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SUBJECT: EXPOSURES TO 1,3-DICHLOROPROPENE IN MONTEREY AND SANTA
CRUZ COUNTIES BASED ON THE FALL 2001 MONITORING BY THE
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

This memorandum gives inhalation exposures as average concentrations of 1,3 dichloropropene (1,3-D) in air for 24-hour, 1-week and 8-week averaging periods, based on monitoring done by the California Air Resources Board in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties in Fall 2001 (ARB, 2002).

Methods

Following the practice of the Worker Health and Safety (WHS) Branch, this memorandum reports arithmetic mean concentrations and tolerance limits estimated using lognormal methods. Lognormality is assumed for environmental contaminants in most cases. DPR's experience with many large environmental datasets has shown that they are usually well described by the lognormal distribution. In addition, WHS prefers to avoid the inconsistency of using different exposure statistics based on sample characteristics. WHS uses the arithmetic mean concentration because the concentration of interest for exposure assessment is the overall concentration in all of the air that a person could breathe during the averaging period. The arithmetic mean concentration is the best estimate of the average mass of residue per unit of environmental medium; it is equivalent to compositing all of the samples and measuring the concentration of the mixture (Parkhurst, 1998). This is true regardless of the shape of the underlying distribution.

Of 233 samples, 135 contained quantifiable concentrations of both cis- and trans-1,3-D (the limits of quantitation (LOQ) were 0.010 and 0.014 ppbv, respectively). Thirty-one samples were below the limits of detection (LOD) for both cis- and trans-1,3-D (the LODs were 0.002 and 0.003 ppbv, respectively), 50 samples were between the LOD and LOQ for both isomers, and 17 samples had quantifiable concentrations of one isomer while the other was below the LOQ. Before the cis- and trans- concentrations were summed to get total 1,3-D for each sample, one-half the LOD was substituted for an isomer below the LOD, and one-half the LOQ was substituted for an isomer below the LOQ. Twenty samples with flow-rate deviations greater than 25% were excluded from the analysis. There were ten cases where a site had usable samples for only two days in a week, and in one case, there was only one sample. There was no detectable cis- or trans-1,3-D in 4 background samples. The data were not adjusted for recovery (average 92% in 8 laboratory spikes, 92% in 8 trip spikes and 84% in 8 field spikes).

24-hr exposure

For each monitoring site separately, the maximum observed and the 95% tolerance limit for 24-hr concentrations are given. The 95% tolerance limit is the concentration that, with given probability, will be exceeded in 5% of future samples (Hahn and Meeker, 1991). It is calculated using lognormal distribution methods:

$$95\% \text{ tolerance limit} = \exp\{\text{arithmetic mean of log concentrations} + g_{(.90;.95; n)} * (\text{sd of logs})\}.$$

The multiplier g for 90% probability is tabled in Hahn and Meeker (1991).

1-week exposure

For each monitoring site separately, the maximum and the 95% tolerance limit for weekly mean concentrations are given. Each weekly mean is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the 24-hr samples taken at a site during the week (i.e., nonmonitoring days are ignored). The 95% tolerance limit for weekly mean concentrations is calculated using normal distribution methods:

$$95\% \text{ tolerance limit} = \text{arithmetic mean of week means} + g_{(.90;.95; n)} * (\text{sd of week means}).$$

Normal methods are used in this case because sample means from any distribution tend to be normally distributed.

8-week exposure

For each monitoring site separately, average exposure over the 8-week monitoring period is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weekly means (calculated as above for 1-week exposure).

Results

Twenty-four-hour, 1-week and 8-week concentrations are presented in Table 1. Daily concentrations and intermediate calculations are shown in Table 2.

Table 1. 1,3-dichloropropene concentrations (ppbv) in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, 8 September – 7 November 2001, based on monitoring by the California Air Resources Board.

Site ^a	N days	Daily		1-week		8-week
		Maximum 24-hr	95% tolerance limit	Maximum weekly ^b mean	95% tolerance limit	Mean of weekly means
----- ppbv -----						
CHU	29	0.40	0.45	0.20	0.23	0.05
LJE	31	1.08	0.47	0.29	0.34	0.07
MES	25	4.17	3.38	1.32	1.45	0.25
PMS	29	0.92	0.65	0.27	0.31	0.09
SAL	30	0.32	0.61	0.10	0.16	0.05
SES	24	0.23	0.29	0.09	0.12	0.04

^a Monitoring sites described in ARB (2002).

^b Each weekly mean is the arithmetic mean of the 24-hr samples (*n* ranged 1-6) in a calendar week.

Exposure appraisal

The average concentrations presented here are based on limited monitoring data and must be considered as having some degree of uncertainty. The representativeness of the six monitoring sites is unknown. Each site was monitored 1 - 6 days per week for a relatively short (8-week) period. Weekend days were not monitored. It is unknown whether weekdays and weekends differ systematically in numbers of 1,3-D fumigations.

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Table 2. Daily concentrations and intermediate calculations for Monterey/Santa Cruz County sites.

Day	Week	CHU	LJE	MES	PMS	SAL	SES		CHU	LJE	OAS	PMS	SAL	SES
		ppbv						ln(ppbv)						
8-Sep-01	1	0.002	0.006	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002		-6.04	-5.04	-6.04	-6.04	-6.04	-6.04
9-Sep-01	1	0.002	0.002	0.162	0.012	0.002	0.017		-6.04	-6.04	-1.82	-4.43	-6.04	-4.06
10-Sep-01	1	0.002	0.002			0.002			-6.04	-6.04			-6.04	
11-Sep-01	1		0.002							-6.04				
1 Average		0.002	0.003	0.082	0.007	0.002	0.010							
17-Sep-01	2	0.007	0.002	0.043	0.038	0.015	0.039		-4.94	-6.04	-3.15	-3.26	-4.17	-3.25
18-Sep-01	2	0.002	0.002	0.045	0.053	0.002	0.070		-6.04	-6.04	-3.11	-2.93	-6.04	-2.66
2 Average		0.005	0.002	0.044	0.046	0.009	0.054							
22-Sep-01	3	0.012	0.012	0.090	0.039	0.012	0.232		-4.43	-4.43	-2.41	-3.25	-4.43	-1.46
23-Sep-01	3	0.012	0.012	0.051	0.058	0.002	0.069		-4.43	-4.43	-2.97	-2.85	-6.04	-2.67
24-Sep-01	3	0.087	0.012	1.298	0.074	0.133	0.002		-2.44	-4.43	0.26	-2.60	-2.02	-6.04
25-Sep-01	3	0.012	0.027	4.168	0.925	0.084	0.078		-4.43	-3.63	1.43	-0.08	-2.48	-2.56
26-Sep-01	3	0.065	0.012	0.689	0.174	0.031	0.114		-2.74	-4.43	-0.37	-1.75	-3.49	-2.17
27-Sep-01	3	0.045	0.162	1.605	0.338	0.204	0.043		-3.10	-1.82	0.47	-1.08	-1.59	-3.16
3 Average		0.039	0.039	1.317	0.268	0.078	0.090							
3-Oct-01	4	0.017	0.029	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012		-4.10	-3.54	-4.43	-4.43	-4.43	-4.43
4-Oct-01	4		0.012	0.065	0.039	0.002	0.012			-4.43	-2.74	-3.25	-6.04	-4.43
5-Oct-01	4	0.080	0.012	0.086	0.048	0.002	0.031		-2.53	-4.43	-2.45	-3.03	-6.04	-3.48
6-Oct-01	4	0.073	0.041	0.390	0.055	0.321	0.012		-2.61	-3.18	-0.94	-2.89	-1.13	-4.43
4 Average		0.057	0.024	0.138	0.039	0.085	0.017							
11-Oct-01	5	0.017	0.031	0.086	0.105	0.055	0.012		-4.05	-3.48	-2.45	-2.26	-2.89	-4.43
12-Oct-01	5	0.035	0.066		0.134	0.110			-3.35	-2.72		-2.01	-2.21	
13-Oct-01	5	0.082	0.062		0.138	0.129			-2.50	-2.78		-1.98	-2.05	
14-Oct-01	5	0.048	0.018	0.381	0.106	0.050			-3.03	-4.00	-0.97	-2.24	-3.00	
5 Average		0.046	0.044	0.233	0.121	0.086	0.012							
19-Oct-01	6	0.103	0.033	0.199	0.047	0.110	0.106		-2.28	-3.41	-1.62	-3.05	-2.21	-2.25
20-Oct-01	6		0.043	0.034	0.042	0.012	0.025			-3.14	-3.38	-3.18	-4.43	-3.69
21-Oct-01	6	0.025	0.012	0.091	0.047	0.012	0.019		-3.70	-4.43	-2.40	-3.05	-4.43	-3.97
22-Oct-01	6	0.049	1.077	0.177	0.106	0.012	0.038		-3.02	0.07	-1.73	-2.24	-4.43	-3.26
6 Average		0.059	0.291	0.125	0.061	0.036	0.047							

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Table 2. Continued.

Day	Week	CHU LJE MES PMS SAL SES						CHU LJE OAS PMS SAL SES						
		ppbv						ln(ppbv)						
27-Oct-01	7	0.098	0.140	0.066	0.012	0.105	0.012		-2.33	-1.97	-2.72	-4.43	-2.26	-4.43
28-Oct-01	7	0.039	0.103	0.047	0.012	0.092			-3.26	-2.27	-3.05	-4.43	-2.39	
29-Oct-01	7	0.265	0.146	0.056	0.370	0.104	0.012		-1.33	-1.92	-2.88	-0.99	-2.26	-4.43
30-Oct-01	7	0.402	0.096		0.032	0.079	0.012		-0.91	-2.34		-3.43	-2.54	-4.43
7 Average		0.201	0.121	0.057	0.107	0.095	0.012							
4-Nov-01	8	0.047	0.030		0.019	0.018			-3.05	-3.52		-3.99	-4.04	
5-Nov-01	8	0.012	0.040	0.012	0.037	0.012	0.012		-4.43	-3.22	-4.43	-3.28	-4.43	-4.43
6-Nov-01	8	0.012	0.018	0.039	0.046	0.012	0.078		-4.43	-4.04	-3.24	-3.08	-4.43	-2.55
7-Nov-01	8	0.012	0.036	0.044	0.059	0.019	0.084		-4.43	-3.31	-3.12	-2.84	-3.96	-2.48
8 Average		0.021	0.031	0.032	0.040	0.015	0.058							
Mean of week means		0.054	0.070	0.253	0.086	0.051	0.037		-3.66	-3.78	-2.29	-2.95	-3.80	-3.70
SD of week means		0.063	0.097	0.435	0.082	0.039	0.029		1.37	1.46	1.64	1.20	1.59	1.15
Max of week means		0.201	0.291	1.317	0.268	0.095	0.090		29	31	25	29	30	24
n weeks		8	8.000	8	8	8	8							
95th %ile of week means		0.17	0.253	1.077	0.2	0.12	0.09							
90% tol limit on 95th%		0.228	0.337	1.450	0.313	0.158	0.118		95th %ile of days					
									0.267	0.270	1.692	0.406	0.332	0.178
Max of days		0.402	1.077	4.168	0.925	0.321	0.232		0.454	0.472	3.379	0.647	0.607	0.292
									90% tol limit on 95th%ile of days					