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FOREWORD

Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217) requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish water quality criteria that accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge on the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on health and welfare that might be expected from the presence of pollutants in any body of water, including ground water. This document is a revision of proposed criteria based upon consideration of comments received from independent peer reviewers and the public. Criteria contained in this document replace any previously published EPA aquatic life criteria for the same pollutant(s).

The term “water quality criteria” is used in two sections of the Clean Water Act, section 304(a)(1) and section 303(c)(2). The term has a different program impact in each section. In section 304, the term represents a non-regulatory, scientific assessment of health or ecological effects. Criteria presented in this document are such scientific assessments. If water quality criteria associated with specific waterbody uses are adopted by a state or tribe as water quality standards under section 303, they become enforceable maximum acceptable pollutant concentrations in ambient waters within that state or tribe. Water quality criteria adopted in state or tribal water quality standards could have the same numerical values as criteria developed under section 304. However, in many situations states or tribes might want to adjust water quality criteria developed under section 304 to reflect local environmental conditions and human exposure patterns. Alternatively, states or tribes may use different data and assumptions than EPA in deriving numeric criteria that are scientifically defensible and protective of designated uses. It is not until their adoption as part of state or tribal water quality standards that criteria become regulatory. Guidelines to assist the states and tribes in modifying the criteria presented in this document are contained in the Water Quality Standards Handbook (U.S. EPA 1994). The handbook and additional guidance on the development of water quality standards and other water-related programs of this agency have been developed by the Office of Water.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Physical-Chemical Properties

Nonylphenol (C₁₅H₂₄O) is produced from cyclic intermediates in the refinement of petroleum and coal-tar crudes. It is manufactured by alkylating phenol with mixed isomeric nonenes in the presence of an acid catalyst. The resulting product is a mixture of various isomers of nonylphenol, predominantly *para*-substituted nonylphenol, (phenol, 4-nonyl-branched, CAS No. 84852-15-3; 4-nonylphenol, CAS No. 104-40-5; and phenol, nonyl-, CAS No. 25154-52-3) with small amounts of *ortho*-substituted phenol (2-nonylphenol, CAS No. 136-83-4), and trace amounts of 2,4-dinonylphenol (phenol, dinonyl, branched, CAS No. 84962-08-3). Additional isomers, which represent the numerous branched structures that occur within the nonyl (nine carbon) group, add to the complexity of the compound. Commercial nonylphenol is most accurately described by CAS number 84852-15-3 (phenol, 4-nonyl-branched), but CAS numbers 104-40-5 (phenol, 4-nonyl-) and 25154-52-3 (phenol, nonyl) have also been used to describe these compounds commercially. The criteria derived in this document address the CAS numbers 84852-15-3 and 25154-52-3.

There is little direct use for nonylphenol except as a mixture with diisobutyl phthalate to color fuel oil for taxation purposes and with acylation to produce oxime as an agent to extract copper. Most nonylphenol is used as an intermediate in the production of other chemicals. Notably, nonionic surfactants of the nonylphenol ethoxylate type are produced through etherification of nonylphenol by condensation with ethylene oxide in the presence of a basic catalyst. The nonionic surfactants are used as oil soluble detergents and emulsifiers that can be sulfonated or phosphorylated to produce anionic detergents, lubricants, antistatic agents, high performance textile scouring agents, emulsifiers for agrichemicals, antioxidants for rubber manufacture, and lubricant oil additives (Reed 1978).

Nonylphenol is produced in large quantities in the United States. Production was 147.2 million pounds (66.8 million kg) in 1980 (USITC 1981), 201.2 million pounds (91.3 million kg) in 1988 (USITC 1989), 230 million pounds (104 million kg) in 1998 (Harvilicz 1999), and demand is increasing about 2 percent annually. Nonylphenol is a pale yellow highly viscous liquid with a slight phenolic odor, an approximate molecular weight of 215.0 to 220.4 g/mole, a

specific gravity of 0.953 g/mL at 20°C (Budavari 1989), and a vapor pressure of 4.55×10^{-3} ($\pm 3.54 \times 10^{-3}$) Pa (Roy F. Weston Inc. 1990). It has a dissociation constant (pK_a) of 10.7 ± 1.0 and a log octanol/water partition coefficient ($\log K_{ow}$) of 3.80 to 4.77 (Roy F. Weston Inc. 1990). The water solubility of nonylphenol is pH-dependent; 4,600 µg/L at pH 5.0, 6,237 µg/L at pH 7.0, 11,897 µg/L at pH 9.0. Nonylphenol is soluble in seawater at 3,630 µg/L and is soluble in many organic solvents (Roy F. Weston Inc. 1990). Ahel and Giger (1993) measured the solubility of nonylphenol at different temperatures in distilled water and demonstrated a nearly linear increase in solubility between 2°C (4,600 µg/L) and 25°C (6,350 µg/L).

1.2. Nonylphenol in the Environment

Nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylates have been found in the environment and a review of studies describing their distribution has been published (Bennie 1999). Shackelford et al. (1983) reported 4-nonylphenol at average concentrations ranging from 2 to 1,617 µg/L in eleven water samples associated with various industrial sources. Bennie et al. (1997) measured nonylphenol in water in 25 percent of sites sampled in the Great Lakes at concentrations from 0.01 to 0.92 µg/L. They found nonylphenol in all sediment samples with concentrations ranging from 0.17 to 72 µg/g (dry weight). Nonylphenol and its ethoxylates have been found in treatment plant wastewaters (Ellis et al. 1982, Giger et al. 1981) and in sewage sludges (Giger et al. 1984). In a study of airport runoff, nonylphenol was measured at 0.98 and 7.67 µg/L in the runoff as a result of aircraft deicer and antiicer fluid use (Corsi et al. 2003). A study was conducted of thirty river reaches in the continental U.S. in 1989 and 1990 to determine the frequency and concentrations of nonylphenol and its ethoxylates in water and sediments. Nonylphenol was found in approximately 30 percent of the water samples with concentrations ranging from about 0.20 to 0.64 µg/L. Approximately 71 percent of the sampling sites had measurable concentrations of nonylphenol in the sediments at concentrations ranging from about 10 to 2,960 µg/kg. Ethoxylates of nonylphenol were found in 59 to 76 percent of the water samples, with amounts varying by extent of ethoxylation (Naylor 1992, Naylor et al. 1992, Radian Corp. 1990).

Most nonylphenol enters the environment as 4-alkylphenol polyethoxylate surfactants which are degraded to 4-alkylphenol mono- and diethoxylates in active sewage sludges (Giger et al.

1984). It was theorized by Giger et al. (1984) that further transformation of 4-alkylphenol mono- and diethoxylates to 4-nonylphenol is favored by anaerobic environments. They conducted experiments with stabilized (anaerobic) and raw (aerobic) sewage sludge and found that concentrations of 4-nonylphenol increased four to eight times in the stabilized versus two times in the raw sludge, a finding which supported their theory.

A reconnaissance of 95 organic wastewater contaminants in 139 U.S. streams conducted in 1999-2000 revealed that nonylphenol was one of the most commonly occurring contaminants and was measured at higher concentrations than most of the other contaminants (Kolpin et al. 2002). Selection of streams sampled was biased toward streams susceptible to contamination. A number of studies on the persistence of nonylphenol in sewage treatment plant effluents and the environment have been conducted and are reviewed by Maguire (1999). Gaffney (1976) determined that 1 mg/L nonylphenol did not degrade during 135-hr incubation with domestic wastewater. In industrial wastewater, nonylphenol concentration was unchanged after 24 hr incubation, but decreased by 45 percent after 135 hr. Staples et al. (2001) determined that nonylphenol at 13 mg/L and 22°C was mineralized to CO₂ within 35 days in aerobic systems inoculated with sludge from a waste treatment plant. No intermediate compounds were formed and the calculated half-life for nonylphenol was 8.2 days.

Sundaram and Szeto (1981) studied nonylphenol fate incubated in open and closed containers of stream and pond waters. They found no degradation of nonylphenol incubated in open containers of the pond or stream waters. The observed half-life of 2.5 days, was attributed to volatilization. Incubation of nonylphenol in pond or stream waters in closed containers resulted in formation of a breakdown product. The observed half-life of nonylphenol in pond and stream water were estimated at 16.5 and 16.3 days, respectively. The same authors incubated nonylphenol in pond water with sediment present and found about 50 percent of the nonylphenol in the sediment after 10 days. About 80 percent of the nonylphenol in the sediment was degraded in 70 days. No degradation of nonylphenol occurred when autoclaved (sterilized) water and sediment samples were used. Staples et al. (1999) measured a half-life of 20 days for nonylphenol in water (31 mg/L) at 22°C. They suggested that the temperature of water and the initial concentration of the nonylphenol both affect the degradation rate of the chemical.

Ahel et al. (1994 a,b) studied the fate and transport of alkylphenol polyethoxylates (AP_nEO)

and their degradates in the Glatt River system in Northern Switzerland from the Greifensee to the Rhine River. Water samples were collected at eight sites along the river hourly over several seasons. They found nonylphenol concentrations to be lower than other degradates and nonylphenol concentrations were most commonly detected in the 1 to 3 µg/L range. The concentration of AP n EO degradates varied with time of day reflecting fluctuations in wastewater treatment plant discharge. Concentrations of AP n EO degradates also varied seasonally, being found at higher concentrations in the winter due to lower water temperature. Nonylphenol had less seasonal variability than other AP n EO degradates. Nonylphenol was the predominant nonylphenolic compound found in sediments in this study. Sediment concentrations were 364 to 5,100 times those found in the river water.

Ahel and co-workers also reported that the abundance of particular AP n EO degradates is dependent on the conditions in the treatment plants studied along the Glatt River system (Ahel et al. 1994a; Ahel et al. 2000). Under aerobic conditions, the AP n EOs degrade through either the loss of ethylene oxide units to form low-molecular weight ethoxylates or through the formation of carboxylated ethoxylates ultimately terminating in CO₂ and water. Nonylphenol is formed during anaerobic breakdown of the AP n EOs and is therefore a minor component of wastewater treatment effluents because of aerobic conditions present during treatment. Another study by Ahel et al. (1996) demonstrated that nonylphenol can be reduced in ground water. The authors propose that biological processes are responsible provided that the ground water temperature does not become too cold for biological degradation. It has also been demonstrated (Ahel et al. 1994c) that nonylphenol can be degraded by photochemical processes. In bright summer sun, nonylphenol near the water surface has a half-life of 10-15 hr.

Heinis et al. (1999) studied the distribution and persistence of nonylphenol in natural pond systems in the temperate climate zone. They reported that nonylphenol partitioned to the pond enclosure wall material, macrophytes, and sediments within two days. After 440 days, the primary sink for nonylphenol was the sediment. Dissipation from the sediment was estimated to be 50 and 95 percent at 66 and 401 days, respectively. Hale et al. (2000) measured nonylphenol concentrations in sediments below wastewater outfalls and found one site that had a sediment concentration of 54,400 µg/kg more than twenty years after the treatment plant ceased operation. Bennett and Metcalfe (1998; 2000) found that nonylphenol was widely distributed in lower

Great Lakes sediments and reached 37,000 µg/kg in sediments near sewage treatment plants.

It appears that degradation of nonylphenol in sea water and saltwater sediments may be slower than in fresh water and freshwater sediments. Ekelund et al. (1993) found that nonylphenol degradation rate was initially slow in sea water, but increased after microorganism adaptation occurred. Approximately 50 percent of the nonylphenol was degraded after 58 days. In marine sediments, the initial rate of degradation faster than in sea water, but after 58 days about the same percentage of nonylphenol was degraded. Ethoxylated nonylphenol has a half-life of 60 days in marine sediments, similar to that of nonylphenol (Shang et al. 1999). Ferguson and Brownawell (2003) conducted degradation studies with APnEOs in marine sediments and found that degradation occurred in oxic and anoxic conditions. They reported no clear evidence for net formation of nonylphenol from APnEOs under anaerobic conditions during the 120 day study, but they speculated that the time scale of their study may not have been long enough to make the observation.

1.3. Metabolism and Bioconcentration

Nonylphenol is metabolized by hepatic cytochrome P450 enzymes in the rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and bile from the fish contained the glucuronic acid conjugates of nonylphenol (Meldahl et al. 1996; Thibaut et al. 1999). Arukwe et al. (2000) found that bile was the major route of nonylphenol excretion with a half-life of 24 to 48 hrs following either waterborne or dietary exposures.

The log K_{ow} of nonylphenol ranges from 3.80 to 4.77, indicating that moderate bioaccumulation in aquatic organisms may be expected. However, reported laboratory bioconcentration factors (BCFs) and field-derived bioaccumulation factors (BAFs) do not support the expected accumulations in tissues, indicating that some nonylphenol is metabolized. Bioconcentration was measured in two saltwater organisms, the blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) and Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) by McLeese et al. (1980a). The estimated BCF for the blue mussel ranged from 1.4 to 7.9 and the estimated BCF for Atlantic salmon was 75 (McLeese et al. 1981). Hecht et al. (2004) reported nonylphenol BCFs for the three marine amphipod species, *Eohaustorius estuarium*, *Grandidierella japonica* and *Corophidium salmonis*, of 154, 185, and 46 to 133, respectively. Ahel et al. (1993) measured the bioconcentration of nonylphenol for

several species in rivers in Switzerland. They determined a BCF for algae of 487 (converted to a wet weight basis assuming 95 percent water in algae). Nonylphenol did not biomagnify in the food chain in the system studied; rather BCFs in fish and ducks were lower than in the algae. Keith et al. (2001) measured nonylphenol in fish tissues of seven species from the Kalamazoo River and in water at the river's confluence with Lake Michigan. They found 41 percent of the tissue samples had measurable concentrations of nonylphenol with a range of 3.3 to 29.1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ and a mean value of 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$. A followup study was conducted in the same river (Kannan et al. 2003) to further examine the occurrence of nonylphenol and nonylphenol ethoxylates in fish, water and sediments and their association with two wastewater treatment plants. Ten fish from near each treatment plant were analyzed for nonylphenol and ethoxylated nonylphenol. Only one fish contained a measurable concentration of nonylphenol (3.4 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$). Neither nonylphenol or its ethoxylates were detected in the sediments collected upstream of the treatment plants. However, five of twenty-four (21 %) sediment samples collected from below the treatment plants contained nonylphenol (no ethoxylates were found) at concentrations that ranged from 2 - 15.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ dry weight. Downstream of one treatment plant, neither nonylphenol nor nonylphenol ethoxylates were measured above the method detection limit. Nonylphenol concentrations extracted from sediments in the Venice, Italy lagoon were higher in areas with large masses of decomposing macroalgae (primarily *Ulva rigida*) than in areas not associated with the decomposition (Marcomini et al. 1990). This may suggest that nonylphenol bioaccumulated by the macroalgae was transferred to the sediment as the algae died and decomposed.

1.4. Estrogenicity of Nonylphenol

There are several review articles that describe the estrogenicity of nonylphenol (Servos 1999; Sonnenschein and Soto 1998; Sumpter 1998). The majority of studies using aquatic species models report results for molecular or biochemical endpoints such as induction of the egg protein, vitellogenin, or are in vitro studies such as receptor binding assays. These types of studies and endpoints do not meet the data acceptability requirements outlined in EPA's *Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses* (Stephan et al. 1985) and hence were not used deriving

ambient water quality criteria. However, studies identified in the literature search describing effects of nonylphenol on molecular and biochemical endpoints and activity in in vitro bioassays are discussed in Section 6 of this document.

Whole organism endpoints such as reproductive and growth effects are used to derive aquatic life ambient water quality criteria for nonylphenol. To the extent that such endpoints reflect the integration of molecular, biochemical and tissue-level effects at the whole organism level, the nonylphenol criteria address the estrogenicity of nonylphenol. For example, while vitellogenin is a commonly used biomarker indicative of exposure to estrogenic compounds, measurement of this molecular/biochemical endpoint alone does not necessarily indicate adverse effect on population relevant endpoints such as survival, growth and reproduction. However, several studies have demonstrated that vitellogenin induction can be accompanied by decreased fecundity (egg production) of breeding pairs of fathead minnows exposed chronically to estrogenic compounds (Ankley et al.). The chronic toxicity studies used in deriving the nonylphenol criteria (Table 6) included assessment of effects on growth and reproduction endpoints in aquatic organisms. Hence, to the extent that these endpoints are the result of effects on the endocrine system (although this was not definitively demonstrated in any of the tests by use of a concomittant measure of a estrogen-receptor specific endpoint), the estrogenic effects of nonylphenol have been considered in deriving the aquatic life ambient water quality criteria for nonylphenol.

EPA has activities underway to develop scientific methods for considering endocrine effects, such as the estrogenicity of nonylphenol, in Agency risk assessments. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), EPA is required to develop a screening program to determine whether certain substances (including all pesticide active and other ingredients) “may have an effect in humans that is similar to an effect produced by a naturally-occurring estrogen, or other such endocrine effects as the Administrator may designate”. Following the recommendations of its Endocrine Disruptor Screening and Testing Advisory Committee (EDSTAC), EPA determined that there was scientific basis for including, as part of the program, the androgen and thyroid hormone systems, in addition to the estrogen hormone system. EPA also adopted EDSTAC’s recommendation that the Program include evaluations of potential effects in aquatic life and wildlife. When the

appropriate screening and or testing protocols being considered under the Agency's Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program have been developed, nonylphenol may be subjected to additional screening and or testing to better characterize effects related to endocrine systems.

1.5. Derivation of Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria

A comprehension of the "Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses" (Stephan et al. 1985), hereafter referred to as the Guidelines, is necessary to fully understand the text, tables, and calculations presented in this criteria document. Results of intermediate calculations are presented to four significant figures to prevent round-off error in subsequent calculations, not to reflect the precision of the value. Final criteria values are presented to two significant figures.

Nonylphenol has been studied for its acute and chronic toxicity to aquatic organisms and results of many studies are summarized in a review article by Staples et al. (1998). This review article also addresses the ability of nonylphenol to bioaccumulate in aquatic organisms. Much of the data reported in the review article has been used in this document, as well as some newer data, to derive the aquatic life ambient water quality criteria. The latest comprehensive literature search for information used in developing this document was conducted in November 1999. Subsequently, forty-three newer studies have subsequently been identified and included. Data and analysis included in the U.S. EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics nonylphenol risk assessment have also been evaluated in deriving the aquatic life criteria for nonylphenol. Freshwater criteria were derived using nonylphenol of CAS numbers 25154-52-3 and 84852-15-3; saltwater criteria were derived using only nonylphenol of CAS number 84852-15-3.

Whenever adequately justified, a national criterion may be replaced by a site-specific criterion (U.S. EPA 1983), which may include not only site-specific criterion concentrations (U.S. EPA 1994), but also site-specific averaging periods and frequencies of allowed excursions (U.S. EPA 1991).

2. ACUTE TOXICITY TO AQUATIC ANIMALS

2.1. Freshwater

The acute toxicity of nonylphenol to freshwater animals has been determined for 18 species and 2 subspecies representing 15 genera (Table 1). Species Mean Acute Values (SMAV) ranged from 55.72 µg/L for an amphipod (*Hyalella azteca*) to 774 µg/L for a snail (*Physella virgata*).

The most sensitive freshwater species tested was the amphipod, *Hyalella azteca* (Tables 1 and 3). Brooke (1993a) and England and Bussard (1995) tested this species under similar conditions, except for water hardness levels which were 51.5 and 148-154 mg/L as CaCO₃, respectively. An LC₅₀ of 20.7 µg/L was calculated in the lower hardness water and 150 µg/L in the higher hardness water. Insufficient data exist to demonstrate an effect of water hardness on the toxicity of nonylphenol; therefore, the results are given equal weight for determining the SMAV. Data for one cladoceran species (*Daphnia magna*) are available. Brooke (1993a) reported an EC₅₀ of 104 µg/L from a test that had the solutions renewed daily and Comber et al. (1993) reported an EC₅₀ of 190 µg/L in a static test. The *Daphnia magna* SMAV is 140.6 µg/L.

The least sensitive freshwater species to nonylphenol toxicity were also invertebrates (Tables 1 and 3). The annelid worm (*Lumbriculus variegatus*) had an LC₅₀ of 342 µg/L, nymphs of the dragonfly *Ophiogomphus* sp. had an LC₅₀ of 596 µg/L and the least sensitive species tested was a snail, *Physella virgata*, which had an LC₅₀ of 774 µg/L (Brooke 1993a). The lower sensitivity to nonylphenol occurs even though this species of snail does not have an operculum and would not be able to completely enclose its body and thus protect itself against nonylphenol exposure. The midge, *Chironomus tentans*, had an LC₅₀ of 160 µg/L (England and Bussard 1995), indicating intermediate sensitivity among invertebrate species tested (Figure 1).

The only amphibian toxicity test available was for the boreal toad, *Bufo boreas*. The toad tadpoles had a 96-hr LC₅₀ of 120 µg/L and were ranked second in sensitivity to nonylphenol (Dwyer et al. 1999a).

Freshwater fish species were in the mid-range of sensitivity to nonylphenol (Figure 1). SMAVs ranged from 110 µg/L for the fountain darter (*Etheostoma rubrum*) to 289.3 µg/L for the bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*). Three trout species of the genus *Oncorhynchus* (rainbow trout, apache trout, and cutthroat trout) and two subspecies of the species *Oncorhynchus clarki* were

tested and had similar LC50s ranging from 140 to 270 µg/L (Dwyer et al. 1995; Brooke 1993a). Dwyer et al. (1995, 1999a) exposed nine species of fish that were classified as threatened/endangered or were surrogates of threatened or endangered fish species. Acute toxicity test results were based on static tests with unmeasured nonylphenol concentrations and the LC50s ranged from 110 µg/L for the fountain darter, *Etheostoma rubrum*, to a geometric mean of 289.3 µg/L calculated from two tests with the bonytail chub. In addition to the test conducted by Dwyer et al. (1995), two additional tests were available for the fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). LC50s for this species ranged from 128 µg/L (Brooke 1993a) to 360 µg/L (Dwyer et al. 1995). The tests conducted using flow-through exposure conditions (Holcombe et al. 1984; Brooke 1993a), which is preferable to static exposure conditions (Stephan et al. 1985) were used in calculating the SMAV (158.9 µg/L). One test was available for the bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) and the LC50 was 209 µg/L (Brooke 1993a).

Freshwater Species Mean Acute Values (SMAV) and Genus Mean Acute Values (GMAV) were derived from available acute values (Tables 1 and 3, respectively). GMAVs were available for 15 genera; the most sensitive was the amphipod, *H. azteca*, which was 13.9 times more sensitive than the least sensitive species, a snail *P. virgata* (Figure 1). The four most sensitive species were within a factor of 2.5 of one another. Based on available data for freshwater organisms summarized in Table 1 and the GMAVs presented in Table 3, the freshwater Final Acute Value (FAV) for nonylphenol is 55.69 µg/L (calculated using the procedure described in the “Guidelines”). This FAV is essentially the same as the lowest freshwater SMAV of 55.72 µg/L for the amphipod *H. azteca*.

2.2. Saltwater

The acute toxicity of nonylphenol to saltwater animals has been determined for 8 invertebrate and 3 fish species (Table 1). SMAVs ranged from 17 µg/L for the winter flounder, *Pleuronectes americanus*, to 209.8 µg/L for the sheepshead minnow, *Cyprinodon variegatus* (Lussier et al. 2000; Ward and Boeri 1990b), a difference of 12.3-fold. Fish (winter flounder), bivalves (coot clam, *Mulinia lateralis*) and crustaceans (the mysid, *Americamysis bahia*) were the most sensitive species.

Data for nine of the thirteen saltwater test values reported in Table 1 were from a single

multi-species test (Lussier et al. 2000). Nonylphenol concentrations were measured in seven of the nine tests (Table 1), with measurements made at test initiation and at the end of the test (48 or 96 hr). Test organisms were fed brine shrimp, *Artemia* sp., during chemical exposure because the tests were designed to extend beyond the usual 48- or 96-hr acute test interval to 168 hr. The extended exposure time required feeding to ensure survival of animals not affected by nonylphenol. Normally, data gathered from tests in which organisms are fed are not acceptable for use in deriving Final Acute Values. However, the brine shrimp fed during the tests were “reference grade” and not likely to change the exposure to nonylphenol. Further, additional tests conducted in a different laboratory are available for two of the saltwater species such that toxicity results obtained when the testing is conducted with and without food added can be compared. In a 96-hr test with the mysid, the estimated LC50 was somewhat higher when the organisms were fed (60.6 µg/L; Lussier et al. 2000) compared to when they were not fed (43 µg/L; Ward and Boeri 1990a) during the study. In contrast, in a 96-hr test with the sheepshead minnow, the LC50 determined when the organisms were fed (142 µg/L; Lussier et al. 2000) was lower than when the organisms were not fed (310 µg/L; Ward and Boeri 1990a) during the study. These data indicate that feeding during the tests did not consistently increase or decrease the LC50 estimates, and therefore feeding is assumed not to have altered the results in these tests. Hence, the data from the Lussier et al. (2000) tests were used in deriving a saltwater Final Acute Value.

Acute toxicity test data were available for a number of other saltwater species. Invertebrates tested include: coot clam, *Mulinia lateralis* (LC50 = 37.9 µg/L; Lussier et al. 2000), the copepod, *Acartia tonsa* (LC50 = 190 µg/L; Kusk and Wollenberger 1999), American lobster, *Homarus americanus* (LC50 = 71 µg/L; Lussier et al. 2000), mud crab, *Dyspanopeus sayii* (LC50 >195 µg/L; Lussier et al. 2000) and the amphipods, *Leptocheirus plumulosus* (LC50 = 61.6; Lussier et al. 2000) and *Eohaustorius estuarius* (LC50 = 138 µg/L; Hecht and Boese 2002). The test with the amphipod *E. estuarius* (Hecht and Boese 2002) was conducted as a 96-hr test with a mean LC50 for toxicity measured at 227 µg/L as the average of three tests (299, 194, 189 µg/L). The ability of the surviving organisms to bury themselves in sediment at 96 hr when placed on sediment was combined with the number of survivors to calculate an EC50. The mean EC50 for the three tests was 138 µg/L. The sensitivity of the saltwater fish inland silversides (*Menidia*

beryllina), was intermediate (LC50 = 70 µg/L) among the three saltwater fish species tested.

Saltwater Species Mean Acute Values (SMAV) and Genus Mean Acute Values (GMAV) were derived from available acute values (Tables 1 and 3, respectively). GMAVs were available for 11 genera; the most sensitive was the winter flounder, *Pleuronectes americanus*, which was 12.3 times more sensitive than the least sensitive species, the sheepshead minnow, *Cyprinodon variegates* (Table 1 and 3). GMAVs for the four most sensitive saltwater species differ by a factor of only 3.5 (Table 3 and Figure 2). Based on available data for freshwater organisms summarized in Table 1 and the GMAVs presented in Table 3, the freshwater Final Acute Value (FAV) for nonylphenol is 13.93 µg/L (calculated using the procedure described in the “Guidelines”). This FAV is lower than the lowest SMAV of 17 µg/L for the the winter flounder, *Pleuronectes americanus*.

3. CHRONIC TOXICITY TO AQUATIC ANIMALS

3.1. Freshwater

The chronic toxicity of nonylphenol was determined for 5 freshwater species, two fish and 3 invertebrates (Table 2). Concentrations of nonylphenol were measured in all the tests. England (1995) exposed neonates of a cladoceran, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, to nonylphenol for seven days in a renewal test. The results showed a significant reproductive impairment at 202 µg/L, but not at 88.7 µg/L, and survival was reduced at 377 µg/L, but not at 202 µg/L. Based upon reproductive impairment, the Chronic Value for *C. dubia* was 133.9 µ/L. At the end of 48 hr in the same test, effects were observed and an EC50 of 69 µg/L was calculated. However, the animals had received food and according to the Guidelines acute tests with this species must not receive food during an acute toxicity test if the test is to be used to compute an Acute-Chronic Ratio (ACR).

Fliedner (1993) exposed 4 to 24 hr-old *Daphnia magna* neonates to nonylphenol for 22 days in a 20°C life-cycle test. Test solutions were renewed three times each week during which a 52.2 to 65.5 % decrease in nonylphenol concentration was measured. Mean measured nonylphenol test concentrations were: 0, 0, 1.55, 1.34, 3.45, 10.70, and 47.81 µg/L. No effects were observed during the study on mortality, the number of offspring per female, or the mean day of the first brood at any of the test concentrations. A significant effect was observed on the total number of young per concentration on day nine of the study. Based on the No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) of 10.7 µg/L and the Lowest Observed Effect Concentration (LOEC) of 47.8 µg/L reported, the chronic value (geometric mean of the NOEC and LOEC) for *D. magna* in this test is 22.62 µ/L. An acute test with this species conducted by the same authors was not available to calculate an ACR.

Brooke (1993a) conducted a 21-day chronic exposure for the cladoceran *Daphnia magna*. Test solutions were renewed three times per week and concentrations of nonylphenol declined, on average, 57.4 ± 5.8 % between solution renewals. The author concluded that *D. magna* growth and reproduction were significantly affected at 215 µg/L, but not at 116 µg/L. Survival was reduced to 60 percent at 215 µg/L; however, this survival rate was not a significant reduction from the control survival rate because only 80 percent of organisms survived in the control group. Based on reproductive impairment, the chronic value, calculated as the geometric

mean of the lower (116 µg/L) and upper (215 µg/L) chronic limits, for this test was 157.9 µg/L. Dividing the acute value (104 µg/L), determined from a companion test for this species (Brooke 1993a; Table 1) by the chronic value (157.9 µg/L; Table 2) results in an ACR 0.6586 for *D. magna* (Table 2).

A third life-cycle test (21-day exposure) with *D. magna* was conducted by Comber et al. (1993). They found no significant effects in survival, reproduction or growth at concentrations ≤ 24 µg/L. The number of live young produced was significantly reduced at concentrations ≥ 39 µg/L when compared to controls. Growth was reduced at concentrations ≥ 71 µg/L and survival of adults was reduced at concentrations ≥ 130 µg/L. Based on reproductive impairment, the chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the lower (24 µg/L) and upper (39 µg/L) chronic limits, for this test was 30.59 µg/L. Dividing the acute value (190 µg/L), determined in a companion test for this species (Table 1) by the chronic value (30.59 µg/L; Table 2) results in an ACR of 6.211 for *D. magna*. Calculating the geometric mean of the two ACRs for *D. magna* (0.6586 and 6.211) results in a species mean acute-chronic ration (SMACR) of 2.023 for *D. magna*.

The midge, *Chironomus tentans*, was exposed in a continuous-flow diluter to nonylphenol from ≤ 24 -hr old larva through emergence (53 days) as adults (Kahl et al. 1997). Nominal exposure concentrations ranged from 12.5 to 200 µg/L, but mean measured concentrations were lower. Neither growth nor reproductive endpoints (sex ratio, emergence pattern, and egg production and viability) were negatively affected at any of the exposure concentrations. There was a significant effect on survival of larvae during the first 20 days of exposure, but no effect after 20 days. Based on survival at 20 days, the NOEC and LOEC for this study were 42 and 91 µg/L, respectively. The chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and the LOEC, is 61.82 µg/L for this test. A companion acute toxicity test was not conducted; therefore, an ACR can not be calculated for this species.

A 91-day early life-stage test was conducted with embryos and fry of the rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Brooke 1993a). Five nonylphenol exposure concentrations were tested, ranging from 6.0 to 114 µg/L in the flow-through test. Time to hatch and percent survival at hatch were not affected by the nonylphenol concentrations tested; however, nearly all of the larvae were abnormal at the two highest exposure concentrations (≥ 53.0 µg/L). At the end of

the test, survival was significantly reduced at concentrations ≥ 23.1 $\mu\text{g/L}$ but not at 10.3 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Growth (both weight and length) was a more sensitive chronic endpoint than survival. At the end of the test, the fish were significantly shorter (14 %) and weighed less (30 %, dry weight) than control fish at nonylphenol concentrations ≥ 10.3 $\mu\text{g/L}$, but not at 6.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Based on growth, the NOEC and LOEC determined in this study were 6.0 and ≥ 10.3 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively. The chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and the LOEC, is 7.861 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for rainbow trout. Dividing the acute value (221 $\mu\text{g/L}$), determined in a companion test for this species (Table 1) by the chronic value (7.861 $\mu\text{g/L}$; Table 2) results in an ACR of 28.11 for rainbow trout.

An early-life-stage toxicity test was available for the fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas* (Ward and Boeri 1991c). Embryos and larvae were exposed under continuous-flow conditions for a total of 33 days to five concentrations of nonylphenol that ranged from 2.8 to 23 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Embryos in the control group and those in the three lowest nonylphenol exposure concentrations (2.8 , 4.5 , and 7.4 $\mu\text{g/L}$) began to hatch on the third day of exposure, while the two higher concentrations (14 and 23 $\mu\text{g/L}$) began hatching on the fourth day. Growth (length or weight) of nonylphenol exposed fish was not significantly different from the control organisms at any of the nonylphenol treatment concentrations. Survival of the fish at the end of the test was significantly reduced at nonylphenol concentrations ≥ 14 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Fish survival averaged 56.7 % at 23 $\mu\text{g/L}$ nonylphenol, 66.7 % at 14 $\mu\text{g/L}$ nonylphenol, and 76.7 % at 7.4 $\mu\text{g/L}$ nonylphenol. At concentrations ≤ 7.4 $\mu\text{g/L}$ survival of nonylphenol exposed fish did not differ from the control fish survival, which averaged 86.7 %. Based on survival, the NOEC and LOEC determined in this study were 7.4 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and 14 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively. The chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and the LOEC, is 10.18 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for fathead minnow (Table 2). A companion acute toxicity test was not conducted; therefore, an ACR can not be calculated for this species.

3.2. Saltwater

Two chronic toxicity tests with phenol have been conducted with the same saltwater animal species. A 28-day chronic toxicity test was conducted with mysids, *Americamysis bahia* (Ward

and Boeri 1991b). There was no effect on survival or reproduction at 6.7 µg/L, but there was a 18 % reduction in survival and a 53% reduction in reproduction at 9.1 µg/L. Effects on survival at the highest concentration tested (21 µg/L) were observed before the end of the third week of the test. Test organisms of each sex were measured separately for length and weight. The data show no obvious difference between the length of male and female mysids for all of the concentrations tested, therefore growth analysis was based on combined length data for both sexes. Growth (length) was the most sensitive endpoint for mysids. There was a 7% (statistically significant relative to control animals) reduction in the length of mysids exposed to 6.7 µg/L nonylphenol, but no difference in growth for mysids exposed to 3.9 µg/L nonylphenol. Based on growth, the NOEC and LOEC determined in this study were 3.9 µg/L and 6.7 µg/L, respectively. The chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and the LOEC, is 5.112 µg/L for mysids (Table 2). Dividing the acute value (43 µg/L), determined in a companion test for this species (Table 1) by the chronic value (5.112 µg/L; Table 2) results in an ACR of 8.412 for the mysid, *Americamysis bahia*.

A second 28-day life cycle test with mysids, *Americamysis bahia* (Kuhn et al. 2001) was conducted using the ASTM standardized life-cycle test methods. Time to first brood release appeared dose dependent, but was not statistically significant. Growth of the female mysid was dose dependent and was significantly affected at concentrations ≥ 27.56 µg/L. The most sensitive endpoint for this test was a reproduction. The average number of young per available female reproductive days was significantly reduced at test concentration ≥ 15.28 µg/L, but was not affected at 9.46 µg/L. Based on reproduction, the NOEC and LOEC determined in this study were 9.46 µg/L and 15.28 µg/L, respectively. The chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and the LOEC, is 12.02 µg/L. A companion acute toxicity test was not conducted; therefore, an ACR can not be calculated from this test.

3.3. Acute-Chronic Ratios

Three nonylphenol ACRs, determined from the fourth (*Daphnia magna*) and eighth (rainbow trout) most sensitive freshwater species tested and the third (mysid) most sensitive saltwater species tested, are available (Table 3). Two ACRs (0.6586 and 6.211; Table 2) were available

for the cladoceran *Daphnia magna*, which differed by a factor of approximately 9.4-fold. The species mean ACR, calculated as the geometric mean of the two values, is 2.023. Acute-chronic ratios for the acutely sensitive mysid, *A. bahia*, was 8.412 and the moderately acutely sensitive rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, was 28.11. An ACR of 0.515 would be calculated from the tests of England (1995) with the cladoceran, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*. However, the organisms were fed during the acute test and data demonstrating that feeding did not significantly affect the acute value were not available. According to the Guidelines, acute tests with this species must be done without food present in the test solutions. Therefore, the *C. dubia* ACR was not used.

The three valid species mean ACRs (2.023, 8.412 and 28.11) differed by 13.9-fold (Table 3). The Guidelines stipulate that if the species mean acute-chronic ratio seems to increase or decrease as the SMAV increases, the Final Acute-Chronic Ratio (FACR) should be based on the acute-chronic ratios for species whose SMAVs are close to the Final Acute Value (FAV). Examination of the SMACRs (Table 3) relative to the SMAVs indicates that the more acutely sensitive species (*A. bahia* and *D. magna*) have 3 to 14-fold lower SMACRs than for the less acutely sensitive rainbow trout, indicating a general trend of increasing SMACR with increasing SMAV. Therefore, the FACR should be based on the SMACR for species whose SMAVs are close to the FAV. The mysid SMAV (51.05 µg/L) is closest to both the freshwater FAV (55.49 µg/L) and the saltwater FAV (13.93 µg/L). Therefore, the SMACR for the mysid is used as the FACR and is 8.412.

4. TOXICITY TO AQUATIC PLANTS

4.1. Freshwater

Acceptable data on the toxicity of nonylphenol to freshwater plants were available for one species of algae (nonvascular plant) and no acceptable toxicity data are available for vascular plants (Table 4). Ward and Boeri (1990a) exposed the green alga, *Selenastrum capricornutum*, to nonylphenol for four days. They calculated an EC₅₀ of 410 µg/L based on cell counts. At the end of the toxicity test, algae from the highest exposure concentration (720 µg/L) were transferred to fresh media solution. During the next seven days, cell counts increased exponentially, indicating that nonylphenol treatment at this concentration for four days did not have a persistent algistatic effect.

4.2. Saltwater

Acceptable data on the toxicity of nonylphenol to saltwater plants were available for one species of marine algae and no acceptable toxicity data are available for vascular plants (Table 4). The EC₅₀ value for vegetative growth of the planktonic diatom, *Skeletonema costatum*, was 27 µg/L (Ward and Boeri 1990d). Although this value was lower than nearly all of the acute values for animals, it is for vegetative growth, which can recover rapidly. *Skeletonema* transferred from the highest nominal concentration of nonylphenol with survivors (120 µg/L) into control medium grew to a 76-fold increase in cells/mL within 48 hr (Ward and Boeri 1990d), demonstrating that nonylphenol treatment at this concentration for four days did not have a persistent algistatic effect.

Based on the vegetative growth test using the saltwater planktonic diatom, *Skeletonema costatum*, the Final Plant Value for nonylphenol is 27 µg/L. This plant species is more sensitive to nonylphenol than any tested species of freshwater animal and more sensitive than all but one tested saltwater animal species.

5. BIOACCUMULATION

5.1. Freshwater

Acceptable data on the bioconcentration of nonylphenol in two species of freshwater animals were available (Table 5). Ward and Boeri (1991a) measured the whole body concentrations of nonylphenol in juvenile fathead minnows at two exposure concentrations after 27 days of exposure. The bioconcentration factors (BCFs) were 271 and 344 (not lipid normalized) following exposure to 4.9 and 22.7 µg/L nonylphenol, respectively. Brooke (1993b) exposed juvenile fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) and juvenile bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) to nonylphenol at five concentrations for four and twenty-eight days. Lipid concentrations were measured (Brooke 1994) for the test fish and the bioconcentration results were lipid normalized which reduced the bioconcentration factors from 4.7 to 4.9 times. Nonylphenol concentrations that proved lethal to the organisms were not used to calculate bioconcentration factors. The short-term (4-day) tests showed that tissue concentrations reached steady-state within two days in both the fathead minnow and the bluegill. Therefore, there was good agreement between the results obtained in the 4-day and 28-day tests. Lipid-normalized BCFs for the fathead minnow ranged from 128.3 to 209.4 (Table 5) and for the bluegill ranged from 38.98 to 56.94. Giesy et al. (2000) measured the nonylphenol concentrations in whole bodies of the fathead minnow following a 42-day exposure. Exposure to sublethal concentrations of nonylphenol ranging from 0.4 to 3.4 µg/L resulted in BCFs ranging from 203 to 268

5.2. Saltwater

Bioconcentration factors are available for three species of saltwater animals, *Mytilus edulis*, *Crangon crangon* and *Gasterosteus aculeatus* (Ekelund et al. 1990; Table 5). *Crangon crangon* is a non-resident species, but the data are included because so little bioaccumulation data are available. Organisms were exposed to ¹⁴C-labeled nonylphenol (CAS number not provided) for 16 days followed by an elimination period of 32 days. Lipid-normalized BCFs based on wet weight ranged from 78.75 for *C. crangon* to 2,168 for *M. edulis*. The BCF for *M. edulis* was an estimate, because steady-state tissue concentration was not reached during 16 days of exposure.

6. OTHER DATA

6.1. Freshwater

Additional data on the lethal and sublethal effects of nonylphenol on freshwater species that do not meet the data requirements described in the Guidelines (Stephan et al. 1985) for use in deriving aquatic life ambient water quality criteria are summarized in Table 6.

Three plant species (*Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, *Salvinia molesta* and *Lemna minor*) were exposed in studies using media solutions that were not described. The effect levels determined for *Salvinia molesta* (2,500 µg/L) and *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (6,250 µg/L), indicates that these plant species are less sensitive to nonylphenol than animals (Prasad 1986; Weinberger and Greenhalgh 1984). Effect concentrations reported for the duckweed, *Lemna minor*, were highly variable, ranging from 125 to 5,500 µg/L (Weinberger and Iyengar 1983; Prasad 1986). Protozoa were affected in the concentration range from 50 to 747 µg/L (Preston et al. 2000, Schultz 1997, Yoshioka 1985).

Additional data on acute and chronic toxicity of a variety of invertebrates are summarized in Table 6. McLeese et al. (1980b) reported an LC50 of 5,000 µg/L for a clam, *Anodonta cataractae*, following a 144-hr exposure. The test organisms were fed in this test and the toxicity value is higher than those reported in Table 1 for similar species. In an acute test (96-hr) in which the cladoceran, *Daphnia magna* was fed, effect levels were reported as 136 and 302 µg/L for young and adult animals, respectively (Gerritsen et al. 1998). In a 48-hr test with the same species, EC50s ranged from 234 to 337 (Zang et al. 2003). Three 21-day tests with *Daphnia magna* (Baer and Owens 1999, Baldwin et al. 1997, LeBlanc et al. 2000), an additional *D. magna* test of 35-day duration in a high-hardness medium (Zang et al. 2003), and a 30-day test with *D. galeata mendotae* (Shurin and Dodson 1997) are included in this section because nonylphenol concentrations in the test water were not measured in these chronic tests. Negative effects on survival or reproduction were observed in all three tests with typical water hardness (i.e., between 25 and 200 µg/L). The results from these tests with *D. magna* (Table 6) agree reasonably well with those from tests with *D. magna* in which nonylphenol concentrations were measured (Table 2). Another cladoceran, *Daphnia pulex*, was exposed for 48 hr in tests in which nonylphenol concentrations decreased more than 50 percent during the exposures (Ernst et al.

1980). The LC50s determined in the test ranged from 140 to 190 µg/L, which agreed with LC50s for other cladoceran species. The cladoceran, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, gave similar LC50 results of 276 and 225 µg/L following exposure to nonylphenol for 48 hr and 7 days, respectively (England 1995). The LC50 values reported in this table for the species are slightly higher than the chronic value for the species of 134 µg/L (Table 2). England and Bussard (1993) reported an EC50 and an LC50 for larva of the midge, *Chironomus tentans*, of 95 and 119 µg/L, respectively. These values, determined when the organisms were fed, are less than the values reported in another study by the same authors in which organisms were not fed during the test (Table 1).

In a pair of tests in which the test organisms were fed, Brooke (1993b) measured a 96-hr LC50 for the fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas*, of 138 µg/L and a 96-hr LC50 for the bluegill, *Lepomis macrochirus*, of 135 µg/L. The LC50 values for these species from tests in which the fish were fed, agree well with data from tests in which the fish were not fed (Table 1). McLeese et al. (1980b) reported an LC50 of 900 µg/L for the Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar*, in a 96-hr exposure and Lech et al (1996) reported an LC50 of 193.65 for rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, in a 72-hr exposure. Holmes and Kingsbury (1980) reported a 96-hr LC50 of 145 µg/L for brook trout juveniles (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), a 96-hr LC50 of 230 µg/L for rainbow trout juveniles (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and a 32-day LC50 of > 40 µg/L for lake trout juveniles (*Salvelinus namaycush*). Fish were fed during these studies, but the resulting toxicity values are similar to comparable studies reported for salmonids in Table 1. Ernst et al (1980) reported 96-hr LC50s ranging from 560-920 µg/L for rainbow trout exposed to practical grade nonylphenol. A number of older studies were identified that report time to lethality (LT100) values for a number of freshwater species exposed to very high concentrations of nonylphenol (Applegate et al. 1957; MacPhee and Ruelle 1969; Wood 1952)

A long-term study was conducted with rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, exposing female fish immediately after hatch to 1, 10, and 30 or 50 µg/L of nonylphenol (Ashfield et al. 1998). They found reduced growth in fish exposed to 1 µg/L for 22 days and grown for 86 days beyond treatment. Growth was not reduced in the 10 µg/L treatment but was in the 50 µg/L treatment. In a second study in which exposure was for 35 days and grow-out was for 431 days beyond the last treatment day, reduced growth was observed at the 10 and 30 µg/L treatments on

day 55 of the study, but not at the 1 µg/L. At day 466, the fish exposed to 10 µg/L recovered the growth reductions seen earlier and only the 30 µg/L exposed fish showed reduced (approximately 25%) growth.

Five fish species (rainbow trout, Lahontan cutthroat trout, Apache trout, Colorado squawfish and fathead minnow) were exposed to nonylphenol for 96 hr to determine if nonylphenol inhibited brain acetylcholinesterase enzymes. AChE inhibition was measured indirectly as a decrease in the number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors which is a compensatory response to acetylcholine buildup (Jones et al. 1998). Responses at exposure concentrations ≤ 220 µg/L were observed in the rainbow trout, Lahontan cutthroat trout and Apache trout. The lack of a clear connection between this sublethal biochemical endpoint and population relevant effects precludes the use of these results as core data. An effect of nonylphenol on another sub-organismal endpoint, histology of epidermal mucous cells, was observed following intermittent exposure to technical grade nonylphenol (Burkhardt-Holm et al. 2000). Other histochemical or biochemical changes have been reported following exposure to nonylphenol including hemorrhage and lymphocyte infiltration in liver tissue of rainbow trout (Ugaz et al. 2003) and blood cell composition in carp (Schwaiger et al. 2000).

Brooke (1993b) measured the bioconcentration of nonylphenol in the fathead minnow and bluegill at concentrations near lethality. The fathead minnow BCF was 100.4 and the bluegill BCF was 35.31. The values were slightly less than the BCFs measured in the fish from lower exposure concentrations (Table 5). Blackburn et al. (1999) reported BCFs for adult male rainbow trout of 116 and 88 following 3 weeks exposure to 63 and 81 µg/L nonylphenol (purity unknown), respectively. Lewis and Lech (1996) found that bioconcentration of nonylphenol after short-term exposure (2-24 hr) was higher in rainbow trout viscera (BCF = 98.2) than in the remainder of the carcass (BCF = 24.21). They also measured the half-life of nonylphenol in various tissues and found that fat and muscle similarly depurated nonylphenol to half concentrations in about 19 hr. The liver depurated to half concentrations in about 6 hr.

Mesocosm studies were conducted with nonylphenol in which zooplankton, benthic macroinvertebrates, and fish were observed for effects. Zooplankton populations (O'Halloran et al. 1999) and benthic macroinvertebrate populations (Schmude et al. 1999) exposed to four concentrations of nonylphenol for 20 days showed no negative effects at the 23 µg/L

nonylphenol but were negatively affected at 76 µg/L nonylphenol. Various species of zooplankton and macroinvertebrates exhibited differences in sensitivity to nonylphenol. The authors of the zooplankton study stated that a MATC for the protection of all zooplankton taxa is approximately 10 µg/L. The fish (bluegill) in the mesocosms (Liber et al. 1999) were unaffected at nonylphenol exposures \leq 76 µg/L, but survival was reduced at 243 µg/L. In one exposure replicate with a mean nonylphenol concentration of 93 µg/L, survival of the fish was reduced after 20 days of exposure indicating that concentrations near 100 µg/L may be the toxicity threshold for this species. Hense et al. (2003) and Severin et al. (2003) conducted microcosm studies in Germany using 6-week exposures to nonylphenol. They found changes in phytoplankton species composition, but no change in biomass with nonylphenol concentrations up to 120 µg/L. The zooplankton in the study were not affected at concentrations ranging from 19 to 44 µg/L (mean of 30 µg/L), but species richness was affected at concentrations $>$ 30 µg/L. Effects observed in these mesocosm studies were all above the freshwater Final Chronic Value of 5.920 µg/L.

6.2. Saltwater

Additional data on the lethal and sublethal effects of nonylphenol on saltwater species that do not meet the data requirements described in the Guidelines (Stephan et al. 1985) for use in deriving aquatic life ambient water quality criteria are summarized in Table 6.

Results from a sexual reproduction test with red alga species, *Champia parvula*, indicated that reproduction was not inhibited at the highest measured concentration tested, 167 µg/L (Tagliabue 1993). Cypris larva of the barnacle, *Balanus amphitrite*, were exposed to nonylphenol for 48 hr and the settlement of the larva was reduced at 1.0 µg/L (Billingham et al. 1998). The soft-shell clam, *Mya arenaria*, showed no adverse effects on survival from a 360-hr exposure at 700 µg/L (McLeese et al. 1980b). Granmo et al. (1989) report LC50s of 3,000 µg/L and 500 µg/L at 96-hr and 360-hr, respectively, for the blue mussel, *Mytilus edulis*. Nonylphenol also reduced growth and byssus thread strength in the blue mussel at concentrations of \geq 56 µg/L (Granmo et al. 1989) and caused effects on attachment activity at 22 µg/L (Etoh et al. 1997). Lussier et al. (2000) tested a number of saltwater invertebrates including coot clam, mysid, amphipod, grass shrimp, and American lobster and determined LC50s for various timepoints

(Table 6). Results from other studies with mysid (Ward and Boeri, 1990a) and American lobster (McLeese et al 1980b) are similar to those reported by Lussier et al (2000). The LC50 value (300 µg/L) reported by McLeese et al. (1980b) for the shrimp, *Crangon septemspinosa*, is higher than the grass shrimp values reported by Lussier et al (2000). Kusk and Wollenberger (1999) determined a 48-hr LC50 (280-360 µg/L for the copepod, *Acartia tonsa*, exposed to nonylphenol in a synthetic media. Nice et al (2000) reported developmental effects at 100 µg/L nonylphenol on the Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*) exposed for 72-hr. Nonylphenols have also been reported to have antifouling activity, but the test results are qualitative (Takasawa et al. 1990; Kitajima et al. 1995).

A fifty-five-day flow-through test with the mysid, *Americamysis bahia*, was conducted by Kuhn et al. (2001) to evaluate the efficacy of an age-classified projection matrix model for predicting population behavior. Organisms were exposed for more than three generations to nonylphenol. The measured mean concentrations of nonylphenol used for the 55-day exposure were 5.79, 7.56, 10.88, 15.75, 21.44, 33.19, and 106.00 µg/L. Thirty individuals were used in each replicate exposure chamber and the age distribution consisted of 15 (24-h newly hatched), 8 (8-d-old juveniles), 4 (17-d-old adults), 2 (23-d-old adults), and 1 (31-d-old adult) test organisms. Several generations were possible in this test (control organisms produced first brood in 14 days). It appears that the control populations grew in number of individuals for the first 28 to 36 days, then stabilized. Population growth was reduced from day 8 and beyond in all of the nonylphenol treated groups. The population exposed to 5.79 µg/L nonylphenol grew at the same rate as the control animals for the first 21 days, but then the rate fell below the control rate. The populations exposed to higher nonylphenol concentrations all decreased from day 8 and beyond. There appears to be a trend (not significant) in the shift in the sex ratios for the various treatments. At the end of the test, the sex ratios were one-third female in the control groups and half female in the 33.19 µg/L exposure group. The authors calculated a zero population growth value (λ) of 19 µg/L for the 55-day multigenerational test. The chronic values from the 28-day exposure in this study was 12.02 µg/L (Table 2) and from a similar 28-day study by Ward and Boeri (1991b) was 5.112 µg/L (Table 2), which are lower than the predicted value for “population protection” from the 55-day multigenerational test.

McLeese et al. (1980b) reported 96-hr test results for the Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar*, that

were in general agreement with freshwater trout test results. In four tests, LC50 values ranged from 130 to 900 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Ward and Boeri (1990c) found similar toxicity results for sheepshead minnow, *Cyprinodon variegatus*, exposed in brackish water as those reported for salt water (Table 1). In brackish water, LC50s ranged from $> 420 \mu\text{g/L}$ for a 24-hr exposure to $320 \mu\text{g/L}$ for a 72-hr exposure. Threespine stickleback, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*, exposed to a commercial mixture of nonylphenol had a 96-hr LC50 of $370 \mu\text{g/L}$ (Granmo et al. 1991a). Killifish (Kelly and Di Giulio 2000) were exposed as embryos and larva to nonylphenol for 96 hrs. Even though the solvent concentration used in the exposures exceeded the 0.5 mL/L recommended limit, the data are included in Table 6 because the results reported for the solvent controls do not show decreased hatching success or increased abnormalities at 10 days post-hatch. Embryos exposed to $2,204 \mu\text{g/L}$ for 96 hr were all abnormally developed at 10 days post-fertilization. The LC50 for the same exposure period was $5,444 \mu\text{g/L}$. Killifish larva were similar in sensitivity to nonylphenol exposures at post hatch ages of 1, 14, and 28 days with LC50s of 214, 209, and 260, respectively.

Additional data on the effect of nonylphenol on saltwater species do not indicate greater sensitivities than the data summarized in Tables 1 and 2. Some of the data presented in Table 6 (e.g., sheepshead minnow, Inland silversides) were from the same acute tests listed in Table 1 (Lussier et al. 2000; Ward and Boeri 1990a,b), but for exposure durations other than 96 hr.

6.3. Reproductive, Developmental and Estrogenic Effects of Nonylphenol

There are several review articles that describe the estrogenic activity of nonylphenol (Servos 1999; Sonnenschein and Soto 1998; Sumpter 1998). The majority of studies describing the estrogenic activity of nonylphenol using aquatic species models exposed in vivo measure molecular, biochemical, or histological endpoints such as induction of the egg protein, vitellogenin, or occurrence of egg cells within testes (a condition known as intersex or ootestis). In addition, estrogenicity is commonly characterized using in vitro studies such as estrogen receptor binding assays. Molecular, biochemical and reproductive endpoints measured following in vivo exposures to nonylphenol and that are thought to result from estrogenic activity of nonylphenol are summarized in this section. In vitro studies are listed in Section 7 of this document.

The majority of reports of estrogenic effects in aquatic organisms have been for fish, although some effects in invertebrates have also been reported. Bechmann (1999) found no effects in the marine copepod *Tisbe battagliai* exposed to nonylphenol at 55 µg/L, but estrogenic effects were reported to have occurred in the amphipod *Corophium volutator* (Brown et al. 1999) at 10 µg/L and in the larva of *Chironomus riparius* (Hahn et al. 2002) at 2,000 µg/L. The mechanism(s) by which estrogenic effects can be produced in invertebrates that do not possess estrogen receptors is unclear.

Vitellogenin is a protein produced in the liver of female oviparous vertebrate species and deposited in the ovaries as the primary material for yolk in the ova. Male fish normally produce very little vitellogenin. Islinger et al. (1999) estimated the estrogenic potential of nonylphenol to stimulate vitellogenin production in male rainbow trout at 2,000 to 3,000 times less potent than the natural estrogen, 17β-estradiol. Ren et al. (1996a) demonstrated significant increases in vitellogenin production in rainbow trout exposed to nonylphenol at 100 µg/L for 72 hr. In another study, Ren et al. (1996b) demonstrated that nonylphenol could stimulate the production of vitellogenin mRNA (which precedes vitellogenin protein synthesis) within 4 hr at 10 µg/L. Similarly, Lech et al. (1996) observed a significant increase in vitellogenin mRNA at 72 hr in rainbow trout at 14.14 µg/L nonylphenol. Vitellogenin was induced in green swordfish, *Xiphophorus helleri*, by exposure to 4 µg/L of technical grade nonylphenol (Kwak et al. 2001).

Jobling et al. (1996) demonstrated significant increases in vitellogenin in male rainbow trout,

Oncorhynchus mykiss, at three weeks of exposure to 20.3 and 54.3 µg/L of nonylphenol. Similar results were reported in another study with rainbow trout, plasma vitellogenin was increased after 21 days exposure to 50 µg/L of nonylphenol (Tremblay and Van Der Kraak 1998). Harris et al. (2001) also observed increased plasma vitellogenin levels in female rainbow trout exposed to 8.3 and 85.6 µg/L of nonylphenol. In the same study, nonylphenol also caused changes in several pituitary and plasma hormone levels. In contrast, vitellogenin induction was not observed in rainbow trout exposed for 9 days to 109 µg/L of nonylphenol (Pedersen et al. 1999) or in Atlantic salmon, *Salmo trutta*, exposed for 30 days to 20 µg/L (Moore et al. 2003). The influence of exposure route on nonylphenol-induced vitellogenin mRNA and plasma vitellogenin production in the male fathead minnow was studied by Pickford et al. (2003). Their results showed that exposure via water produced 10-fold higher vitellogenin induction than exposure via the dietary route.

In a study with the fathead minnow, Giesy et al. (2000) found that nonylphenol exposures to 0.5 to 3.4 µg/L nonylphenol were not acutely toxic to the adult fish and fecundity was variously affected over the reproductive season. When the cumulative reproduction was combined for the two experiments during different portions of the reproductive season, concentrations of > 0.3 to 0.4 µg/L did appear to reduce fecundity. However, fish exposed to 0.09 and 0.1 µg/L produced more eggs than control fish. These data appear to produce a U-shaped dose-response and indicate a possible hormetic response of fecundity to nonylphenol. Nonylphenol concentrations of 0.05 to 3.4 µg/L did not significantly change vitellogenin concentrations in the blood of males, and raised the 17β-estradiol titers in the blood of male and female fish at most treatment concentrations > 0.05 µg/L. An increase in the number of Sertoli cells may have occurred in the male fathead minnow exposed to nonylphenol at 1.6 µg/L for 42 days (Miles-Richardson et al. 1999). The evidence was not complete, but indicated the possibility of increased phagocytic action and Sertoli cell tissue in testes.

A non-resident fish species, Japanese medaka (*Oryzias latipes*), was exposed to nonylphenol for 28 days following hatch and survivors monitored for the following 55 days (Nimrod and Benson 1998). At the highest exposure concentration of 1.93 µg/L, survival, growth, egg production, egg viability, and gonadosomatic index (GSI) were not altered. In another study with the same species of fish, development of ovo-testis, an intersex condition, occurred after a

three month exposure to 50 µg/L of nonylphenol (Gray and Metcalf 1997). The sex ratio shifted in favor of females at the highest exposure concentration. Seki et al. (2003) found that in the same species of fish exposed to nonylphenol from fertilized egg to 60 days post-hatch, the lowest-observed-effect concentration for vitellogenin induction was 11.6 µg/L.

Yokota et al. (2001) conducted a two-generation flow-through study with the non-resident fish species medaka (*Oryzias latipes*). Concentrations of nonylphenol were measured during exposures that began with eggs and proceeded to 60-days post-hatch of the second (F₁) generation. Five exposure concentrations of nonylphenol in quadruplicate (4.2, 8.2, 17.7, 51.5, and 183 µg/L) and water-only and solvent controls were used. In the F₀ generation, egg hatchability was reduced (46.7%) by 183 µg/L nonylphenol exposure, survival was significantly decreased at 60 days post-hatch by nonylphenol exposures ≥ 17.7 µg/L, and no differences in growth (length or weight) were observed at 60 days post-hatch. Induction of ovo-testis was observed in the 17.7 µg/L treatment, with 20% of fish displaying male characteristics externally having ovo-testis tissues. In fish from the 51.5 µg/L treatment, 40% had ovo-testis and all of these fish exhibited female characteristics externally. Spermatogenesis was observed in the fish with ovo-testis exposed to 17.7 µg/L nonylphenol, but was not observed in the fish with ovo-testis exposed to 51.5 µg/L nonylphenol. Fecundity of paired fish during the reproductive phase (days 71 to 103 post-hatch) was not affected by nonylphenol treatments. GSI of male fish was reduced at 17.7 µg/L, but not significantly, and GSI of female fish was increased significantly by exposure to nonylphenol concentrations > 8.2 µg/L.

The effects of nonylphenol on F₁ fish from Yokota et al. (2001) were also reported. No embryological abnormalities or hatching failures of fertilized eggs were observed in any treatments. Growth was not affected at 60-days post-hatch by any of the nonylphenol exposure concentrations. The sex ratio, characterized by secondary sex characteristics, changed in treatments ≥ 17.7 µg/L to favor females 1:2. Induction of ovo-testis was observed at lower concentrations of nonylphenol in the F₁ generation than in the F₀ generation. Ovo-testis were observed in the 8.2 µg/L exposure group (10%) and in the 17.7 µg/L exposure group (25%). However, all fish with ovo-testis displayed external male characteristics and the degree of development of oocytes in each ovo-testis was not as severe as that in the F₀ generation in the 17.7 µg/L treatment. The overall results indicate a LOEC of 17.7 µg/L and a NOEC of 8.2 µg/L

with a chronic value, calculated as the geometric mean of the NOEC and LOEC, of 12.05 µg/L. The chronic value for this study is in good agreement with the Table 2 data for resident freshwater species, rainbow trout and fathead minnow.

A multi-generational exposure to nonylphenol has been conducted with rainbow trout by Schwaiger et al. (2002). Adult rainbow trout of both sexes were exposed intermittently to nonylphenol at 1 and 10 µg/L over a 4 month period. Mortality rate in the progeny was significantly reduced by parental exposure to both 1 and 10 µg/L nonylphenol and hatching in the progeny was reduced by parental exposure to 10 µg/L nonylphenol. Vitellogenin was induced (approximately 10-fold) in adult male fish exposed to both 1 and 10 µg/L nonylphenol. In the male progeny of parental fish exposed to 10 µg/L nonylphenol, no effects were observed on plasma vitellogenin or testosterone concentrations, but plasma estradiol concentrations were elevated. In the female progeny of the same parental fish, plasma vitellogenin and plasma testosterone concentrations were elevated, but plasma estradiol concentrations were not different from control levels. Testicular tissue of nonylphenol exposed adult male fish was not affected by nonylphenol. Sex ratios of the offspring of exposed fish were also unaffected by parental exposure to nonylphenol.

As summarized in this section, the ability of nonylphenol to induce estrogenic effects has seldom been reported at concentrations below the freshwater Final Chronic Value of 6.5965 µg/L.

7. UNUSED DATA

Data from some studies were not used in this document, as they did not meet the criteria for inclusion as specified in the Guidelines (Stephan et al. 1985). The reader is referred to the Guidelines for further information regarding these criteria.

Results were not used when the test organism is not resident to North America (Gross-Sorokin et al. 2003; Yoshimura 1986). Tsuda et al. (2000) measured tissue concentrations from feral fish, but water concentrations greatly varied.

Test Organism or Test Material were Not Adequately Described

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| Folmar et al. (1998) | Magliulo et al. (1998) | Weinberger and Rea (1981) |
| Hansen et al. (1998) | Muller (1980) | |
| Kopf (1997) | Palmer et al. (1998) | |

Nonylphenol was a Component of a Mixture or Sediment

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| Ahel et al. (1993) | Escher et al. (1999) | Sundaram et al. (1980) |
| Amato and Wayment (1998) | Hansen et al. (1999) | Turner et al. (1985) |
| Bettinetti and Provini (2002) | Larsson et al. (1999) | Ward and Boeri (1992) |
| Fay et al. (2000) | Moore et al. (1987) | |
| Dwyer et al. (1999a,b) | Purdom et al. (1994) | |

Studies were Conducted with Ethoxylated Nonylphenols

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| Baldwin et al. (1998) | Dorn et al. (1993) | Manzano et al. (1998, 1999) |
| Braaten et al. (1972) | Maki et al. (1998) | Patoczka and Pulliam 1999 |

Organisms were Dosed by Injection, Gavage or in Artificial Medium

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| Arukwe et al. (1997a,b;1998) | Madsen et al. (1997) | Thibaut et al. (1998) |
| Christiansen et al. (1998a,b,c; 1999) | Nimrod and Benson (1996; 1997) | Weinberger et al. (1987) Yadette et al. (1999) |
| Coldham et al. (1997, 1998) | Rice et al. (1998) | |
| Haya et al. (1997) | Spieser et al. (1998) | |

Experimental Model was Plasma, Enzymes, Receptors, Tissues or Cell Cultures

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| Andersen et al. (1999) | Lamche and Burkhardt-Holm (2000) | Routledge and Sumpter (1996, 1997) |
| Celius et al. (1999) | Levine and Cheney (2000) | Soto et al. (1991, 1992) |
| Flouriot et al. (1995) | Loomis and Thomas (1999) | White et al. (1994) |
| Hewitt et al. (1998) | Lutz and Kloas (1999) | |
| Jobling et al. (1996) | Milligan et al. (1998) | |
| Jobling and Sumpter (1993) | Petit et al. (1997, 1999) | |
| Knudsen and Pottinger (1999) | | |

Data were Compiled from Other Source

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| Bearden and Schultz (1997, 1998) | Lewis (1991) Liber et al. (1999) | Varma and Patel (1988) Veith and Mekenyan (1993) |
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8. SUMMARY

8.1. Freshwater Data

Acute toxicity of nonylphenol was tested in 18 freshwater species and 2 subspecies from 15 genera (Figure 1 and Table 3). Species Mean Acute Values (SMAV) ranged from 55.72 µg/L for the amphipod *Hyaella azteca* to 774 µg/L for the snail *Physella virgata*. Eleven species of fish were tested and were in the mid-range of sensitivity (SMAVs = 110 to 289.3 µg/L) of tested species. The four most sensitive tested freshwater species were comprised of two invertebrate species and two vertebrate species (Figure 1). No relationships have been demonstrated between nonylphenol toxicity and water quality characteristics such as hardness and pH. The freshwater Final Acute Value is 55.49 µg/L which is equal to the LC50 for the most sensitive tested species, *Hyaella azteca*.

Chronic toxicity of nonylphenol was tested in 5 freshwater species from 5 genera (Figure 3 and Table 3). Two freshwater fish were tested; the rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, had a chronic value of 7.861 µg/L based on growth, and the fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas*, had a chronic value of 10.18 µg/L based on survival. Two species of freshwater cladocerans were tested and chronic values ranged from 22.62 to 157.9 µg/L based on reproduction. One species of freshwater midge was tested and its chronic value was 61.82 µg/L based on survival.

Data were available to calculate a Final Acute-Chronic Ratio (FACR) for a freshwater cladoceran, *Daphnia magna*, saltwater mysid, *Americamysis bahia*, and rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*. The Final Acute-Chronic Ratio for nonylphenol was the ACR for *A. bahia* because SMARs increased with increasing SMAV and the SMAV for *A. bahia* is closest to the freshwater and saltwater FAV. The FACR for nonylphenol is 8.412.

8.2. Saltwater Data

Acute toxicity of nonylphenol was tested in 11 saltwater species from 11 genera (Figure 2 and Table 3). Species Mean Acute Values (SMAV) ranged from 17 µg/L for the winter flounder, *Pleuronectes americanus*, to 209.8 µg/L for the sheepshead minnow, *Cyprinodon variegatus*. These two fish species were the only fish were tested. Nine different species of

invertebrates were tested. The four most sensitive tested saltwater species were comprised of three invertebrate species and one fish species (Figure 1). No relationships have been demonstrated between nonylphenol toxicity and water quality characteristics such as hardness and pH. The saltwater Final Acute Value is 13.93 µg/L.

Chronic toxicity of nonylphenol was tested on one saltwater species (Figure 3 and Table 3). The saltwater species tested was the mysid, *Americamysis bahia*, which was also the most sensitive of all species tested, both freshwater and saltwater. Two tests were available for *A. bahia*, with chronic values of 5.112 µg/L based on reduced growth and 12.02 µg/L based on a reproductive endpoint.

Data were available to calculate a Final Acute-Chronic Ratio (FACR) for a freshwater cladoceran, *Daphnia magna*, saltwater mysid, *Americamysis bahia*, and rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*. The Final Acute-Chronic Ratio for nonylphenol was the ACR for *A. bahia* because SMARs increased with increasing SMAV and the SMAV for *A. bahia* is closest to both the freshwater and saltwater FAV. The FACR for nonylphenol is 8.412.

8.3. Plant Data

Nonylphenol toxicity data for 2 species of aquatic plants, one freshwater alga and one saltwater diatom, were available. Algae were as sensitive as animals, showing effect concentrations that ranged from 27 µg/L for the freshwater alga to 410 µg/L for the saltwater diatom. Based on the vegetative growth endpoint in saltwater planktonic diatom *Skeletonema costatum*, the Final Plant Value for nonylphenol is 27 µg/L.

8.4. Bioaccumulation Data

Nonylphenol bioaccumulation in aquatic organisms is less than would be predicted from the log K_{ow} of nonylphenol. Nonylphenol is metabolized in animals which may account for the lower than expected BCFs. In freshwater fish, lipid-normalized BCFs ranged from 39 to 209. Bioaccumulation in saltwater organisms is apparently greater, with lipid-normalized BCFs 79 to 2,168.

9. NATIONAL CRITERIA

9.1. Freshwater

The procedures described in the “Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses” (Stephan et al. 1985) indicate that, except possibly where a locally important species is very sensitive, freshwater aquatic organisms and their uses should not be affected unacceptably if the one-hour average concentration of nonylphenol does not exceed 28 µg/L more than once every three years on the average and if the four-day average concentration of nonylphenol does not exceed 6.6 µg/L more than once every three years on the average.

9.2. Saltwater

The procedures described in the “Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses” (Stephan et al. 1985) indicate that, except possibly where a locally important species is very sensitive, freshwater aquatic organisms and their uses should not be affected unacceptably if the one-hour average concentration of nonylphenol does not exceed 7.0 µg/L more than once every three years on the average and if the four-day average concentration of nonylphenol does not exceed 1.7 µg/L more than once every three years on the average.

10. IMPLEMENTATION

As discussed in the Water Quality Standards Regulation (U.S. EPA 1983) and the Foreword to this document, a water quality criterion for aquatic life has regulatory impact only after it has been adopted in a state or tribal water quality standard. Such a standard specifies a criterion for a pollutant that is consistent with a particular designated use. With the concurrence of the U.S. EPA, states and tribes designate one or more uses for each body of water or segment thereof and adopt criteria that are consistent with the use(s) (U.S. EPA 1994, 1987). In each standard a state or tribe may adopt the national criterion, if one exists, or, if adequately justified, a site-specific criterion (if the site is an entire state, the site-specific criterion is also a state-specific criterion).

Site-specific criteria may include not only site-specific criterion concentrations (U.S. EPA 1994), but also site-specific, and possibly pollutant-specific, durations of averaging periods and frequencies of allowed excursions (U.S. EPA 1991). The averaging periods of “one hour” and “four days” were selected by the U.S. EPA on the basis of data concerning how rapidly some aquatic species react to increases in the concentrations of some pollutants, and “three years” is the Agency's best scientific judgment of the average amount of time aquatic ecosystems should be provided between excursions (Stephan et al. 1985; U.S. EPA 1991). However, various species and ecosystems react and recover at greatly different rates. Therefore, if adequate justification is provided, site-specific and/or pollutant-specific concentrations, durations, and frequencies may be higher or lower than those given in national water quality criteria for aquatic life.

Use of criteria, which have been adopted into state or tribal water quality standards, for developing water quality-based permit limits requires selection of an appropriate wasteload allocation model. Although dynamic models are preferred for the application of these criteria (U.S. EPA 1991), limited data or other considerations might require the use of a steady-state model (U.S. EPA 1986). Guidance on mixing zones and the design of monitoring programs is also available (U.S. EPA 1987, 1991).

Figure 1. Summary of Ranked Nonylphenol GMAVs

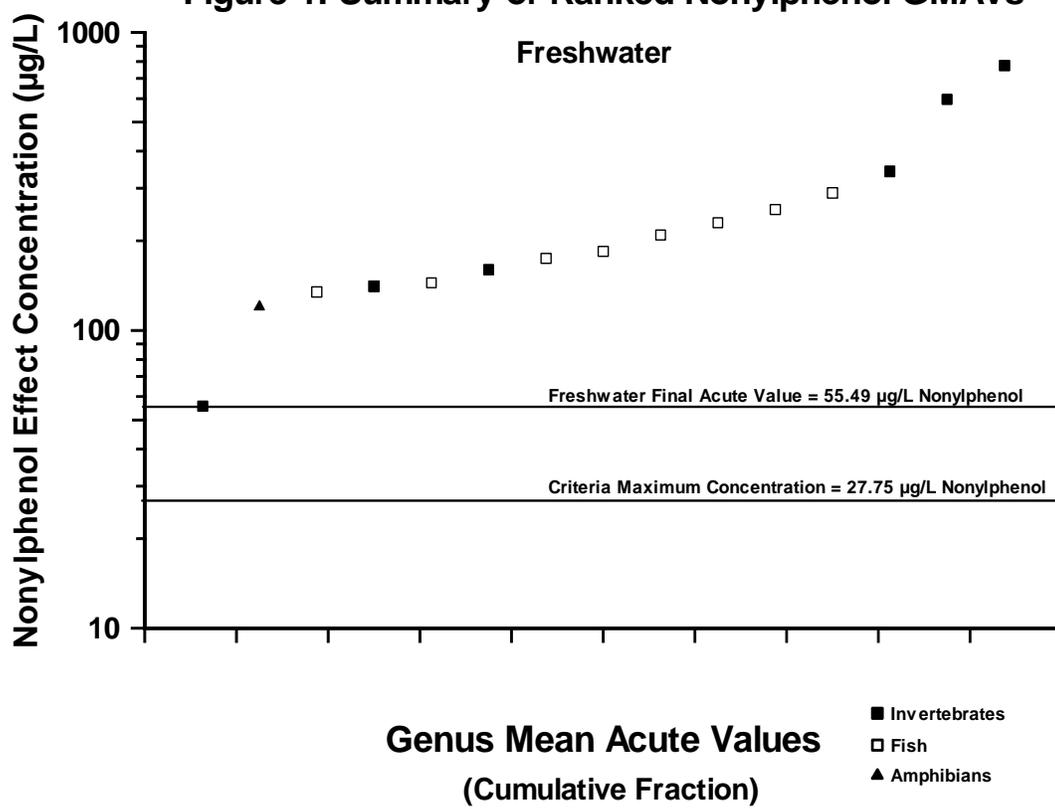


Figure 2. Summary of Ranked Nonylphenol GMAVs

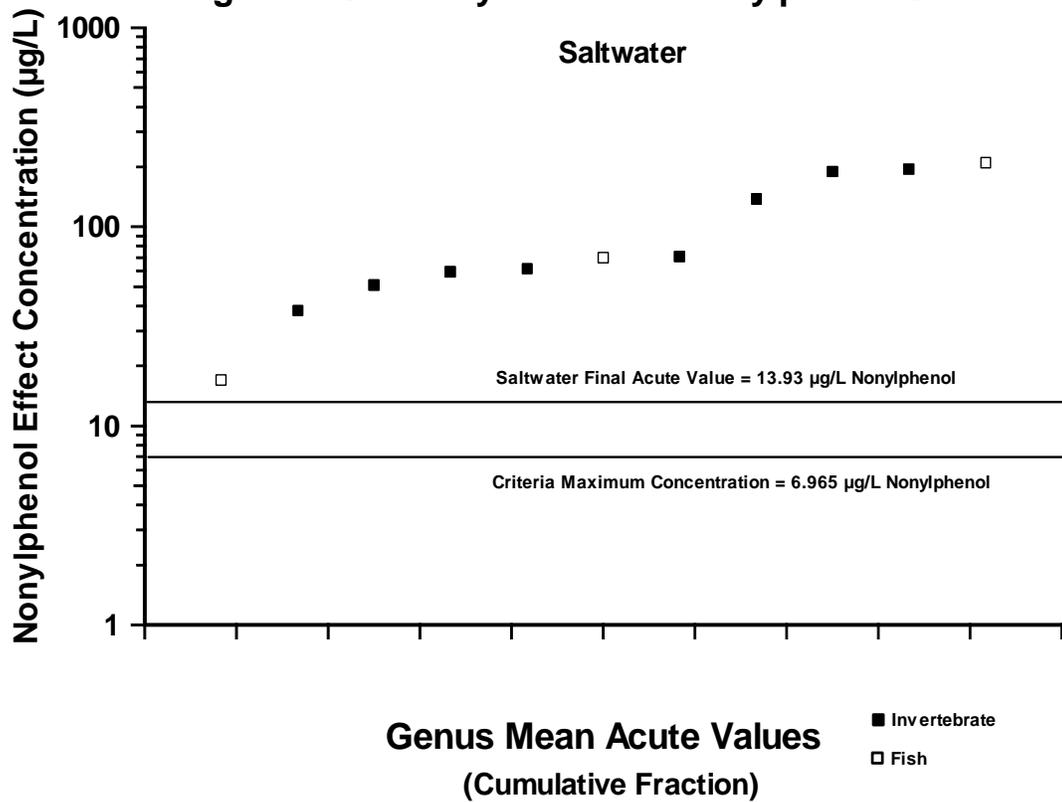


Figure 3. Chronic Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

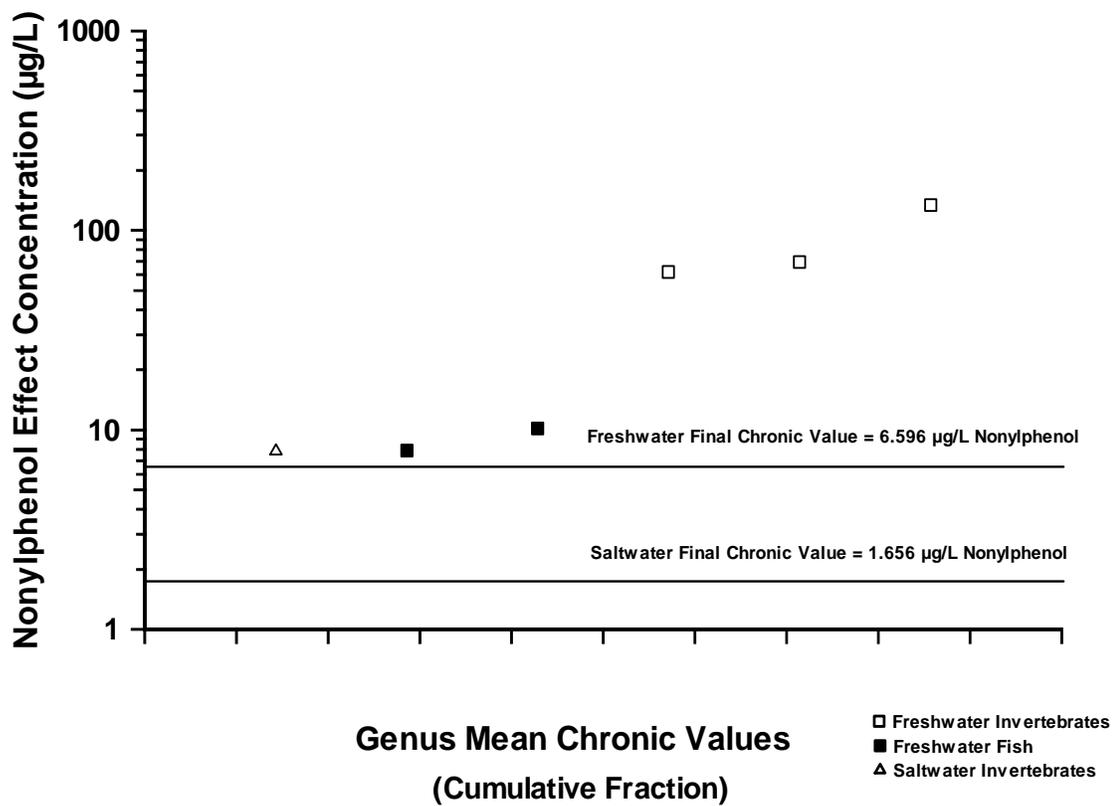


Table 1. Acute Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Method^a</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ (μg/L)</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value^b (μg/L)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <u>FRESHWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Annelid (adult), <i>Lumbriculus variegatus</i> | F,M | >90% | 6.75 | <u>342</u> | 342 | Brooke 1993a |
| Snail (adult), <i>Physella virgata</i> | F,M | >90% | 7.89 | <u>774</u> | 774 | Brooke 1993a |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | R,M | >90% | 7.87 | <u>104</u> | - | Brooke 1993a |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | S,M | 91.8% | 8.25 | <u>190</u> | 140.6 | Comber et al. 1993 |
| Midge (2nd instar), <i>Chironomus tentans</i> | F,M | >95% | 8.0-8.4 | <u>160</u> | 160 | England and Bussard 1995 |
| Dragonfly (nymph), <i>Ophiogomphus</i> sp. | F,M | >90% | 8.06 | <u>596</u> | 596 | Brooke 1993a |
| Amphipod, (juvenile, 2mm TL), <i>Hyalella azteca</i> | F,M | >90% | 7.80 | <u>20.7</u> | - | Brooke 1993a |
| Amphipod (juvenile, 2-3mm TL), <i>Hyalella azteca</i> | F,M | >95% | 7.9-8.7 | <u>150</u> | 55.72 | England and Bussard 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (0.67 \pm 0.35 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-7.9 | 190 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (1.25 \pm 0.57 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.5-7.7 | 260 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (0.27 \pm 0.07 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.9 | 140 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (1.09 \pm 0.38 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.7-7.9 | 270 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |

Table 1. Acute Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Method^a</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ ($\mu\text{g/L}$)</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value^b ($\mu\text{g/L}$)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--|----------------------|
| Rainbow trout (0.48 \pm 0.08 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.5-7.9 | 160 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (0.50 \pm 0.21 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | S,U | 85% | 6.5-7.9 | 180 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Rainbow trout (45 d), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | F,M | >90% | 6.72 | <u>221</u> | 221 | Brooke 1993a |
| Apache trout (0.85 \pm 0.49 g), <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-7.9 | <u>180</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Apache trout (0.38 \pm 0.18 g), <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.3-7.7 | <u>160</u> | 169.7 | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Greenback cutthroat trout (0.31 \pm 0.17 g), <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> <i>stomais</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.5-7.6 | <u>150</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Lahontan cutthroat trout (0.34 \pm 0.08 g), <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> <i>henshawi</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.9 | <u>140</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Lahontan cutthroat trout (0.57 \pm 0.23 g), <i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> <i>henshawi</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.6-7.7 | <u>220</u> | 166.6 | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (0.32 \pm 0.16 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.7-8.1 | 210 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (0.56 \pm 0.19 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-8.1 | 360 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (0.45 \pm 0.35 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.6-7.8 | 310 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |

Table 1. Acute Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Method^a</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ ($\mu\text{g/L}$)</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value^b ($\mu\text{g/L}$)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--|---|
| Fathead minnow (0.40 \pm 0.21 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.5-7.9 | 330 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (0.34 \pm 0.24 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.5-7.6 | 170 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (0.39 \pm 0.14 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-8.2 | 290 | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Fathead minnow (32 d), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | F,M | 99% | 7.29 | <u>140</u> | - | Holcombe et al. 1984; Univ. Wisc.- Superior 1985 |
| Fathead minnow (25-35 d), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | F,M | >90% | 7.23 | <u>128</u> | 133.9 | Brooke 1993a |
| Bonytail chub (0.29 \pm 0.08 g), <i>Gila elegans</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.7-7.9 | <u>270</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Bonytail chub (0.52 \pm 0.09 g), <i>Gila elegans</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.4-7.6 | <u>310</u> | 289.3 | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Colorado squawfish (0.32 \pm 0.05 g), <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> | S,U | 85% | 8.1-8.2 | <u>240</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Colorado squawfish (0.34 \pm 0.05 g), <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-8.0 | <u>270</u> | 254.6 | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Razorback sucker (0.31 \pm 0.04 g), <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.8-8.1 | <u>160</u> | - | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Razorback sucker (0.32 \pm 0.07 g), <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.9-8.0 | <u>190</u> | 174.4 | Dwyer et al. 1995 |
| Gila topminnow (0.219 g, 27.2 mm), <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> | S,U | 85% | 8.0 | <u>230</u> | 230 | Dwyer et al. 1999a |

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| <u>Species</u> | <u>Method^a</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ (μg/L)</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value^b (μg/L)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Fountain darter (0.062 g, 20.2 mm), <i>Etheostoma rubrum</i> | S,U | 85% | 8.0-8.1 | <u>110</u> | 110 | Dwyer et al. 1999a |
| Greenthroat darter (0.133 g, 22.6 mm), <i>Etheostoma lepidum</i> | S,U | 85% | 8.0-8.2 | <u>190</u> | 190 | Dwyer et al. 1999a |
| Bluegill (juvenile), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | F,M | >90% | 7.61 | <u>209</u> | 209 | Brooke 1993a |
| Boreal toad (0.012 g, 9.6 mm), <i>Bufo boreas</i> | S,U | 85% | 7.9-8.0 | <u>120</u> | 120 | Dwyer et al. 1999a |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Coot clam (embryo/larva), <i>Mulinia lateralis</i> | S,U | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>37.9</u> | 37.9 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Copepod (10-12 d), <i>Acartia tonsa</i> | S,U | - | - | <u>190</u> | 190 | Kusk and Wollenberger 1999 |
| Mysid (<24-hr old), <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | F,M | >95% | 7.3-8.2 | <u>43</u> | - | Ward and Boeri 1990a |
| Mysid (<24-hr old), <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>60.6</u> | 51.05 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod (adult), <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>61.6</u> | 61.6 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod (adult), <i>Eohaustorius estuarius</i> | S,U | - | - | <u>138</u> | 138 | Hecht and Boese 2002 |
| Grass shrimp (48-hr old), <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>59.4</u> | 59.4 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| American lobster (1st stage), <i>Homarus americanus</i> | R,U | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>71</u> | 71 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mud crab (4th and 5th stages), <i>Dyspanopeus sayii</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>>195</u> | >195 | Lussier et al. 2000 |

Table 1. Acute Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

| Species | Method^a | Chemical | pH | LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ ($\mu\text{g/L}$) | Species Mean Acute Value^b ($\mu\text{g/L}$) | Reference |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--|-------------------------|
| Winter flounder (48-hr-old), <i>Pleuronectes americanus</i> | S,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>17</u> | 17 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Sheepshead minnow (juvenile), <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> | F,M | >95% | 7.4-8.1 | <u>310</u> | - | Ward and Boeri 1990b |
| Sheepshead minnow (juvenile), <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>142</u> | 209.8 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides (juvenile), <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | F,M | 90% | 7.8-8.2 | <u>70</u> | 70 | Lussier et al. 2000 |

^a S = static; R = renewal; F = flow-through; M = measured; U = unmeasured.

^b Each Species Mean Acute Value was calculated from the underlined number(s) in the preceding column.

Table 2. Chronic Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Animals

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Test^a</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Chronic Limits (µg/L)^b</u> | <u>Chronic Value (µg/L)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Cladoceran, <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> | LC | >95% | 8.3-8.6 | 88.7-202 | 133.9 | England 1995 |
| Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | LC | 93.1 | 8.04 | 10.7-47.8 | 22.62 | Fliedner 1993 |
| Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | LC | >90% | 8.46 | 116-215 | 157.9 | Brooke 1993a |
| Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | LC | 91.8% | 8.25 | 24-39 | 30.59 | Comber et al. 1993 |
| Midge, <i>Chironomus tentans</i> | LC | 95% | 7.73 | 42-91 | 61.82 | Kahl et al. 1997 |
| Rainbow trout, <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | ELS | >90% | 6.97 | 6.0-10.3 | 7.861 | Brooke 1993a |
| Fathead minnow, <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | ELS | >95% | 7.1-8.2 | 7.4-14 | 10.18 | Ward and Boeri 1991c |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | LC | >95% | 7.4-8.3 | 3.9-6.7 | 5.112 | Ward and Boeri 1991b |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | LC | - | - | 9.46-15.28 | 12.02 | Kuhn et al. 2001 |

^a LC = life-cycle or partial life-cycle; ELS = early life-stage.

^b Based upon measured concentrations of nonylphenol.

Table 2. Acute-Chronic Ratios

| Acute-Chronic Ratios | | | | | |
|--|------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Species</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Acute Value</u> <u>(µg/L)</u> | <u>Chronic Value</u> <u>(µg/L)</u> | <u>Ratio</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
| Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | 7.87-8.46 | 104 | 157.9 | 0.6586 | Brooke 1993a |
| Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | 8.25 | 190 | 30.59 | 6.211 | Comber et al. 1993 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 7.3-8.3 | 43 | 5.112 | 8.412 | Ward and Boeri 1990a, 1991b |
| Rainbow trout, <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 6.72-6.97 | 221 | 7.861 | 28.11 | Brooke 1993a |

Table 3. Ranked Genus Mean Acute Values with Species Mean Acute-Chronic Ratios

| <u>Rank^a</u> | <u>Genus Mean Acute Value (µg/L)</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value (µg/L)^b</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute-Chronic Ratio^c</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <u>FRESHWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | |
| 15 | 774 | Snail, <i>Physella virgata</i> | 774 | - |
| 14 | 596 | Dragonfly, <i>Ophiogomphus sp.</i> | 596 | - |
| 13 | 342 | Annelid, <i>Lumbriculus variegatus</i> | 342 | - |
| 12 | 289.3 | Bonytail chub, <i>Gila elegans</i> | 289.3 | - |
| 11 | 254.6 | Colorado squawfish, <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> | 254.6 | - |
| 10 | 230 | Gila topminnow, <i>Poeciliopsis occidentalis</i> | 230 | - |
| 9 | 209 | Bluegill, <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 209 | - |
| 8 | 184.2 | Rainbow trout, <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 221 | 28.11 |
| | | Apache trout, <i>Oncorhynchus apache</i> | 169.7 | - |
| | | Lahontan cutthroat trout, <i>Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi</i> , and | 166.6 | - |
| | | Greenback cutthroat trout, <i>Oncorhynchus clarki stomais</i> | - | - |
| 7 | 174.4 | Razorback sucker, <i>Xyrauchen texanus</i> | 174.4 | - |
| 6 | 160 | Midge, <i>Chironomus tentans</i> | 160 | - |
| 5 | 144.6 | Greenthroat darter, <i>Etheostoma lepidum</i> | 190 | - |
| | | Fountain darter, <i>Etheostoma rubrum</i> | 110 | - |
| 4 | 140.6 | Cladoceran, <i>Daphnia magna</i> | 140.6 | 2.023 |

Table 3. Ranked Genus Mean Acute Values with Species Mean Acute-Chronic Ratios

| <u>Rank^a</u> | <u>Genus Mean Acute Value (µg/L)</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute Value (µg/L)^b</u> | <u>Species Mean Acute-Chronic Ratio^c</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 3 | 133.9 | Fathead minnow, <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 133.9 | - |
| 2 | 120 | Boreal toad, <i>Bufo boreas</i> | 120 | - |
| 1 | 55.72 | Amphipod, <i>Hyalella azteca</i> | 55.72 | - |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | |
| 11 | 209.8 | Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> | 209.8 | - |
| 10 | >195 | Mud crab, <i>Dyspanopeus sayii</i> | >195 | - |
| 9 | 190 | Copepod, <i>Acartia tonsa</i> | 190 | - |
| 8 | 138 | Amphipod, <i>Eohaustorius estuarius</i> | 138 | - |
| 7 | 71 | American lobster, <i>Homarus americanus</i> | 71 | - |
| 6 | 70 | Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 70 | - |
| 5 | 61.6 | Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 61.6 | - |
| 4 | 59.4 | Grass shrimp, <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | 59.4 | - |
| 3 | 51.05 | Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 51.05 | 8.412 |
| 2 | 37.9 | Coot clam, <i>Mulinia lateralis</i> | 37.9 | - |
| 1 | 17 | Winter flounder, <i>Pleuronectes americanus</i> | 17 | - |

^a Ranked from the most resistant to the most sensitive based on Genus Mean Acute Value.

^b From Table 1.

^c From Table 2.

Table 3. Ranked Genus Mean Acute Values with Species Mean Acute-Chronic Ratios

Freshwater

Final Acute Value = 55.49 µg/L

Criterion Maximum Concentration = $55.49 \div 2 = 27.75$ µg/L

Final Acute-Chronic Ratio = 8.412 (see text)

Final Chronic Value = $55.49 \text{ µg/L} \div 8.412 = 6.5965$ µg/L

Saltwater

Final Acute Value = 13.93 µg/L

Criterion Maximum Concentration = $13.93 \div 2 = 6.965$ µg/L

Final Acute-Chronic Ratio = 8.412 (see text)

Final Chronic Value = $13.93 \text{ µg/L} \div 8.412 = 1.6560$ µg/L

Table 4. Toxicity of Nonylphenol to Aquatic Plants

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration (days)</u> | <u>Effect</u> | <u>Concentration (µg/L)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| FRESHWATER SPECIES | | | | | | |
| Green algae, <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> | >95% | 7.8 | 4 | EC50, number of cells | 410 | Ward and Boeri 1990a |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Diatom, <i>Skeletonema costatum</i> | >95% | 30 ^a | 4 | EC50, number of cells | 27 | Ward and Boeri 1990d |

^aSalinity (g/kg).

Table 5. Bioaccumulation of Nonylphenol by Aquatic Organisms

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>Water Conc. (µg/L)^a</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration (days)</u> | <u>Tissue</u> | <u>Percent Lipids</u> | <u>BCF or BAF^b</u> | <u>Normalized BCF or BAF^c</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <u>FRESHWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Fathead minnow (0.5-1 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >95% | 4.9 | 7.0-7.6 | 27 | Whole body | - | 271 | - | Ward and Boeri 1991a |
| Fathead minnow (0.5-1 g), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >95% | 22.7 | 7.0-7.6 | 27 | Whole body | - | 344 | - | Ward and Boeri 1991a |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 18.4 | 7.62 | 4 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 751 | 159.8 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 41.9 | 7.62 | 4 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 677 | 144.0 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 82.1 | 7.62 | 4 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 945 | 201.1 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 9.3 | 7.60 | 28 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 769 | 163.6 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 19.2 | 7.60 | 28 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 984 | 209.4 | Brooke 1993b |

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| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>Water Conc. (µg/L)^a</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration (days)</u> | <u>Tissue</u> | <u>Percent Lipids</u> | <u>BCF or BAF^b</u> | <u>Normalized BCF or BAF^c</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 38.1 | 7.60 | 28 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 876 | 186.4 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 77.5 | 7.60 | 28 | Whole body | 4.7±1.7 | 603 | 128.3 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (adult), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >98% | 0.4 1.6 3.4 | - | 42 | Whole body | - | 203 252 268 | - - - | Giesy et al. 2000 |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 21.6 | 7.79 | 4 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 279 | 56.94 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 43.9 | 7.79 | 4 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 257 | 52.45 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 86.5 | 7.79 | 4 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 223 | 45.51 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 5.6 | 7.55 | 28 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 231 | 47.14 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 12.4 | 7.55 | 28 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 253 | 51.63 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 27.6 | 7.55 | 28 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 250 | 51.02 | Brooke 1993b |

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| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>Water Conc. (µg/L)^a</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration (days)</u> | <u>Tissue</u> | <u>Percent Lipids</u> | <u>BCF or BAF^b</u> | <u>Normalized BCF or BAF^c</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 59.5 | 7.55 | 28 | Whole body | 4.9±1.5 | 191 | 38.98 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (juvenile), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 96.4% | 1.0 3.0 30.0 | 7.7 | 20 | Whole body | 0.72± 0.46 | 76 60 37 | 105.6 83.33 51.39 | Liber et al. 1999 |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 5.9 | - | 16 | Whole body | 1.6 | 2,740 | 1,712 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 6.2 | - | 16 | Whole body | 1.9 | 4,120 | 2,168 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |
| Common shrimp, <i>Crangon crangon^d</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 6.4 | - | 16 | Whole body | 1.4 | 110 | 78.75 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |
| Common shrimp, <i>Crangon crangon^d</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 7.4 | - | 16 | Whole body | 1.7 | 900 | 529.4 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |
| Three-spined stickleback, <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 4.8 | - | 16 | Whole body | 6.7 | 1,200 | 179.1 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |
| Three-spined stickleback, <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | ¹⁴ C-labeled | 4.9 | - | 16 | Whole body | 7.8 | 1,300 | 166.7 | Ekelund et al. 1990 |

Table 5. Bioaccumulation of Nonylphenol by Aquatic Organisms

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>Water Conc. ($\mu\text{g/L}$)^a</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration (days)</u> | <u>Tissue</u> | <u>Percent Lipids</u> | <u>BCF or BAF^b</u> | <u>Normalized BCF or BAF^c</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
|----------------|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|

^aMeasured concentration of nonylphenol.

^bBioconcentration factors (BCFs) and bioaccumulation factors (BAFs) are based on measured concentrations of nonylphenol in water and in tissue.

^cWhen possible, the factors were normalized to 1% lipid by dividing the BCFs and BAFs by the percent lipid measured in the test organism.

^dNon-resident species.

Table 6. Other Data on Effects of Nonylphenol on Aquatic Organisms

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Chemical</u> | <u>pH</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>Effect</u> | <u>Concentration (µg/L)</u> | <u>Reference</u> |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>FRESHWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Phytoplankton and Periphyton | >98% | 8.8 - 10.6 | 6 wk | Dominant species changed | 29 - 120 | Hense et al. 2003 |
| Green alga, <i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i> | - | - | 24 days | 100% algistatic | 6,250 | Weinberger and Greenhalgh 1984 |
| Floating moss, <i>Salvinia molesta</i> | - | - | 9 days | Reduced frond production | 2,500 | Prasad 1986 |
| Duckweed, <i>Lemna minor</i> | - | 5.6 | 96 hr | IC50 | 5,500 | Weinberger and Iyengar 1983 |
| Duckweed, <i>Lemna minor</i> | - | - | 4 days | Reduced frond production | 125 | Prasad 1986 |
| Ciliate protozoan, <i>Tetrahymena pyriformis</i> | - | - | 24 hr | EC50 | 460 | Yoshioka 1985 |
| Ciliate protozoan, <i>Tetrahymena pyriformis</i> | - | 7.40 | 40 hr | Reduced population growth 50% | 747 | Schultz 1997 |
| Rotifer (4 to 6 hr-old female) <i>Brachionus calyciflorus</i> | Technical | 7.5 | 96 hr | Sexual reproduction reduced | 50 | Preston et al. 2000 |
| Clam (15 g), <i>Anodonta cataraetae</i> | - | - | 144 hr (fed) | LC50 | 5,000 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Zooplankton | 96.4% | 7.5 - 8.2 | 20 days | NOEC LOEC | 23 76 | O'Halloran et al. 1999 |
| Zooplankton | >98% | 8.8 - 10.4 | 6 wk | NOEC | 19 - 44 | Severin et al. 2003 |
| Benthic macro-invertebrates | 96.4% | 7.5 - 8.2 | 20 days | NOEC LOEC | 23 76 | Schmude et al. 1999 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | - | 8.0 | 21 days | NOEC LOEC (reduced fecundity) | 50 100 | Baldwin et al. 1997 |

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| Cladoceran (<24-hr old and adults), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | ~85% | 7.8 - 8.4 | 96 hr (fed) | MATC (young) MATC (adults) | 302 136 | Gerritsen et al. 1998 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | ~85% | 7.7±0.02 | 21 days | No sex ratio change (high food rate) Increased ratio of males (low food rate) | 25 25 | Baer and Owens 1999 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | Technical | - | 21 days | 50% adult mortality NOEC (deformed offspring) | 200.5 44 | LeBlanc et al. 2000 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | ~85% | - | 48 hr | EC50 | 234 272 337 | Zang et al. 2003 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Daphnia magna</i> | ~85% | - | 35 day | LOEC | >50 | Zang et al. 2003 |
| Cladoceran (<36-hr old), <i>Daphnia galeata mendotae</i> | - | - | 30 day | NOEC LOEC (deformed offspring) | 10 50 | Shurin and Dodson 1997 |
| Cladoceran (>48-hr old), <i>Daphnia pulex</i> | Practical grade | - | 48 hr | LC50 | 140 | Ernst et al. 1980 |
| Cladoceran (>48-hr old), <i>Daphnia pulex</i> | Practical grade | - | 48 hr | LC50 | 176 | Ernst et al. 1980 |
| Cladoceran (>48-hr old), <i>Daphnia pulex</i> | Practical grade | - | 48 hr | LC50 | 190 | Ernst et al. 1980 |
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> | >95% | 8.3-8.6 | 48 hr | LC50 (fed) | 276 | England 1995 |

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|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cladoceran (<24-hr old), <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> | >95% | 8.3-8.6 | 7 days | LC50 (fed) | 225 | England 1995 |
| Midge (2nd instar), <i>Chironomus tentans</i> | >95% | 8.2 | 14 days | LC50 EC50 | 119 95 | England and Bussard 1993 |
| Sea lamprey (larva), <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> | - | 7.5-8.2 | 14 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Applegate et al. 1957 |
| Brook trout (juvenile), <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 145 | Holmes and Kingsbury 1980 |
| Lake trout (juvenile), <i>Salvelinus naymaysush</i> | - | - | 35 days | LC50 (fed) | >40 | Holmes and Kingsbury 1980 |
| Brown trout (fingerling), <i>Salmo trutta</i> | - | 7.0 | 2 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Wood 1953 |
| Atlantic salmon (4 g), <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 96 hr (fed) | LC50 | 900 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Atlantic salmon (48.3 ± 2.6 mm TL), <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 30 days | No change in plasma vitellogenin or gill NaK ATPase activity or plasma Cl ⁻ and Na ⁺ | 20 | Moore et al. 2003 |
| Chinook salmon (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> | - | 7.2 | 3 hr | LT100 | 10,000 | MacPhee and Ruelle 1969 |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | 7.5-8.2 | 4 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Applegate et al. 1957 |

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|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | Practical grade | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 920 | Ernst et al. 1980 |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | Practical grade | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 560 | Ernst et al. 1980 |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 230 | Holmes and Kingsbury 1980 |
| Rainbow trout (adult males), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 3 wk | Increased vitellogenin production | 20.3 | Jobling et al. 1996 |
| Rainbow trout (adult males), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 3 wk | Increased vitellogenin production | 54.3 | Jobling et al. 1996 |
| Rainbow trout (50 - 200 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 72 hr | LC50 | 193.65 | Lech et al. 1996 |
| Rainbow trout (50 - 200 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 72 hr | Increased vitellogenin mRNA | 14.14 | Lech et al. 1996 |
| Rainbow trout, (40 - 60 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | >99% | | 8 hr | Tissue half-life fat 19.8 hr muscle 18.6 hr liver 5.9 hr | 18 | Lewis and Lech 1996 |
| Rainbow trout, (40 - 60 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | >99% | | 2 - 5 hr | Eviscerated carcass BAF = 24.21 | 18 | Lewis and Lech 1996 |
| Rainbow trout, (40 - 60 g), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | >99% | | 2 - 5 hr | Viscera BAF = 98.2 | 18 | Lewis and Lech 1996 |

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|---|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 4 hr | Vitellogenin mRNA production | 10 | Ren et al. 1996a |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 72 hr | Vitellogenin mRNA production | 100 | Ren et al. 1996a |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | 6.5 | 22 days | Reduced growth at 108 days | 50 | Ashfield et al. 1998 |
| | | | 35 days | Reduced growth at 466 days | 30 | |
| Rainbow trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 96 hr | Decreased number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors in brain | 220 | Jones et al. 1998 |
| Rainbow trout (35-50 g, immature), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | 8.0 – 8.4 | 21 days | Increased vitellogenin in blood plasma | 50 | Tremblay and Van Der Kraak 1998 |
| Rainbow trout (adult males), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 3 wk | BCF = 116 BCF = 88 | 63 81 | Blackburn et al. 1999 |
| Rainbow trout (103-168 g, juvenile) <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 99% | - | 9 days | No vitellogenin induction | 109 | Pedersen et al. 1999 |
| Rainbow trout (adult males), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | Technical | - | 10 days per month for 4 months | Epidermal mucous cell granulation | 1 | Burkhardt-Holm et al. 2000 |

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| Rainbow trout (598 g; juvenile females), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 99% | - | 18 wk | Reduced GSI; Reduced HSI; Induced vitellogenin; Lowered plasma estradiol; Lowered plasma FSH | 85.6 85.6 8.3 85.6 8.3 | Harris et al. 2001 |
| Rainbow trout (1667±201.6 g; F ₀ 3 yr-old adults), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | 98% | 7.6 | 4 months (exposed 10 days/month) | Reduced embryo survival; Reduced hatch; F ₀ Males increased vitellogenin; F ₁ Females increased vitellogenin and testosterone; F ₁ Males increased estradiol | 1 10 1 10 10 | Schwaiger et al. 2002 |
| Rainbow trout (6-mo-old), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | 7.2 | 4 wk | Liver tissue showed hemorrhage and lymphocyte infiltration | 220 | Uguz et al. 2003 |
| Lahontan cutthroat trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi</i> | - | - | 96 hr | Decreased number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors in brain | 220 | Jones et al. 1998 |
| Apache trout (juvenile), <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> | - | - | 96 hr | Decreased number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors in brain | >130 | Jones et al. 1998 |
| Northern squawfish (juvenile), <i>Ptychocheilus oregonensis</i> | - | 7.2 | 3 hr | LT100 | 10,000 | MacPhee and Ruelle 1969 |

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|---|----------------------|------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Colorado squawfish (juvenile), <i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i> | - | - | 96 hr | Decreased number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors in brain | >220 | Jones et al. 1998 |
| Goldfish (juvenile), <i>Carassius auratus</i> | - | 7.0 | 5 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Wood 1953 |
| Common carp (15.2 ± 3.8 g juvenile), <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> | Technical (90% 4-NP) | 7.6 | 70 days | Decreased erythrocytes; Increased reticulocytes | 10 10 | Schwaiger et al. 2000 |
| Common carp (50-150 g mature males), <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> | 95% | 7.57 ±0.03 | 28-31 days 11 °C | BCF = 546.5 No change in 17-estradiol, testosterone, or vitellogenin | 5.36 | Villeneuve et al. 2002 |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 7.62 | 4 days | LC50 (fed) | 138 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow (4-wk old), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | 99% | 7.60 | 28 days | BCF = 100.4 | 193 | Brooke 1993b |
| Fathead minnow, <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | - | - | 96 hr | Decreased number of muscarinic cholinergic receptors in brain | >220 | Jones et al. 1998 |
| Fathead minnow (mature), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >98% | - | 42 days | Possible increased number of Sertoli cells in males | 1.6 | Miles-Richardson et al. 1999 |
| Fathead minnow (mature), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >98% | - | 42 days | Decreased fecundity | >3.4 | Giesy et al. 2000 |

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| Fathead minnow (mature), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >98% | - | 42 days | Increased ♂ vitellogenin | >3.4 | Giesy et al. 2000 |
| Fathead minnow (mature), <i>Pimephales promelas</i> | >98% | - | 42 days | Increased ♂ & ♀ 17β-estradiol | >0.05 (not all test concentrations) | Giesy et al. 2000 |
| Bluegill (juvenile), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | - | 7.0 | 2 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Wood 1953 |
| Bluegill (juvenile), <i>Lepomis macrochiru</i> | - | 7.5-8.2 | 14 hr | LT100 | 5,000 | Applegate et al. 1957 |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 7.79 | 4 days | LC50 (fed) | 135 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (4-wk old), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 99% | 7.55 | 28 days | BCF=35.31 | 126 | Brooke 1993b |
| Bluegill (juvenile), <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> | 96.4% | 7.7 - 7.9 | 20 days | NOEC LOEC (survival) | 76 243 | Liber et al. 1999 |
| Southern platyfish (adult, 0.62 to 1.15 g), <i>Xiphophorus maculatus</i> | Technical 85% | - | 28 days | Reduced GSI | 960 | Kinnberg et al. 2000 |
| Green Swordtail (adult males), <i>Xiphophorus helleri</i> | Technical | - | 96 hr 72 hr | LC50 Vitellogenin induced | 206 4 | Kwak et al. 2001 |

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| Green Swordtail (juvenile 30-d-old males), <i>Xiphophorus helleri</i> | Technical | - | 60 days | Reduced sword length | 0.2 | Kwak et al. 2001 |
| African clawed frog (larva), <i>Xenopus laevis</i> | ACS Grade | 7.8 - 8.0 | 21 days | NOEC LOEC (increased rate of tail resorption) | 25 50 | Fort and Stover 1997 |
| African clawed frog (larva), <i>Xenopus laevis</i> | - | - | 12 wk | Increased female phenotypes | 22 | Kloas et al. 1999 |
| <u>SALTWATER SPECIES</u> | | | | | | |
| Red alga, <i>Champia parvula</i> | >95% | - | 2 days | No effect on sexual reproduction | 167 | Tagliabue 1993 |
| Barnacle (cypris larva), <i>Balanus amphitrite</i> | - | - | 48 h | Reduced cypris settlement | 1.0 | Billinghurst et al. 1998 |
| Soft-shell clam, <i>Mya arenaria</i> | - | - | 360 hr | No mortality | 700 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Coot clam, <i>Mulinia lateralis</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | 50 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Coot clam, <i>Mulinia lateralis</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | 50 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Coot clam, <i>Mulinia lateralis</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | 40 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 | 3,000 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 360 hr | LC50 | 500 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 13 days | Reduced byssus strength | 56 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 30 days | Reduced byssus strength | 56 | Granmo et al. 1989 |

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| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 30 days | No byssus threads formed | 100 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 32 days | Reduction in growth | 56 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | 32 ^a | 24 hr | No effect on fertilization | 200 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | - | 72 hr | No effect on development | 200 | Granmo et al. 1989 |
| Blue mussel (40-50 mm length), <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | - | - | 50 days | BCF = 350 | 40 | Granmo et al. 1991a,b |
| Blue mussel, <i>Mytilus edulis galloprovincialis</i> | - | - | 2 days | Repelled attachment | 22 | Etoh et al. 1997 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | ~114 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | ~82 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~66 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 120 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 144 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 168 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | >95% | 20 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | >47 | Ward and Boeri 1990a |

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| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | >95% | 20 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | >47 | Ward and Boeri 1990a |
| Mysid, <i>Americamysis bahia</i> | >95% | 20 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | 44 | Ward and Boeri 1990a |
| Pacific Oyster (embryo-larva), <i>Crassostrea gigas</i> | - | 35 ^a | 72 hr | Delayed development to D-shape stage | 100 | Nice et al. 2000 |
| Copepod (10-12 d), <i>Acartia tonsa</i> | - | 18 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 synthetic media | 360 280 | Kusk and Wollenberger 1999 |
| Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | ~160 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~80 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 120 hr | LC50 | ~50 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 144 hr | LC50 | ~40 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Amphipod, <i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 168 hr | LC50 | ~30 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Grass shrimp, <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | ~125 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Grass shrimp, <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Grass shrimp, <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Grass shrimp, <i>Palaemonetes vulgaris</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 120 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |

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|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Shrimp, <i>Crangon septemspinosa</i> | >95% | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 300 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Shrimp, <i>Crangon septemspinosa</i> | >95% | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 300 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Shrimp, <i>Crangon septemspinosa</i> | >95% | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 300 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| American lobster, <i>Homarus americanus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | ~140 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| American lobster, <i>Homarus americanus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | ~140 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| American lobster, <i>Homarus americanus</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~140 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| American lobster, <i>Homarus americanus</i> | >95% | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 170 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Atlantic salmon, <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 190 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Atlantic salmon, <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 160 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Atlantic salmon, <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 130 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Atlantic salmon, <i>Salmo salar</i> | - | - | 96 hr | LC50 | 900 | McLeese et al. 1980b |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~150 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 120 hr | LC50 | ~125 | Lussier et al. 2000 |

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| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 144 hr | LC50 | ~120 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 168 hr | LC50 | ~120 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | >95% | 15-17 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | >420 | Ward and Boeri 1990c |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | >95% | 15-17 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | 340 | Ward and Boeri 1990c |
| Sheepshead minnow, <i>Cyprinodon variegatu</i> | >95% | 15-17 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | 320 | Ward and Boeri 1990c |
| Killifish (embryo), <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 85 - 90% (technical) | 20 ^a | 10 days | 100% abnormal development | 2,204 | Kelly and Di Giulio 2000 |
| Killifish (embryo), <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 85 - 90% (technical) | 20 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 | 5,444 | Kelly and Di Giulio 2000 |
| Killifish (1-day old larva), <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 85 - 90% (technical) | 20 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 (fed) | 214 | Kelly and Di Giulio 2000 |
| Killifish (14-day old larva), <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 85 - 90% (technical) | 20 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 (fed) | 209 | Kelly and Di Giulio 2000 |
| Killifish (28-day old larva), <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 85 - 90% (technical) | 20 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 (fed) | 260 | Kelly and Di Giulio 2000 |

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|---|---|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Threespine stickleback <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> | Commercial (para-substituted with branched nonyl chain) | 32 ^a | 96 hr | LC50 | 370 | Granmo et al. 1991a |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 24 hr | LC50 | ~120 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 48 hr | LC50 | ~100 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 72 hr | LC50 | ~80 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 120 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 144 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |
| Inland silversides, <i>Menidia beryllina</i> | 90% | 30-31 ^a | 168 hr | LC50 | ~60 | Lussier et al. 2000 |

^aSalinity (g/kg).

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