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DATA EVALUATION

1. CHEMICAL: Cypermethrin
2. FORMULATION: 98.1 % active ingredient (Technical, WL 43467)
3. CITATION: Stephenson, R.R., and D.F. Kane (1980) the acute toxicity of cypermethrin (WL 43467) to the freshwater shrimp (Gammarus pulex) and larvae of the mayfly, (Cleon dipterum), in continuous-flow tests. Unpublished report from Shell Research Ltd, submitted 12/28/81 by ICI Americas, Wilmington, Delaware  
  
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4. REVIEWED BY: Thomas B. Johnston  
Biologist, EEB/HED
5. REVIEW DATE: April 12, 1982
6. TEST TYPE: Acute toxicity in flow-through system (96-hr EC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub>)
7. REPORTED RESULTS: The reported 96-hr EC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> values of cypermethrin for Cleon dipterum are 4 and 20 pptr. The 96-hr EC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> values for Gammarus pulex are 5 and 9 pptr.
3. REVIEWER'S CONCLUSIONS: This study is scientifically sound, and fulfills USEPA guideline requirements for an acute toxicity test using an aquatic invertebrate. With 96-hr EC<sub>50</sub>s and LC<sub>50</sub>s of < 20 pptr, cypermethrin is very highly toxic to mayfly larvae and freshwater shrimp (isopods).

MATERIALS/METHODS

Methods used generally followed USEPA guidelines. Concentrations used in the EC<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> calculations were mean measured values, rather than nominal ones. The EC<sub>50</sub> test criterion was inability to make normal escape movements in response to repeated tactile stimulation. Concentrations below detection limits were estimated by linear extrapolation. After the 96-hr period, the organisms still alive were transferred to clean water and observed for 24 hours.

STATISTICAL ANALYSES

Data were analyzed according to the probit method.

RESULTS

Gammarus pulex

Concentrations (pptr)	No. Affected	No. Dead	No. Exposed
24	10	10	10
10	10	7	10
7	5	1	10
2	3	0	10
0.7	0	0	10
Control	0	0	10

EC<sub>50</sub> 4 pptr. (95% confidence limits 2-7 pptr.)  
LC<sub>50</sub> 9 pptr. (95% confidence limits 7-10 pptr.)

Cleon dipterum

Concentrations (pptr)	No. Affected	No. Dead	No. Exposed
83	15	13	15
47	15	7	15
24	15	5	15
(6)	10	7	15
(2)	4	2	15
Control	1	1	15

EC<sub>50</sub> = 4 pptr (2-6 pptr)  
LC<sub>50</sub> = 20 pptr (10-70 pptr)

The relatively small changes in the EC<sub>50</sub> values from 24 hrs to 96 hrs indicate that the 96 hr values were close to the threshold values for the two species. Therefore, longer exposure periods would be unlikely to produce lower EC<sub>50</sub> values. Both species showed some decline in LC<sub>50</sub> from 24 hrs to 96 hrs, which indicates that for lethal effects a threshold might not have been reached by 96 hrs.

G. pulex were shown to recover the ability to make escape responses when returned to uncontaminated water. The ability of C. dipterum to do so was not assessed because of high control mortalities.

CONCLUSIONS:

Validation Category: Core

Category Rationale: N/A

Category Repairability: N/A

JOHNSTON CYPERMETHRIN 96HR FLOW-THROUGH EC50 GAMMARUS PULEX

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24	10	10	100	.0976563
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2	10	3	30	17.1875
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RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS	
3	.115454	3.82181	2.68263	5.61214

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

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