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Dibenz(a,h)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

Freshwater

Concentration (µg/L)

No data

Date

No data

Marine

Concentration (µg/L)

No data

Date

No data

Water Quality for the Protection of Agriculture

Irrigation

Concentration (µg/L)

No data

Date

No data

Livestock

Concentration (µg/L)

No data

Date

No data

Sediment Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

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Freshwater

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG

6.22

Provisional: adoption of marine ISQG

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL

135

Provisional: adoption of marine PEL

Date

1998

Marine

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG

6.22

Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)			
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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

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Soil Quality for the Protection of Environmental and Human Health

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Agricultural

Consult Factsheet

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

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Supporting Document (http://www.ccme.ca/publications/ceqg_rcqe.html?category_id=125) for guidance.

Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Commercial

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Industrial

Consult Factsheet

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Date

2008

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Concentration (µg/kg diet wet weight)

No data

Date

No data