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Benz(a)anthracene

Synonyms and/or acronyms: PAHs

Parameter 1: ORGANIC

Parameter 2: Polyaromatic compounds

Parameter 3: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Water Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

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Freshwater

Concentration (µg/L)	0.018
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Interim guideline.

Date	1999
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Marine

Concentration (µg/L)	Insufficient data
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Date	1999
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Water Quality for the Protection of Agriculture

Irrigation

Concentration (µg/L)	No data
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Date	No data
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Livestock

Concentration (µg/L)	No data
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Date	No data
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Sediment Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

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Freshwater

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG	31.7
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Guideline

% ≤ ISQG

ISQG < % < PEL

ISQG % ≥ PEL

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)			
Benz(a)anthracene	13	6	38
Benzo(a)pyrene	11	16	30
Chrysene	8	14	25
Fluoranthene	8	23	49
Phenanthrene	4	17	44
Pyrene	7	16	32
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL			385
Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL
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Phenanthrene	4	17	44
Pyrene	7	16	32
Date			1998

Marine

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG				74.8
Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL	
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)				
Acenaphthene	8	29	57	
Acenaphthylene	7	14	51	
Anthracene	9	20	75	
Benz(a)anthracene	9	16	78	
Benzo(a)pyrene	8	22	71	
Chrysene	9	19	72	
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	16	12	65	
Fluoranthene	10	20	80	
Fluorene	12	20	70	
2-Methylnaphthalene	0	23	82	
Naphthalene	3	19	71	
Phenanthrene	8	23	78	
Pyrene	7	19	83	
Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL				693
Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL	
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Soil Quality for the Protection of Environmental and Human Health

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Agricultural

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Consult the 2008 Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons factsheet, or the 2008 PAH Scientific Supporting Document (http://www.ccme.ca/publications/ceqg_rcqe.html?category_id=125) for guidance.

Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Residential / parkland

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Commercial

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Industrial

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Date

2008

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Concentration (µg/kg diet wet weight)

No data

Date

No data