



## CHEMICAL UPDATE WORKSHEET

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| <b>Chemical Name:</b> | <b>Mercury, inorganic (as mercuric chloride)</b> |
| <b>CAS #:</b>         | <b>7487-94-7</b>                                 |
| <b>Revised By:</b>    | RRD Toxicology Unit                              |
| <b>Revision Date:</b> | August 26, 2015                                  |

### (A) Chemical-Physical Properties

|  | Part 201 Value | Updated Value | Reference Source | Comments |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| <b>Molecular Weight (g/mol)</b>                          |                | 271.50        | EPI              | EXP      |
| <b>Physical State at ambient temp</b>                    |                | Inorganic     | MDEQ             |          |
| <b>Melting Point (°C)</b>                                |                | 277.00        | EPI              | EXP      |
| <b>Boiling Point (°C)</b>                                |                | 302           | HSDB             | EXP      |
| <b>Solubility (ug/L)</b>                                 |                | 69000000      | EPI              | EXP      |
| <b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg at 25°C)</b>                     |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>HLC (atm-m<sup>3</sup>/mol at 25°C)</b>               |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Log Kow (log P; octanol-water)</b>                    |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Koc (organic carbon; L/Kg)</b>                        |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Ionizing Koc (L/kg)</b>                               |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Diffusivity in Air (Di; cm<sup>2</sup>/s)</b>         |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Diffusivity in Water (Dw; cm<sup>2</sup>/s)</b>       |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| <b>Soil Water Partition Coefficient (Kd; inorganics)</b> |                | 5.2E+01       | SSG              | EST      |

|  | Part 201 Value | Updated Value | Reference Source | Comments |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Flash Point (°C)   |                | NA            | NA               | NA       |
| Lower Explosivity Level (LEL; unitless)                  |                | NA            | NA               | NA       |
| Critical Temperature (K)                                 |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| Enthalpy of Vaporization (cal/mol)                       |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| Density (g/mL, g/cm <sup>3</sup> )                       |                | NR            | NA               | NA       |
| EMSOFT Flux Residential 2 m (mg/day/cm <sup>2</sup> )    | NA             | NR            | EMSOFT           | NA       |
| EMSOFT Flux Residential 5 m (mg/day/cm <sup>2</sup> )    | NA             | NR            | EMSOFT           | NA       |
| EMSOFT Flux Nonresidential 2 m (mg/day/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | NA             | NR            | EMSOFT           | NA       |
| EMSOFT Flux Nonresidential 5 m (mg/day/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | NA             | NR            | EMSOFT           | NA       |

**(B) Toxicity Values/Benchmarks**

|                                  | Part 201 Value | Updated Value   | Source/Reference/Date | Comments/Notes/Issues |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Reference Dose (RfD) (mg/kg/day) |                | 3.0E-4  | IRIS, 1995            |                       |
| RfD details                      |                | <p><b>Tier 1 Source:</b><br/> <b>IRIS:</b><br/> <b>Basis:</b> IRIS is a Tier 1 source.<br/> <b>Critical Study:</b> U.S. EPA. 1987. Peer Review Workshop on Mercury Issues. Summary Report. Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office, Cincinnati, OH. October 26-27.<br/> <b>Method(s):</b> On October 26-27, 1987, a panel of mercury experts met at a Peer Review Workshop on Mercury Issues in Cincinnati, Ohio, and reviewed outstanding issues concerning the health effects and risk assessment of inorganic mercury (U.S. EPA, 1987). The following five consensus conclusions and recommendations were agreed to as a result of this workshop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The most sensitive adverse effect for mercury risk assessment is formation of mercuric-mercury-induced autoimmune glomerulonephritis. The production and deposition of IgG antibodies to the glomerular basement membrane can be considered the first step in the formation of this mercuric-mercury-induced autoimmune glomerulonephritis.</li> <li>2) The Brown Norway rat should be used for mercury risk assessment. The Brown Norway rat is a good test species for the study of Hg<sup>2+</sup>-induced autoimmune glomerulonephritis. The Brown Norway rat is not unique in this regard (this effect has also been observed in rabbits).</li> <li>3) The Brown Norway rat is a good surrogate for the study of mercury-induced kidney damage in sensitive humans. For this reason, the uncertainty factor used to calculate criteria and health advisories (based on risk assessments using the Brown Norway rat) should be reduced by 10-fold.</li> <li>4) Hg<sup>2+</sup> absorption values of 7% from the oral route and 100% from the s.c. route should be used to calculate criteria and health advisories.</li> <li>5) A DWEL of 0.010 mg/L was recommended based on the weight-of-evidence from the studies using Brown Norway rats and limited human tissue data. See IRIS for details.</li> </ol> |                       | Complete              |



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|--|----------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|  |                | <p><b>Critical effect:</b> Autoimmune effects.<br/> <b>End point or Point of Departure (POD):</b> NOAEL: none. LOAEL: 0.226; 0.317; 0.633 mg/kg-day.<br/> <b>Uncertainty Factors:</b> An uncertainty factor of 1000 was applied to the animal studies using Brown Norway rats as recommended in U.S. EPA (1987). An uncertainty factor was applied for LOAEL to NOAEL conversion: 10 for use of subchronic studies and a combined 10 for both animals to human and sensitive human populations.<br/> <b>Source and date:</b> IRIS, 05/01/1995</p> <p><b>Tier 2 Sources:</b><br/> <b>PPRTV:</b> Per PPRTV 09/25/2002 for <u>mercuric sulfide</u>: data are inadequate for mercuric sulfide for derivation of a p-RfD. Based on the limited available pharmacokinetic data for mercuric sulfide, the RfD for mercuric chloride (0.0003 mg/kg-day) could be considered protective for mercuric sulfide. It is likely that the actual RfD for mercuric sulfide would be higher by a factor of at least 10 when compared to that of mercuric chloride based on their relative bioavailability.</p> <p><b>MRL:</b> Oral intermediate MRL = 0.002 mg/kg-day.<br/> <b>Critical Study:</b> NTP. 1993. NTP technical report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of mercuric chloride (CAS no. 7487-94-7) in F344/N rats and B6C3F1 mice (gavage studies). NTP TR408.<br/> <b>Method:</b> Fischer 344 rats (10/sex/group) were administered 0, 0.23, 0.46, 0.93, 1.9, or 3.7 mg Hg/kg/day as mercuric chloride in deionized water by oral gavage once daily 5 days per week for 26 weeks.<br/> <b>Critical effect:</b> no renal effects<br/> <b>End point or Point of Departure (POD):</b> NOAEL = 0.23 mg Hg/kg/day<br/> <b>Uncertainty Factors:</b> UF = 100; 10 for each animal to human extrapolation and human variability<br/> <b>Source and date:</b> ATSDR, March 1999.</p> |                           |                           |



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|  |                | <p><b>MRL:</b> Oral acute MRL for inorganic mercury = 0.007 mg/kg-day. (ATSDR 3/1999)</p> <p><b>Tier 3 Source:</b><br/> <b>MDEQ:</b> Per DEQ-CCD-RRD, 01/16/1988, RfD = 0.0003 mg/kg-day based on IRIS file for mercuric chloride. RfD is back-calculated from DWEL = 0.010 mg/L x 2 L/day/70 kg. Critical effect = autoimmune glomerulonephritis. EPA 1987.</p>  |                       |                       |
| <b>Oral Cancer Slope Factor (CSF) (mg/kg-day)<sup>-1</sup></b> |                | NA  | MDEQ, 2015            |                       |
| <b>CSF details</b>   |                | <p><b>Weight of Evidence Characterization:</b> Cancer classification is C; possible human carcinogen.</p> <p><b>IRIS Basis:</b> Based on the absence of data in humans and limited evidence of carcinogenicity in rats and mice. Focal papillary hyperplasia and squamous cell papilloma in the forestomach as well as thyroid follicular cell adenomas and carcinomas were observed in male rats gavaged with mercuric chloride for 2 years. The relevance of the forestomach papilloma to assessment of cancer in humans is questionable because no evidence indicated that the papilloma progressed to malignancy. The relevance of the increase in thyroid tumors has also been questioned because these tumors are generally considered to be secondary to hyperplasia; this effect was not observed in the high-dose males. It should also be noted that the authors considered the doses used in the study to exceed the MTD for male rats. In the same study, evidence for increases in squamous cell papilloma in the forestomach of female rats was equivocal. In a second study, equivocal evidence for renal adenomas and adenocarcinomas was observed in male mice; there was a significant positive trend. This tumor type is rare in mice, and the increase in incidence was statistically significant when compared with historic controls. Two other nonpositive lifetime rodent studies were considered inadequate. Mercuric chloride showed mixed results in a number of genotoxicity assays.</p> <p>Source and Date: IRIS 06/01/1995.</p> <p><b>Tier 1 and 2 Sources:</b><br/> <b>IRIS:</b> Per IRIS (6/1/1995), no CSF value at this time.</p> |                       | Complete              |



|  | Part 201 Value | Updated Value  | Source/Reference/Date | Comments/Notes/Issues |
|--|----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                | <p><b>PPRTV:</b> Per PPRTV for mercuric sulfide (09/25/2002), no data were located regarding the carcinogenicity of mercuric sulfide i.e., the data are inadequate for an assessment. No PPRTV document for mercuric chloride.</p> <p><b>MRL:</b> NA; MRLs are for non-cancer effects only.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 Source:</b><br/> <b>MDEQ:</b> Per DEQ-CCD, no value at this time.</p>   |                       |                       |
| Reference Concentration (RfC) or Initial Threshold Screening Level (ITSL) ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |                | NA   | MDEQ, 2015            |                       |
| RfC/ITSL details   |                | <p><b>Tier 1 and 2 Sources:</b><br/> <b>IRIS:</b> Per IRIS 04/01/1994, RfC not available at this time.<br/> <b>PPRTV:</b> Per PPRTV 09/25/2002, no toxicity studies of mercuric sulfide or other inorganic mercury salts in humans or animals. The lack of data precludes derivation of a provision RfC for mercuric sulfide.<br/> <b>MRL:</b> Per ATSDR (3/1999), no inhalation value at this time.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 Source:</b><br/> <b>MDEQ:</b> Per DEQ-CCD no value at this time. Values available for Hg vapors.</p> |                       | Complete              |
| Inhalation Unit Risk Factor (IURF) ( $(\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3)^{-1}$ )                                 |                | NA   | MDEQ, 2015            |                       |
| IURF details   |                | <p><b>Tier 1 and 2 Sources:</b><br/> <b>IRIS:</b> Per IRIS (06/01/1995) no IURF value available at this time.<br/> <b>PPRTV:</b> Per PPRTV for mercuric sulfide (09/25/2002), no data were located regarding the carcinogenicity of mercuric sulfide i.e., the data are inadequate for an assessment. No PPRTV document for mercuric chloride.<br/> <b>MRL:</b> NA; MRLs are for non-cancer effects only.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 Source:</b></p>   |                       | Complete              |



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|  |                | <b>MDEQ:</b> Per DEQ-CCD no value at this time.                         |                                |                           |
| <b>Mutagenic Mode of Action (MMOA)? (Y/N)</b>            | --             | No  | USEPA, 2015                    |                           |
| <b>MMOA Details</b>                                      | --             | Not listed as a carcinogen with mutagenic MOA in the USEPA OSWER List   |                                |                           |
| <b>Developmental or Reproductive Effector? (Y/N)</b>     | No             | No, the RfD is not based on a reproductive-developmental effect.        | MDEQ, 2015                     |                           |
| <b>Developmental or Reproductive Toxicity Details</b>    | NA             | --  |                                |                           |
| <b>State Drinking Water Standard (SDWS) (µg/L)</b>       | --             | 2.0E+0  | SDWA, 1976 (for inorganic Hg)  |                           |
| <b>SDWS details</b>                                      | NA             | MI Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 1976 PA 399                           |                                |                           |
| <b>Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) (µg/L)</b> | --             | NO  | SDWA, 1976 and USEPA SMCL List |                           |
| <b>SMCL details</b>                                      | NA             | MI Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 1976 PA 399 and USEPA SMCL List, 2015 |                                |                           |
| <b>Is there an Aesthetic Value? (Y/N)</b>                | NO             | Not evaluated.  | NA                             |                           |
| <b>Aesthetic value details</b>                           | NA             | NA  |                                |                           |
| <b>Is there a Phytotoxicity Value? (Y/N)</b>             | NO             | Not evaluated.  | NA                             |                           |
| <b>Phytotoxicity details</b>                             | NA             | NA  |                                |                           |
| <b>Others:</b>   |                |   |                                |                           |



**(C) Chemical-specific Absorption Factors**

|   | Part 201 Value | Update                             | Source/Reference/<br>Dates    | Comments/Notes<br>/Issues |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gastrointestinal absorption efficiency value (ABS <sub>gi</sub> ) | ---            | 1.0                                | MDEQ, 2015/USEPA RAGS-E, 2004 |                           |
| ABS <sub>gi</sub> details   |                | RAGS E (USEPA, 2004) Default Value |                               |                           |
| Skin absorption efficiency value (AE <sub>d</sub> )               | ---            | NA                                 | MDEQ, 2015                    |                           |
| AE <sub>d</sub> details   |                |                                    |                               |                           |
| Ingestion Absorption Efficiency (AE <sub>i</sub> )                |                | NA                                 | MDEQ, 2015                    |                           |
| AE <sub>i</sub> Details   |                |                                    |                               |                           |
| Relative Source Contribution for Water (RSC <sub>w</sub> )        |                | NA                                 | MDEQ, 2015                    |                           |
| Relative Source Contribution for Soil (RSC <sub>s</sub> )         |                | NA                                 | MDEQ, 2015                    |                           |
| Relative Source Contribution for Air (RSC <sub>A</sub> )          |                | 1.0                                | MDEQ, 2015                    |                           |
| Others  |                |                                    |                               |                           |

**(D) Rule 57 Water Quality Values and GSI Criteria**

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| <b>Current GSI value (µg/L)</b>            | 0.0013 |
| <b>Updated GSI value (µg/L)</b>            | 0.0013 |
| <b>Rule 57 Drinking Water Value (µg/L)</b> | 0.0018 |

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|  | <b>Rule 57 Value<br/>(µg/L)</b>                          | <b>Verification Date</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Human Non-cancer Values- Drinking water source (HNV-drink)</b>          | 0.0018   | 7/1997                   |
| <b>Human Non-Cancer Values- Non-drinking water sources (HNV-Non-drink)</b> | 0.0018   | 7/1997                   |
| <b>Wildlife Value (WV)</b>   | 0.0013   | 7/1997                   |
| <b>Human Cancer Values for Drinking Water Source (HCV-drink)</b>           | NA   |                          |
| <b>Human Cancer values for non-drinking water source (HCV-Non-drink)</b>   | NA   |                          |
| <b>Final Chronic Value (FCV)</b>   | 0.77 <sup>D</sup><br>D = value is expressed as dissolved | 7/1997                   |
| <b>Aquatic maximum value (AMV)</b>   | 1.4 <sup>D</sup><br>D = value is expressed as dissolved  | 7/1997                   |
| <b>Final Acute Value (FAV)</b>   | 2.8 <sup>D</sup><br>D = value is expressed as dissolved  | 7/1997                   |

Sources:

1. MDEQ Surface Water Assessment Section Rule 57 [website](#)
2. MDEQ Rule 57 [table](#)

**(E) Target Detection Limits (TDL)**

|   | <b>Value</b> | <b>Source</b>               |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Target Detection Limit – Soil (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}</math>)</b> | 50           | MDEQ Op Memo 2 Att. 1, 2004 |
| <b>Target Detection Limit – Water (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{L}</math>)</b> | 0.001        | MDEQ Op Memo 2 Att. 1, 2004 |

**CHEMICAL UPDATE WORKSHEET ABBREVIATIONS:**

CAS # - Chemical Abstract Service Number.

**Section (A) Chemical-Physical Properties****Reference Source(s):**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| CRC       | Chemical Rubber Company Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 95th edition, 2014-2015  |
| EMSOFT    | USEPA Exposure Model for Soil-Organic Fate and Transport (EMSOFT) (EPA, 2002)   |
| EPA2001   | USEPA (2001) Fact Sheet, Correcting the Henry's Law Constant for Soil Temperature. Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Washington, D.C.   |
| EPA4      | USEPA (2004) User's Guide for Evaluating Subsurface Vapor Intrusion into Buildings. February 22, 2004.  |
| EPI       | USEPA's Estimation Programs Interface SUITE 4.1, Copyright 2000-2012  |
| HSDB      | Hazardous Substances Data Bank  |
| MDEQ      | Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  |
| NPG       | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards  |
| PC        | National Center for Biotechnology Information's PubChem database  |
| PP        | Syracuse Research Corporation's PhysProp database   |
| SCDM      | USEPA's Superfund Chemical Data Matrix  |
| SSG       | USEPA's Soil Screening Guidance: Technical Background Document, Second Edition, 1996  |
| USEPA/EPA | United States environmental protection agency's Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund Volume I: Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part E, Supplemental Guidance for Dermal Risk Assessment). July, 2004. |

W9 USEPA's User Guide for Water9 Software, Version 2.0.0, 2001

**Basis/Comments:**

|     |                                 |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| EST | estimated                       |
| EXP | experimental                    |
| EXT | extrapolated                    |
| NA  | not available or not applicable |
| NR  | not relevant                    |

**Section (B) Toxicity Values/Benchmarks****Sources/References:**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| ATSDR       | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry                   |
| CALEPA      | California Environmental Protection Agency                         |
| CAL DTSC    | California Department of Toxic Substances Control                  |
| CAL OEHHA   | CAEPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment             |
| CCD         | MDEQ Chemical Criteria Database                                    |
| ECHA        | European Chemicals Agency (REACH)                                  |
| OECD HPV    | Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development HPV Database |
| HEAST       | USEPA's Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables                   |
| IRIS        | USEPA's Integrated Risk Information System                         |
| MADEP       | Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection               |
| MDEQ/DEQ    | Michigan Department of Environmental Quality                       |
| DEQ-CCD/AQD | MDEQ Air Quality Division  |
| DEQ-CCD/RRD | MDEQ Remediation and Redevelopment Division                        |
| DEQ-CCD/WRD | MDEQ Water Resources Division                                      |
| MNDOH       | Minnesota Department of Health                                     |

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|-------------|---|
| NJDEP       | New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection                       |
| NYDEC       | New York State Department of Environmental Conservation                 |
| OPP/OPPT    | USEPA's Office of Pesticide Programs                                    |
| PPRTV       | USEPA's Provisional Peer Reviewed Toxicity Values                       |
| RIVM        | The Netherlands National Institute of Public Health and the Environment |
| TCEQ        | Texas Commission on Environmental Quality                               |
| USEPA       | United States Environmental Protection Agency                           |
| USEPA OSWER | USEPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response                      |
| USEPA MCL   | USEPA Maximum Contaminant Level   |
| WHO         | World Health Organization   |
| WHO IPCS    | International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS/INCHEM)                |
| WHO IARC    | International Agency for Research on Cancers                            |
| NA          | Not Available.  |
| NR          | Not Relevant.   |

**Toxicity terms:**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| BMC         | Benchmark concentration                 |
| BMCL        | Lower bound confidence limit on the BMC |
| BMD         | benchmark dose                          |
| BMDL        | Lower bound confidence limit on the BMD |
| CSF         | Cancer slope Factor                     |
| CNS         | Central nervous system                  |
| IURF or IUR | Inhalation unit risk factor             |
| LOAEL       | Lowest observed adverse effect level    |
| LOEL        | Lowest observed effect level            |
| MRL         | Minimal risk level (ATSDR)              |
| NOAEL       | No observed adverse effect level        |
| NOEL        | No observed effect level                |

|       |                         |
|-------|-------------------------|
| RfC   | Reference concentration |
| RfD   | Reference dose          |
| p-RfD | Provisional RfD         |
| aRfD  | Acute RfD               |
| UF    | Uncertainty factor      |
| WOE   | Weight of evidence      |

**Section (C) Chemical-specific Absorption Factors**

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|--------------|---|
| MDEQ         | Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  |
| USEPA RAGS-E | United States Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund Volume I: Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part E, Supplemental Guidance for Dermal Risk Assessment). July, 2004. |

**Section (D) Rule 57 Water Quality Values and GSI Criteria**

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|-----|---|
| GSI | Groundwater-surface water interface         |
| NA  | A value is not available or not applicable. |
| ID  | Insufficient data to derive value           |
| NLS | No literature search has been conducted     |