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Zinc

Parameter 1: INORGANIC

Parameter 3: Metals

Water Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

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Freshwater

Short Term Concentration (µg/L)

Equation

The short-term benchmark is for dissolved zinc and is calculated using the following equation: $\text{Benchmark} = \exp(0.833[\ln(\text{hardness mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})] + 0.240[\ln(\text{DOC mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})] + 0.526)$. The value in the table is for surface water of 50 mg $\text{CaCO}_3\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ hardness and 0.5 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ dissolved organic carbon (DOC). The benchmark equation is valid between hardness 13.8 and 250.5 mg $\text{CaCO}_3\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ and DOC 0.3 and 17.3 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$.

Long Term Concentration (µg/L)

Equation

The long-term CWQG is for dissolved zinc and is calculated using the following equation: $\text{CWQG} = \exp(0.947[\ln(\text{hardness mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})] - 0.815[\text{pH}] + 0.398[\ln(\text{DOC mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})] + 4.625)$. The value in the table is for surface water of 50 mg $\text{CaCO}_3\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ hardness, pH of 7.5 and 0.5 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ DOC. The CWQG equation is valid between hardness 23.4 and 399 mg $\text{CaCO}_3\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, pH 6.5 and 8.13 and DOC 0.3 to 22.9 $\text{mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$.

Date

2018

Marine

Short Term Concentration (µg/L)

Not assessed

Long Term Concentration (µg/L)

Not assessed

Date

2018

Water Quality for the Protection of Agriculture

Irrigation

Concentration (µg/L)

Equation

1000 µg/L for soil pH < 6.5

= 1000 µg/L when soil pH < 6.5
 = 5000 µg/L when soil pH > 6.5
 No fact sheet created. For more information on this guideline, please refer to Canadian Water Quality Guidelines (CCREM 1987).

Date 1987

Livestock

Concentration (µg/L) 50 000

No fact sheet created. For more information on this guideline, please refer to Canadian Water Quality Guidelines (CCREM 1987).

Date 1987

Sediment Quality for the Protection of Aquatic Life

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Freshwater

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG 123 000

Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL
Zinc	5	32	36

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL 315 000

Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL
Zinc	5	32	36

Date 1998

Marine

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - ISQG 124 000

Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG % ≥ PEL
Zinc	4	27	65

Concentration (µg/kg dry weight) - PEL 271 000

Guideline	% ≤ ISQG	ISQG < % < PEL	ISQG < % = PEL
Zinc	4	27	65

Date 1998

Soil Quality for the Protection of Environmental and Human Health

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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Agricultural 250

Data are sufficient and adequate to calculate guidelines for human health and environmental health. Therefore, the soil quality guideline is the lower of the two and supersedes the 1999 soil quality guideline and the 1991 interim remediation criteria for soil.

Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Residential / parkland 250

Data are sufficient and adequate to calculate guidelines for human health and environmental health. Therefore, the soil quality guideline is the lower of the two and supersedes the 1999 soil quality guideline and the 1991 interim remediation criteria for soil.

Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Commercial	410
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Concentration (mg/kg dry weight) - Industrial	410
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Date	2018
Tissue Residue Quality for the Protection of Wildlife Consumer of Aquatic Biota	
Concentration (µg/kg diet wet weight)	<i>No data</i>
Date	<i>No data</i>