Phenylarsine Oxide (PAO)



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PRODUCT USE

Pesticide; coccidiostat in poultry; for amphoteric titration of residual chlorine.

SYNONYMS

C6-H5-As-O, C6H5As=O, "arsine oxophenyl-", oxophenylarsine, arsenobenzene, arzene, "benzene, arseno-", phenyl-arsenoxide, "phenyl arsine oxide"

Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK

Risk of serious damage to eyes. Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect. Toxic by inhalation and if swallowed. Irritating to respiratory system and skin. Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

Toxic effects may result from the accidental ingestion of the material; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 40 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

Ingestion may produce nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, bloody stools, shock, rapid pulse and coma. Severe gastritis or gastroenteritis may occur as a result of lesions produced by vascular damage from absorbed arsenic (and not local corrosion); symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Eventually a violent hemorrhagic gastroenteritis leads to profound loss of fluid and electrolyte resulting in shock and death. Occasionally alimentary symptoms are mild or absent in which case symptoms are usually referable to the central nervous system, headache, vertigo, muscle spasm or convulsion, delirium and, sometimes, mania. In advanced poisonings by arsenic and its inorganic salts, nervous symptoms are prominent; disorders of the brain (encephalopathies) and peripheral neuritis (more commonly) have been described. A prickling sensation (paresthesia), decreased sensitivity to sensation and pain (hypoesthesia), eventually paralysis and muscular atrophy appear, usually in the legs. "Glove and stocking' distribution of sensory loss may be prominent. The toxic moiety is presumed to be trivalent arsenic in the form of inorganic arsenious acid (arsenite) or an organic arsenoxide. Arsenites are active enzyme inhibitors. Arsenic and its compounds may damage the stem cell which acts as the precursor to components of the blood. Loss of the stem cell may result in pancytopenia (a reduction in the number of red and white blood cells and platelets) with a latency period corresponding to the lifetime of the individual blood cells. Granulocytopenia (a reduction in granular leukocytes) develops within days and thrombocytopenia (a disorder involving platelets), within 1-2 weeks, whilst loss of erythrocytes (red blood cells) need months to become clinically manifest. Aplastic anaemia develops due to complete destruction of the stem cells.

If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage.

SKIN

- This material can cause inflammation of the skin oncontact in some persons.
- The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition.
- Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

Arsenic can cause skin irritation characterized by eczema, scaling, sensitization, and discoloration and thickening of the palms and soles.

• Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED

Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material, during the course of normal handling, may produce toxic effects.

The material can cause respiratory irritation in some persons. The body's response to such irritation can cause further lung damage.

■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

■ Inhaling materials containing arsenic can cause severe irritation to the nose, throat and lungs. Prolonged exposure can cause severe structural damage to the nose.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

■ There has been concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations, but there is not enough data to make an assessment.

Long-term exposure to respiratory irritants may result in disease of the airways involving difficult breathing and related systemic problems.

Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

There is limited evidence that, skin contact with this product is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Long-term exposure to arsenic and its inorganic salts may produce loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, low fever, persistent headache, pallor, weakness and phlegm. Skin effects include redness, eczema, pigmentation, diffuse hair loss, scaling of the palms and soles, sloughing, brittle nails, white lines or bands on the nails, loss of hair and nails, and localized swelling. Kidney damage can occur and liver enlargement with jaundice may develop into cirrhosis (hardening of the liver), with fluid in the abdomen. Nervous system effects involving the extremities (numbness, tingling, burning pain, weakness, inco-ordination) may also occur. Arsenic is well-known to cause cancer in humans.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS



Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

Give a slurry of activated charcoal in water to drink. NEVER GIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS PATIENT WATER TO DRINK.

- At least 3 tablespoons in a glass of water should be given.
- Although induction of vomiting may be recommended (IN CONSCIOUS PERSONS ONLY), such a first aid measure is

dissuaded because to the risk of aspiration of stomach contents. (i) It is better to take the patient to a doctor who can decide on the necessity and method of emptying the stomach. (ii) Special circumstances may however exist; these include non- availability of charcoal and the ready availability of the doctor.

NOTE: If vomiting is induced, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration. NOTE: Wear protective gloves when inducing vomiting.

- REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY.
- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.
- (ICSC20305/20307).

EYE

- If this product comes in contact with the eyes:
- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Center or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.
- Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

If skin contact occurs:

- · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

- · If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

- For acute or short term repeated exposures to arsenic, soluble compounds: Treat as per arsenic poisoning.
- · Acute skin lesions such as contact dermatitis usually do not require other treatment than removal from exposure.
- If more severe symptoms of the respiratory system, the skin or the gastro-intestinal tract occur, British Anti-Lewisite (BAL, dimercaprol) may be given. Prompt administration in such cases is vital; to obtain maximum benefit such treatment should be administered within 4 hours of poisoning.
- In addition, general treatment such as prevention of further absorption from the gastro-intestinal tract are mandatory.
- General supportive therapy such as maintenance of respiration and circulation, maintenance of water and electrolyte
 balance and control of nervous system effects, as well as elimination of absorbed poison through dialysis and exchange
 transfusion, may be used if feasible.
- Dimercaprol is given by deep intramuscular injection as a 5% solution in peanut oil (or a 10% solution with benzyl-benzoate in vegetable oil). It is usually given in a dose of 3 mg/kg, 4-hourly, for the first two days, or twice daily for up to seven days. [ILO Encyclopedia]
- BAL Therapy is effective for hematological manifestations of chronic arsenic poisoning but not for neurological symptoms. Watch for side effects (e.g. urticaria, burning sensation in the lips, mouth and throat, fever, conjunctivitis etc).
- Some relief results from administration of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) (1.5 mg/kg intramuscularly or by mouth every 6 hour). [Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]
- BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDEX BEI (Notice of Intent to Establish)

BEIs represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the

Determinant Index		
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in urine 35 ug/gm creati	nine End of workweek	В

B: Background levels occur in specimens collected from subjects NOT exposed Consult specific documentation.

* Preplacement and periodic medical examinations are essential for workers exposed to arsenic on a regular basis. Preplacement physical examinations should give particular attention to allergic and chronic skin lesions, eye disease, psoriasis, chronic eczematous dermatitis, hyperpigmentation of the skin, keratosis and warts, baseline weight, baseline blood and haemoglobin counts, baseline urinary arsenic determinations.

Annual physical examinations should give attention to general health, weight, skin condition, and any evidence of excessive exposure or absorption of arsenic.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES				
Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible			
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available			
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not applicable			
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available			

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Water spray or fog Large fires only.

FIRE FIGHTING

- - Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus ٠
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- · Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), metal oxides, arsenic compounds, other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses: Chemical goggles. Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

- Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- Place in suitable containers for disposal.
- MAJOR SPILLS

- Clear area of personnel and move upwind.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course. .
- Stop leak if safe to do so.
- Contain spill with sand, earth or vermiculite. •
- Collect recoverable product into labeled containers for recycling.
- Neutralize/decontaminate residue.
- Collect solid residues and seal in labeled drums for disposal.
- Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.
- After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (in ppm)

AEGL 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGL 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted

that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects

or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGL 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- · Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- · Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- · Work clothes should be laundered separately.
- · Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.
- · Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

· Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers

• In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- · Lined metal can, Lined metal pail/drum
- Plastic pail
- Polyliner drum
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labeled and free from leaks.

For low viscosity materials

- Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.
- Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.
- For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.):
- Removable head packaging;
- · Cans with friction closures and
- low pressure tubes and cartridges may be used.

- Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contact with inner and outer packages * . - In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I and II there must be sufficient inert absorbent to absorb any spillage *. - * unless the outer packaging is a close fitting molded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic. All inner and sole packagings for substances that have been assigned to Packaging Groups I or II on the basis of inhalation toxicity criteria, must be hermetically sealed.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- - Otomo in animinal conto
- Store in original containers.Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



X: Must not be stored together

O: May be stored together with specific preventions

+: May be stored together

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Yukon Permissible Concentrations for Airborne Contaminant Substances	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic and compounds (as As))	-	0.5	-	0.5				
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))		0.5						
US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic		0.5						

	compounds (as As))			
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds, as As)	0.2		
US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic cmpds (as As))	0.5		
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.2		
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.2	0.6	
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, organic compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z1)	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic, Organic Compounds (as As))	0.5		
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	phenyl arsenoxide (Arsenic,organic compounds (as As))	0.5		

MATERIAL DATA

PHENYL ARSENOXIDE:

Use control measures / protective gear to avoid any personal contact. The ES-TWA is based solely on the prevention of systemic effects due to inhalation and is not protective against the substantial risk of cancer produced by exposure to inorganic arsenic. Some jurisdictions require health surveillance be performed on occupationally exposed workers. Such surveillance should emphasize

• demography, occupational and medical history and health advice

- physical examination with emphasis on the peripheral nervous system and skin.
- urinary total arsenic
- records of personal exposure

PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

- .
- · Safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them. DO NOT wear contact lenses.

HANDS/FEET

Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- · chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity
- Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).
- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60

minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

OTHER

- Overalls.
- Eyewash unit.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- .
- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory . These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

RESPIRATOR

Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
10 x PEL	P1	-	PAPR-P1
	Air-line*	-	-
50 x PEL	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
100 x PEL	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x PEL	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

* - Negative pressure demand ** - Continuous flow

Explanation of Respirator Codes:

Class 1 low to medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 2 medium absorption capacity filters.

Class 3 high absorption capacity filters.

PAPR Powered Air Purifying Respirator (positive pressure) cartridge.

Type A for use against certain organic gases and vapors.

Type AX for use against low boiling point organic compounds (less than 65°C).

Type B for use against certain inorganic gases and other acid gases and vapors.

Type E for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapors.

Type K for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives

Class P1 intended for use against mechanically generated particulates of sizes most commonly encountered in industry, e.g. asbestos, silica.

Class P2 intended for use against both mechanically and thermally generated particulates, e.g. metal fume.

Class P3 intended for use against all particulates containing highly toxic materials, e.g. beryllium.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

- Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.

• If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:

- (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
- (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
- (c): fresh-air hoods or masks
- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant.	All Speed.
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)
Within each range the appropriate value depends on:	
Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity

4: Large hood or large air mass in motion

3: High production, heavy use

4: Small hood-local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid. Does not mix with water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	168.02
Melting Range (°F)	291.2-294.8	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not applicable	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not Available	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not applicable
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not applicable

APPEARANCE

White crystalline powder; part mixes with water.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Contact with acids produces toxic fumes

Arsine, an extremely poisonous (lethal) gas with a garlic odour can be generated when the material reacts with acids, alkalis or water in the presence of an active metal (zinc, aluminium, magnesium, sodium, iron etc.).

• Avoid strong acids, bases.

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

phenyl arsenoxide

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.
 TOXICITY
 IRRITATION

Unr (mouse) LD50: 1.9 mg/kg

■ Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

Arsenic is a potent toxicant that may exist in several oxidation states and in a number of inorganic and organic forms. Most cases of arsenic-induced toxicity in humans are due to exposure to inorganic arsenic, and there is an extensive database on the human health effects of the common arsenic oxides and oxyacids. Although there may be some differences in the potency of different chemical forms (e.g., arsenites tend to be somewhat more toxic than arsenates), these differences are usually minor. Humans may be exposed to organic arsenicals (mainly methyl and phenyl derivatives of arsenic acid) that are used in agriculture and to organic arsenicals found in fish and shellfish (arsenobetaine and arsenocholine). Although the toxicity of organic arsenicals has not been as extensively investigated as inorganic arsenicals, there are sufficient animal data to evaluate

^{3:} Intermittent, low production.

the toxicity of methyl arsenates (e.g., monomethylarsonic acid [MMA] and dimethylarsinic acid [DMA]) and roxarsone. The socalled "fish arsenic" compounds (e.g., arsenobetaine) are not thought to be toxic.

The methylation of inorganic arsenic may yield metabolites that alter the cellular oxidation status by potently inhibiting the reduction of glutathione disulfide. The alteration of the oxidation status of the cell by these arsenicals may lead to more serious cytotoxic effects.

It is generally accepted that the arsenic-carbon bond is quite strong and most mammalian species do not have the capacity to break this bond; thus, inorganic arsenic is not formed during the metabolism of organic arsenicals. In most species, including humans, ingested (or exogenous) MMA(V) and DMA(V) undergo limited metabolism, do not readily enter the cell, and are primarily excreted unchanged in the urine. This is in contrast to inorganic arsenic, which undergoes sequential reduction and methylation reactions leading to the formation of MMA and DMA. Inorganic As(V) is readily reduced to inorganic As(III), which is taken up by the cell. Within the cell (primarily in the liver), As(III) is methylated to form MMA(V), which is reduced to MMA(III); MMA(III) subsequently undergoes oxidative methylations to form DMA(V). DMA(V) is the primary excretion product in humans. Because inorganic and organic arsenicals exhibit distinct toxicokinetic characteristics, the health effects and MRLs are considered separately. There are limited data on the toxicity of organic arsenicals following inhalation exposure in humans and animals and these data

do not allow for identification of critical effects. Keratosis was observed in workers exposed to 0.065 mg/m3 arsanilic acid (i.e., 4-aminophenyl arsenic acid); no alterations in gastrointestinal symptoms or haematological alterations were observed. In animals, very high concentrations (>3,000 mg/m3) of DMA results in respiratory distress, diarrhea, and erythematous lesions on the feet and ears. No adverse effects were observed in rats exposed to DMA concentrations as high as 100 mg DMA/m3 for 95 days.

Similarly, the available dermal toxicity data do not allow for identification of critical effects. Contact dermatitis was observed in workers applying DMA (and its sodium salt) and mild dermal irritation was observed in a Draize test in rabbits (adverse effect level not reported). Intermediate duration (21 days) exposure studies in rabbits did not result in systemic toxicity or skin irritation following 5 day/week exposure to 1,000 mg/kg/day MMA or DMA.

The preponderance of toxicity data for organic arsenicals involves oral exposure. Human data are limited to three case reports of individuals intentionally ingesting pesticides containing organic arsenicals. Gastrointestinal irritation (vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea) were consistently reported in these cases.

Animal data has primarily focused on the toxicity of MMA, DMA, and roxarsone; these data suggest that the targets of toxicity may differ between the compounds.Common signs of toxicity of the organic arsenicals in mice include depression of motility and respiration, irritability, ataxia and convulsions. Death appears to be due to respiratory depression For DMA and TMAO, a period of increased spontaneous motility preceded the death of the mice. More than half of the mice that received a lethal dose of MMA, DMA or TMAO had diarrhoea, which may have contributed to their deaths

The LD50s for the organic arsenicals are lower after parenteral administration than after oral administration.

Inorganic arsenic but not organic arsenic induces keratinocyte hyperproliferation and disrupts the process of terminal epidermal differentiation in the epidermis.

Since methylation serves to expedite the excretion of inorganic arsenic, which is more toxic than organoarsenicals, issues such as whether demethylation occurs and if methylation is saturable, inducible, or inhibitable under expected environmental exposure conditions are critical.

Genotoxic effects induced by the organic arsenicals include excess tetraploids (DMA, TMAO), and mitotic arrest (MMA, DMA and TMAO) in Chinese hamster lung (V79) cells . Arsenocholine and arsenobetaine are not genotoxic in V79 cells . In mouse lymphoma cells (L5178Y/TK+/-), incubation of organic arsenicals for 4 h induced cytotoxicity and clastogenicity. MMA was In vitro studies have proven DMA to be a potent clastogenic agent, capable of inducing DNA damage including double strand

breaks and cross-link formation.

Reports of successful cancer induction in animals by inorganic arsenic (arsenite and arsenate) have been rare, and most carcinogenetic studies have used organic arsenicals such as DMA combined with other tumor initiators. In rats, the methylated arsenicals, dimethylarsinic acid promotes diethylnitrosamine-initiated liver tumors, whereas trimethylarsine oxide induces liver adenomas. There are a variety of potential mechanisms for arsenical-induced hepatocarcinogenesis, such as oxidative DNA damage, impaired DNA damage repair, acquired apoptotic tolerance, hyperproliferation, altered DNA methylation, and aberrant estrogen signaling. Some of these mechanisms may be liver specific/selective. Overall, accumulating evidence clearly indicates that the liver could be an important target of arsenic carcinogenesis.

Arsenic compounds are classified by the European Union as toxic by inhalation and ingestion and toxic to aquatic life and long lasting in the environment. IARC classify arsenic indrinikng water as a confirmed human carcinogen (IARC 1). Intravenous (rabbit) 0.79 mg/kg

CARCINOGEN

Arsenic and arsenic compounds (NB: This evaluation applies to the group of compounds as a whole and not necessarily to all individual compounds within the group)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs	Group	1
ARSENIC (ORGANIC OR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS)	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65-MC
ARSENIC COMPOUNDS	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	HAZMAP, IARC

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

PHENYL ARSENOXIDE

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters.

Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.
 ■ For organic arsenicals (as characterised by the herbicidals monosodium methanearsonate (MSMA), disodium methanearsonate (DSMA), calcium acid methanearsonate (CAMA) and dimethylarsinic acid (cacodylic acid)).

The toxic effects of arsenicals are significantly modified by numerous biological and abiotic factors. The toxicity of arsenic in the environment is affected by temperature, pH, Eh, organic content, phosphate concentration, adsorption to solid matrices, the presence of other substances and toxicants, duration of exposure and the arsenic species present. In general, inorganic arsenicals are more toxic than organoarsenicals to biota, and trivalent species are more toxic than pentavalent species for both inorganic and organic arsenic compounds

Environmental fate:

Unlike other pesticides that degrade over time, MSMA, DSMA, CAMA, and cacodylic acid contain the element arsenic which does not degrade. Arsenic can, however, transform (i.e., change forms) or be redistributed through runoff, leaching, erosion, volatilisation, or plant uptake. The extent and speed of transformation and redistribution of the organic arsenical herbicides in

soil is highly variable and depends mostly on localized environmental conditions. Thus, persistence of applied organic arsenical herbicides can range from days to years, depending on soil properties and ambient conditions such as soil moisture, temperature, chemical concentration, bacterial population, and amount of organic matter.

Although the environmental fate of the organic herbicides is highly variable depending on localized environmental conditions, environmental fate laboratory studies show that organic arsenicals are stable under all tested abiotic conditions; they do not degrade by hydrolysis or by aquatic or soil photolysis. Metabolism rates do not appear to depend linearly on arsenical concentration; the kinetics are therefore not necessarily first-order and so "half-life" may not be an appropriate constant for all concentrations. Despite the uncertainty, first-order half-lives have been calculated for modeling purposes. The estimated half-lives used in the risk assessments may underestimate the faster initial rate of metabolism but adequately portray the overall transformation and so are assumed to be protective for chronic exposure, a major concern for arsenicals.

The modeled aerobic soil half-life for MMA is 240 days; no anaerobic soil half-life was determined. The modeled aerobic soil half-life for DMA is 173 +/- 115 days with a standard upper 90% confidence limit on the mean of 240 days. The anaerobic soil half-life for DMA was calculated to be 128 +/- 38 days with a standard upper 90% confidence limit on the mean of 168 days. The effects of environmental factors on the rate of arsenical metabolism are complex and poorly defined, with different studies leading to conflicting results. An increase in temperature leads to increased metabolism. The observed influences of soil organic matter or applied arsenical concentrations are contradictory. The effect of aerobic versus anaerobic conditions on metabolism rates is also ambiguous.

Potential metabolites of applied organic arsenicals include volatile alkylarsines and inorganic arsenic (as arsenate or arsenite) along with carbon dioxide. Additionally, DMA may be present as a metabolite of MMA as well as applied directly. As with the rate, the metabolism pathway is sensitive to environmental conditions in indeterminate ways with the major metabolites occurring in widely variable proportions. Transformation to volatile alkylarsines, the only metabolism route that would directly reduce soil arsenic loading, has been shown to be possible in certain circumstances but is generally not expected to be a major route of dissipation. Observed metabolism of MMA and DMA to inorganic arsenic has ranged from undetected after several years to more than 80% transformation in several months. Generally, arsenate [As(V)] is expected to be the dominant species of inorganic arsenic, but in reducing conditions, arsenite [As(III)] may be more stable.

Some of the variability in metabolism processes is associated with variability in sorption, because microbial transformation is only likely to occur while compounds remain dissolved in pore water. Mobility of arsenicals is typically very low to intermediate and appears to be independent of organic matter content. Instead, sorption is higher in soils with higher percentage of clay or with more iron or aluminum content.

Arsenical pesticides and their metabolites may be transported to surface waters and sediments through runoff water, eroding soils, or drift during application. These routes of exposure are likely to lead to elevations above background arsenic levels in surface water bodies.

The relative immobility of arsenicals along with arsenic's elemental nature make buildup in soil after repeated applications an important consideration. Controlled field studies, monitoring targeted to pesticide use areas, and soil modeling results all indicate that soil buildup is a likely result of long term organic arsenical application. Arsenic accumulation is likely to be limited to the top layers of soil, with studies suggesting that it is unlikely to occur at depths greater than 30 cm.

• Speciation of arsenic is an important consideration in the fate, movement, and action of this substance. Chemical and biochemical transformations of arsenic include oxidation, reduction and methylation which affects its volatilization, adsorption, dissolution and biological disposition. The transport of arsenic in the environment is largely controlled by absorption/ desorption processes in soils and sediments. Sediment movement is responsible for transport of arsenic soil residues to their ultimate sinks in deep ocean sediments. The clay fraction, plus ferrous and aluminum oxides which coat clay particles, adsorb arsenicals which then undergo transformation as discussed earlier. Conversions of arsenic to volatile alkylarsines leads to air transport losses from soil. Inorganic arsenic occurs in water in different oxidation states depending on the pH and Eh of the water. Arsenate is apparently reduced by bacteria to arsenite in marine environments because the ratio of total arsenate to total arsenate occurs as arsenate, arsenite, methanearsonic acid and dimethylarsinic acid. Arsenate predominates because this is the most stable form.

Bioaccumulation occurs in some aquatic species such as seaweeds, freshwater algae and crustaceans. Some arsenic in water flea (Daphnia Magna) and algae occurs as arseno-analogues of phospholipids leading to the mistaken impression that accumulation and utilization of arsenic takes place at the expense of phosphate. Crabs, lobsters and other marine organisms accumulate organo-arsenicals in the food chain. Although human activity may alter the local picture of environmental arsenic there is little evidence that this affects the global scale arsenic cycle.

Airborne concentrations of arsenic in urban areas may range from a few nanograms to a few tenths of a microgram per cubic meter; airborne arsenic is generally inorganic. In oxygenated soils inorganic arsenic is present in pentavalent form; under reducing conditions it occurs as the trivalent form.

Drinking Water Standards: arsenic: 50 ug/1 (UK max.) 0.01mg/L (WHO provisional guideline) chloride:400 mg/l (UK max.) 250 mg/l (WHO guideline) Soil Guideline: Dutch Criteria: 29 mg/kg (target) 55 mg/kg (intervention) Air Quality Standard: No safe levels recommended due to carcinogenic properties (WHO guideline). ■ DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

Ecotoxicity

Ingredient phenyl arsenoxide Persistence: Water/Soil Persistence: Air HIGH

Bioaccumulation LOW

Mobility MED

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions

A. General Product Information

Toxicity characteristic: use EPA hazardous waste number D004 (waste code E) if this substance, in a solid waste, produces an extract containing greater than 5 mg/L of arsenic.

Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

Reduction

- Douco

- Reuse
- Recycling
- Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



DOT:					
Symbols:	None	Hazard class or Division:	6.1		
Identification Numbers:	UN3465	PG:	II		
Label Codes:	6.1	Special provisions:	IB8, IP2, IP4, T3, TP33		
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Packaging: Non-bulk:	212		
Packaging: Exceptions:	153	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	25 kg		
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	100 kg	Vessel stowage: Location:	В		
Vessel stowage: Other:	None				
Hazardous materials description Organoarsenic compound, solid Air Transport IATA:	s and proper shipping names: , n.o.s.				
ICAO/IATA Class:	6.1	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None		
UN/ID Number:	3465	Packing Group:	II		
Special provisions:	A3				
Shipping Name: ORGANOARSENIC COMPOUND, SOLID, N.O.S. *(CONTAINS PHENYL ARSENOXIDE) Maritime Transport IMDG:					
IMDG Class:	6.1	IMDG Subrisk:	None		
UN Number:	3465	Packing Group:	II		
EMS Number:	F-A,S-A	Special provisions:	274		
Limited Quantities:		S (contains abanyl arconovida)			
Shipping Name: ORGANOARSE	ENIC COMPOUND. SOLID. N.O	.S.(contains phenyl arsenoxide)			

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

phenyl arsenoxide (CAS: 637-03-6) is found on the following regulatory lists; "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Skin contact may produce health damage*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure*.

Possible skin sensitizer*.

* (limited evidence).

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• Classification of the mixture and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at: www.chemwatch.net/references.

■ The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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