Appendix A. Risk Quotient (RQ) Method and Levels of Concern (LOCs)

Risk Presumption	RQ	LOC
Birds and Wild Mammals		
Acute Risk	Dietary based: EEC ^a (ppm ^b) / LC ₅₀ (ppm)	0.5
	Dose based: EEC (mg/kg-bw/d) / LD ₅₀ (mg/kg-bw/d c)	
Acute Restricted Use	Dietary based: EEC (ppm) / LC ₅₀ (ppm)	0.2
	Dose based: EEC (mg/kg-bw/d) / LD ₅₀ (mg/kg-bw/d)	
Acute Listed Species	Dietary based: EEC (ppm) / LC ₅₀ (ppm)	0.1
	Dose based: EEC (mg/kg-bw/d) / LD ₅₀ (mg/kg-bw/d)	
Chronic Risk	Dietary based: EEC (ppm) / NOAEC (ppm)	1.0
	Dose based: EEC (mg/kg-bw/d) / NOAEL (mg/kg-bw/d)	
Aquatic Animals		
Acute Risk	EEC (ppm) / (LC ₅₀ (ppm) or EC ₅₀ (ppm))	0.5
Acute Restricted Use	EEC (ppm) / (LC ₅₀ (ppm) or EC ₅₀ (ppm))	0.1
Acute Listed Species	EEC (ppm) / (LC ₅₀ (ppm) or EC ₅₀ (ppm))	0.05
Chronic Risk	EEC (ppm) / NOAEC (ppm)	1.0
Terrestrial Plants and Plants Inhabiting Semi-Aquatic Areas		
Acute Risk	EEC (lbs ai/A) / EC ₂₅ (lbs ai/A)	1.0
Acute Listed Use	EEC (lbs ai/A) / (EC ₀₅ or NOAEC (lbs ai/A))	1.0
Aquatic Plants		
Risk	EEC (ppm) / EC ₅₀ (ppm)	1.0
Listed Species	EEC (ppm) / (EC ₀₅ or NOAEC (ppm))	1.0

^a EEC = estimated environmental concentration
^b ppm = parts per million
^c mg/kg-bw/d = milligrams per kilogram of body weight per day