00001 = Incremental risk of human cancer equal to one in 100,000.

$q_1^*$ = Upper 95% confidence limit (one-sided) of the carcinogenic potency factor in days per milligram toxicant per kilogram body weight (d-kg/mg) as derived from the procedures referenced in subd. 1. and the guidance presented in subd. 3.

3. The department shall adhere to the following guidance for deriving carcinogenic potency factors, or corresponding values if an alternate dose-response relationship or extrapolation model is used, unless more appropriate procedures are supported by credible scientific evidence:

a. If 2 or more mammalian studies are judged acceptable, but vary in either species, strain or sex of the test animals, or in tumor type or site, the study giving the greatest carcinogenic potency factor shall be used. Studies which produce a spuriously high carcinogenic potency factor due to the use of a small number of test animals may be excluded.

b. If 2 or more mammalian studies are judged acceptable, are comparable in size and are identical in regard to species, strain and sex of the test animals and to tumor sites, the geometric mean of the carcinogenic potency factors derived from each study shall be used.

c. If in an acceptable study, tumors were induced at more than one site, the number of animals with tumors at one or more of the sites shall be used as incidence data when deriving the cancer potency factor.

d. The combination of benign and malignant tumors shall be used as incidence data when deriving the cancer potency factor.

e. Calculation of an equivalent dose between animal species and humans using a surface area conversion, and conversion of units of exposure to milligrams of toxicant per day (mg/d) shall be performed as specified by the U.S. environmental protection agency in "Water Quality Criteria Documents; Availability" (45 FR 79318, November 28, 1980).

f. If the duration of the mammalian study (D) is less than the natural life span of the test animal (LS), the carcinogenicity potency factor is multiplied by the factor (D/LS)3.

4. When available mammalian studies contain conflicting information, the department shall consult with the department of health services and may consult with experts outside of the department for guidance in the selection of the appropriate study.

(d) If both a human epidemiologic study and a study of mammalian test species are judged reliable but only the animal study indicates a carcinogenic effect, it is assumed that a risk of cancer to humans exists but that it is less than could have been detected in the epidemiologic study. An upper limit of cancer incidence may be calculated assuming that the true incidence is just below the level of detection in the cohort of the epidemiologic study. The department may consult with experts outside of the department for guidance in the selection of the appropriate study.

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**NR 105.10 Bioaccumulation factor. (1)** The bioaccumulation factor used to derive wildlife, human threshold, human cancer and taste and odor criteria or secondary values is determined from a baseline BAF using the methodology provided in Appendix B to 40 CFR part 132. 40 CFR part 132, Appendix B as stated on September 1, 1997, is incorporated by reference. BAFs shall be used to calculate criteria and secondary values for human health and wildlife. Use of a BAF greater than 1000, as determined from either of the methods referred to in sub. (2) (c) or (d) for organic substances, will result in the calculation of a secondary value. The baseline BAF is based on the concentration of freely dissolved substances in the ambient water to facilitate extrapolation from one water to another.

**(2)** Baseline BAFs shall be derived using one of the following 4 methods, which are listed from most preferred to least preferred.

(a) A measured baseline BAF for an organic or inorganic substance derived from a field study of acceptable quality;

(b) A predicted baseline BAF for an organic substance derived using field-measured BSAFs of acceptable quality;

(c) A predicted baseline BAF for an organic or inorganic substance derived from a BCF measured in a laboratory study of acceptable quality and a food-chain multiplier. Food-chain multipliers are provided in 40 CFR part 132, Appendix B; or

(d) A predicted baseline BAF for an organic substance derived from a $K_{OW}$ of acceptable quality and a food-chain multiplier.

**(3)** REVIEW AND SELECTION OF DATA. Measured BAFs, BSAFs and BCFs shall meet the quality assurance requirements provided in 40 CFR part 132, Appendix B and shall be obtained from available sources including the following:

(a) EPA Ambient Water Quality Criteria documents issued after January 1, 1980.

(b) Published scientific literature.

(c) Reports issued by EPA or other reliable sources.

(d) Unpublished data.

**(4)** HUMAN HEALTH AND WILDLIFE BAFS FOR ORGANIC SUBSTANCES. (a) To calculate human health and wildlife BAFs for organic substances, the $K_{OW}$ of the substance shall be used with a POC concentration of 0.00000004 kg/L and a DOC concentration of 0.000002 kg/L to yield the fraction freely dissolved:

$$f_{fd} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(DOC)(K_{ow})}{10} + (POC)(Kow)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(0.000002\ kg/L)(K_{ow})}{10} + (0.00000004\ kg/L)(Kow)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + (0.00000024\ kg/L)(K_{ow})}$$

Where:

DOC = concentration of dissolved organic carbon, kg of dissolved organic carbon/L of water.

POC = concentration of particulate organic carbon, kg of particulate organic carbon/L of water.

(b) The human health BAFs for an organic substance shall be calculated using the following equations:

For warm water communities:

Human Health BAF = $[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.013)+ 1](f_{fd})$

For cold water communities:

Human Health BAF = $[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.044)+ 1](f_{fd})$

Where: 0.013 and 0.044 are the fraction lipid values for warm and cold water fish and aquatic life communities, respectively, that are required to derive human health criteria and secondary values.

baseline BAF = the baseline BAF calculated according to 40 CFR part 132, Appendix B.

(c) The wildlife BAFs for an organic substance shall be calculated using the following equations:

1. For trophic level 3:
Wildlife BAF = $[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.0646)+ 1](f_{fd})$

2. For trophic level 4:
Wildlife BAF = $[(\text{baseline BAF})(0.1031)+ 1](f_{fd})$

Where: 0.0646 and 0.1031 are the standardized fraction lipid values for dietary consumption from trophic level 3 and 4 fish taxa, respectively, that are required to derive wildlife criteria and secondary values.

baseline BAF = the baseline BAF calculated according to 40 CFR part 132, Appendix B.

**(5)** HUMAN HEALTH AND WILDLIFE BAFS FOR INORGANIC SUBSTANCES. (a) *Human health.* 1. Measured BAFs and BCFs used to determine human health BAFs for inorganic substances shall be based on edible tissue (e.g., muscle) of freshwater fish. If it is demonstrated that whole-body BAFs or BCFs are similar to edible-tissue BAFs or BCFs, then these data are acceptable. BCFs and BAFs based on measurements of aquatic plants and invertebrates may not be used in the derivation of human health criteria and values.

2. If one or more field-measured baseline BAFs for an inorganic substance are available from studies conducted in the Great Lakes system with the muscle of fish, the geometric mean of the species mean baseline BAFs shall be used as the human health BAF for that substance.

3. If an acceptable measured baseline BAF is not available for an inorganic substance and one or more acceptable edible-portion BCFs are available for the substance, a predicted baseline BAF shall be calculated by multiplying the geometric mean of the BCFs times a FCM. The FCM will be 1.0 unless chemical-specific biomagnification data support using a multiplier other than 1.0. The predicted baseline BAF shall be used as the human health BAF for that substance.

(b) *Wildlife.* 1. Measured BAFs and BCFs used to determine wildlife BAFs for inorganic substances shall be based on whole-body freshwater fish and invertebrate data. If it is demonstrated that edible-tissue BAFs or BCFs are similar to whole-body BAFs or BCFs, then these data are acceptable.

2. If one or more field-measured baseline BAFs for an inorganic substance is available from studies conducted in the Great Lakes system with whole body of fish or invertebrates, then the following apply:

a. For each trophic level, a species mean measured baseline BAF shall be calculated as the geometric mean if more than one measured BAF is available for a given species.

b. For each trophic level, the geometric mean of the species mean measured baseline BAFs shall be used as the wildlife BAF for that substance.

3. If an acceptable measured baseline BAF is not available for an inorganic substance and one or more acceptable whole-body BCFs are available for the substance, a predicted baseline BAF shall be calculated by multiplying the geometric mean of the BCFs times a FCM. The FCM shall be 1.0 unless chemical-specific biomagnification data support using a multiplier other than 1.0. The predicted baseline BAF shall be used as the wildlife BAF for that substance.

**Note:** Copies of 40 CFR Part 132, Appendix B are available for inspection in the offices of the department of natural resources, secretary of state and the legislative reference bureau, Madison, WI or may be purchased from the superintendent of documents, US government printing office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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**NR 105.11 Final plant values. (1)** A Final Plant Value (FPV) is the lowest plant value that was obtained with an important aquatic plant species in an acceptable toxicity test for which the concentrations of the test substance were measured and the adverse effect was biologically important. Appropriate measures of the toxicity of the substance to aquatic plants are used to compare the relative sensitivities of aquatic plants and animals.

**(2)** A plant value is the result of a 96-hour test conducted with an algae or a chronic test conducted with an aquatic vascular plant. A test of the toxicity of a metal to a plant may not be used if the medium contained an excessive amount of a complexing agent, such as EDTA, that might affect the toxicity of the metal. Concentrations of EDTA above 200 µg/L should be considered excessive.

**(3)** The FPV shall be established by selecting the lowest result from a test with an important aquatic plant species in which the concentrations of test material are measured and the endpoint is biologically important.

**Note:** Although procedures for conducting and interpreting the results of toxicity tests with plants are not well advanced, results of tests with plants usually indicate that criteria which adequately protect aquatic animals and their uses will, in most cases, also protect aquatic plants and their uses.

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