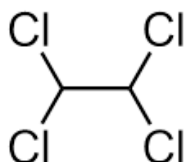


CAS 79-34-5

1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (1,1,2,2-TCA)

C₂H₂Cl₄



Summary of Health Effects

1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (1,1,2,2-TCA) causes cancer in animals and may cause cancer in humans. 1,1,2,2-TCA can damage the liver, kidneys, nervous system and blood system in humans.

How is 1,1,2,2-TCA used?

In the past, 1,1,2,2-TCA was used in paint removers, varnishes, lacquers, in photographic films and as an industrial solvent.¹ Its use has since decreased in the U.S and has been reportedly used to make other chemicals.¹

Toxicity: What are its health effects?

1,1,2,2-TCA is included on California's Proposition 65 list as a carcinogen.²

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that 1,1,2,2-TCA is likely to be carcinogenic to humans.³

Repeated exposures in animals and cases of accidental human exposure indicate that

1,1,2,2-TCA is toxic to the liver and kidneys. 1,1,2,2-TCA can also damage the nervous system and the hematological (blood) system.⁴

Exposure: How can a person come in contact with it?

A person can come in contact with 1,1,2,2-TCA by breathing in contaminated air, drinking contaminated water, or from skin contact with the chemical.⁴

Populations with potentially greater exposure includes those who live near and/or work at hazardous waste sites and areas where 1,1,2,2-TCA is manufactured.⁴

Biomonitoring studies have been conducted; however, 1,1,2,2-TCA was not detected in the general U.S. population in 2003 to 2004.⁵

1,1,2,2-TCA has been identified in the EPA's Urban Air Toxics Strategy as one of 33 hazardous air pollutants that present the greatest threat to public health in urban areas.⁶

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