3. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL INFORMATION

3.1 CHEMICAL IDENTITY

Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (HCCPD) is a yellow to yellow-green dense oily liquid with a pungent odor. It is used as an intermediate in the manufacture of pesticides, flame-retardant materials, and some plastics. Information regarding the chemical identity of HCCPD is located in Table 3- 1.

3.2 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

HCCPD is slightly soluble in water and will react slowly with water to form hydrochloric acid (HSDB 1998). It is a corrosive chemical, and contact can burn the eyes and skin. While HCCPD itself does not burn, it may decompose upon heating to produce toxic fumes (HSDB 1998). Information regarding the physical and chemical properties of HCCPD is located in Table 3-2.

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| Characteristic | Information | Reference |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| Chemical name | Hexachlorocyclopentadiene | HSDB 1998 |
| Synonym(s) | HCCPD; 1,3-cyclopentadiene; 1,2,3,4,5,5-hexachloro-; hex; perchlorocyclopentadiene | HSDB 1998 |
| Registered trade name(s) | C-56; graphlox; HRS 1655 | |
| Chemical formula | C ₅ Cl ₆ | HSDB 1998 |
| Chemical structure | | Verschueren 1983 |
| Identification numbers: | | |
| CAS registry | 77-47-4 | HSDB 1998 |
| NIOSH RTECS | GY1225000 | HSDB 1998 |
| EPA hazardous waste | U130 | HSDB 1998 |
| OHM/TADS | 7800117 | HSDB 1998 |
| DOT/UN/NA/IMCO shipping | UN2646 IMCO 6.1 | HSDB 1998 |
| HSDB | 4011 | HSDB 1998 |
| NCI | C55607 | HSDB 1998 |

Table 3-1. Chemical Identity of HCCPD

CAS = Chemical Abstracts Service; DOT/UN/NA/IMO = Dept. of Transportation/United Nations/ North America/International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code; EPA = Environmental Protection Agency; HSDB = Hazardous Substances Data Bank; NCI = National Cancer Institute; NIOSH = National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; OHM/TADS = Oil and Hazardous Materials/Technical Assistance Data System; RTECS = Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances

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| Property | Information | Reference |
|--|---|---|
| Molecular weight | 272.77 | Weast 1989 |
| Color | Lemon yellow/yellow-green | EPA 1991a |
| Physical state | Liquid | EPA 1991a |
| Melting point | -9 °C | Weast 1989 |
| Boiling point at 753 mm Hg | 239 °C | Weast 1989 |
| Density at 25 °C | 1.7019 g/mL | Weast 1989 |
| Odor | Pungent | EPA 1991a |
| Odor threshold: Water Air | 0.0014–0.0074 mg/L 0.03 ppm (0.34 mg/m³) | Amoore and Hautala 1983; Verschueren 1983 Amoore and Hautala 1983 |
| | 1.5–3.3 mg/m ³ | Ruth 1986 |
| Solubility: Water at 25 °C | 2.1 mg/L 1.031.25 mg/L | EPA 1991a WHO 1991 |
| Organic solvents | Miscible in acetone carbon tetrachloride, methanol, hexane | ACGIH 1992 |
| Partition coefficients: Log K _{ow} | 4.0–5.04 | Mabey et al 1982; Wolfe et al. 1982 |
| Log K _{oc} | 3.68–4.08 | Mabey et al. 1982; Wolfe et al. 1982 |
| Vapor pressure at 25 °C | 0.08 mm Hg | Verschueren 1983 |
| Henry's law constant at 24.8 °C | 2.7x10 ⁻² atm-m ³ /mol | Wolfe et al. 1982 |
| Autoignition temperature | No data | |
| Flashpoint | No data | |
| Flammability limits | No data | |
| Conversion factors: | 1 ppm = 11.3 mg/m ³ ; 1 mg/m ³ = 0.088 ppm | WHO 1991 |
| Explosive limits | No data | |

Table 3-2. Physical and Chemical Properties of HCCPD