

Provisional Peer-Reviewed Toxicity Values for

1-Bromo-3-fluorobenzene
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COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

BMC	benchmark concentration
BMD	benchmark dose
BMCL	benchmark concentration lower bound 95% confidence interval
BMDL	benchmark dose lower bound 95% confidence interval
HEC	human equivalent concentration
HED	human equivalent dose
IUR	inhalation unit risk
LOAEL	lowest-observed-adverse-effect level
LOAEL _{ADJ}	LOAEL adjusted to continuous exposure duration
LOAEL _{HEC}	LOAEL adjusted for dosimetric differences across species to a human
NOAEL	no-observed-adverse-effect level
NOAEL _{ADJ}	NOAEL adjusted to continuous exposure duration
NOAEL _{HEC}	NOAEL adjusted for dosimetric differences across species to a human
NOEL	no-observed-effect level
OSF	oral slope factor
p-IUR	provisional inhalation unit risk
p-OSF	provisional oral slope factor
p-RfC	provisional reference concentration (inhalation)
p-RfD	provisional reference dose (oral)
POD	point of departure
RfC	reference concentration (inhalation)
RfD	reference dose (oral)
UF	uncertainty factor
UF _A	animal-to-human uncertainty factor
UF _C	composite uncertainty factor
UF _D	incomplete-to-complete database uncertainty factor
UF _H	interhuman uncertainty factor
UF _L	LOAEL-to-NOAEL uncertainty factor
UF _S	subchronic-to-chronic uncertainty factor
WOE	weight of evidence

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BACKGROUND

HISTORY

On December 5, 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) revised its hierarchy of human health toxicity values for Superfund risk assessments, establishing the following three tiers as the new hierarchy:

- 1) EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
- 2) Provisional Peer-Reviewed Toxicity Values (PPRTVs) used in EPA's Superfund Program
- 3) Other (peer-reviewed) toxicity values, including
 - ▶ Minimal Risk Levels produced by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR);
 - ▶ California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) values; and
 - ▶ EPA Health Effects Assessment Summary Table (HEAST) values.

A PPRTV is defined as a toxicity value derived for use in the Superfund Program when such a value is not available in EPA's IRIS. PPRTVs are developed according to a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and are derived after a review of the relevant scientific literature using the same methods, sources of data, and Agency guidance for value derivation generally used by the EPA IRIS Program. All provisional toxicity values receive internal review by a panel of six EPA scientists and external peer review by three independently selected scientific experts. PPRTVs differ from IRIS values in that PPRTVs do not receive the multiprogram consensus review provided for IRIS values. This is because IRIS values are generally intended to be used in all EPA programs, while PPRTVs are developed specifically for the Superfund Program.

Because new information becomes available and scientific methods improve over time, PPRTVs are reviewed on a 5-year basis and updated into the active database. Once an IRIS value for a specific chemical becomes available for Agency review, the analogous PPRTV for that same chemical is retired. It should also be noted that some PPRTV documents conclude that a PPRTV cannot be derived based on inadequate data.

DISCLAIMERS

Users of this document should first check to see if any IRIS values exist for the chemical of concern before proceeding to use a PPRTV. If no IRIS value is available, staff in the regional Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program offices are advised to carefully review the information provided in this document to ensure that the PPRTVs used are appropriate for the types of exposures and circumstances at the Superfund site or RCRA facility in question. PPRTVs are periodically updated; therefore, users should ensure that the values contained in the PPRTV are current at the time of use.

It is important to remember that a provisional value alone tells very little about the adverse effects of a chemical or the quality of evidence on which the value is based. Therefore, users are strongly encouraged to read the entire PPRTV document and understand the strengths and limitations of the derived provisional values. PPRTVs are developed by the EPA Office of Research and Development's National Center for Environmental Assessment, Superfund Health Risk Technical Support Center for OSRTI. Other EPA programs or external parties who may choose of their own initiative to use these PPRTVs are advised that Superfund resources will not generally be used to respond to challenges of PPRTVs used in a context outside of the Superfund Program.

QUESTIONS REGARDING PPRTVS

Questions regarding the contents of the PPRTVs and their appropriate use (e.g., on chemicals not covered, or whether chemicals have pending IRIS toxicity values) may be directed to the EPA Office of Research and Development's National Center for Environmental Assessment, Superfund Health Risk Technical Support Center (513-569-7300), or OSRTI.

INTRODUCTION

No information could be found regarding the production or use of 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene. This chemical belongs to the halogenated benzene class of compounds. Table 1 provides the available physicochemical properties for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene.

Table 1. Physicochemical Properties Table for 1-Bromo-3-Fluorobenzene^a	
Property (unit)	Value
Boiling point (°C)	150
Molecular weight (g/mol)	174.998363
Vapor pressure (mmHg at 25°C)	2.840
Atmospheric OH rate constant (cm ³ /molecule-sec at 25°C)	1.54 × 10 ⁻¹²
Solubility in water (mg/L at 25°C)	378
log P (octanol-water)	2.92
Henry's Law constant (atm-m ³ /mol at 25°C)	2.50 × 10 ⁻³

^aChemIDPlus Lite; <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/chemidlite.jsp>

No Reference Dose (RfD), Reference Concentration (RfC), or cancer assessment for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene is included in the IRIS database (U.S. EPA, 2011b) or on the Drinking Water Standards and Health Advisories List (U.S. EPA, 2009). No RfD or RfC values are reported in the HEAST (U.S. EPA, 2011a). The Chemical Assessments and Related Activities (CARA) list (U.S. EPA, 1994) does not include a Health and Environmental Effects Profile (HEEP) (U.S. EPA, 1987) for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene. The toxicity of 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene has not been reviewed by the ATSDR (2011) or the World Health

Organization (WHO, 2011). CalEPA (2008, 2009a,b) has not derived toxicity values for exposure to 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene. No occupational exposure limits for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene have been derived by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH, 2011), the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH, 2005), or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA, 2011).

The HEAST (U.S. EPA, 2011a) has not reported an EPA (1986) cancer weight-of-evidence classification for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene and has not derived any toxicity values. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 2011) has not reviewed the carcinogenic potential of 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene. 1-Bromo-3-fluorobenzene is not included in the *11th Report on Carcinogens* (NTP, 2005a). CalEPA (2009c,d) has not prepared a quantitative estimate of carcinogenic potential for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene.

Literature searches were conducted on sources published from 1900 through March 2011 for studies relevant to the derivation of provisional toxicity values for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene, CAS No. 1073-06-9. Searches were conducted using EPA's Health and Environmental Research Online (HERO) evergreen database of scientific literature. HERO searches the following databases: AGRICOLA; American Chemical Society; BioOne; Cochrane Library; DOE: Energy Information Administration, Information Bridge, and Energy Citations Database; EBSCO: Academic Search Complete; GeoRef Preview; GPO: Government Printing Office; Informaworld; IngentaConnect; J-STAGE: Japan Science & Technology; JSTOR: Mathematics & Statistics and Life Sciences; NSCEP/NEPIS (EPA publications available through the National Service Center for Environmental Publications [NSCEP] and National Environmental Publications Internet Site [NEPIS] database); PubMed: MEDLINE and CANCERLIT databases; SAGE; Science Direct; Scirus; Scitopia; SpringerLink; TOXNET (Toxicology Data Network): ANEUP, CCRIS, ChemIDplus, CIS, CRISP, DART, EMIC, EPIDEM, ETICBACK, FEDRIP, GENE-TOX, HAPAB, HEEP, HMTC, HSDB, IRIS, ITER, LactMed, Multi-Database Search, NIOSH, NTIS, PESTAB, PPBIB, RISKLINE, TRI, and TSCATS; Virtual Health Library; Web of Science (searches Current Content database among others); World Health Organization; and Worldwide Science. The following databases outside of HERO were searched for risk assessment values: ACGIH, ATSDR, CalEPA, EPA IRIS, EPA HEAST, EPA HEEP, EPA OW, EPA TSCATS/TSCATS2, NIOSH, NTP, OSHA, and RTECS.

REVIEW OF POTENTIALLY RELEVANT DATA (CANCER AND NONCANCER)

The literature search revealed no human or animal studies (acute-, short-term-, subchronic-, or chronic-duration) for development of toxicity values for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene (see Table 2). A toxicological study review, conducted by the NTP, was similarly unproductive (NTP, 2005b).

Table 2. Summary of Potentially Relevant Data for 1-Bromo-3-fluorobenzene (CASRN 1073-06-9)									
Notes^a	Category	Number of Male/Female, Species, Study Type, Study Duration	Dosimetry^b	Critical Effects	NOAEL^b	BMDL/BMCL^b	LOAEL^b	Reference	Comments^c
Human									
1. Oral (mg/kg-day)^b									
None									
2. Inhalation (mg/m³)^b									
None									
Animal									
1. Oral (mg/kg-day)^b									
None									
2. Inhalation (mg/m³)^b									
None									

^aNotes: IRIS = utilized by IRIS, date of last update; PS = principal study, NPR = not peer reviewed, N/A= not applicable.

^bDosimetry: NOAEL, BMDL/BMCL, and LOAEL values are converted to adjusted daily dose, human equivalent dose (HED in mg/kg-day) or human equivalent concentration (HEC in mg/m³) units. All exposure values of long-term exposure (4 weeks and longer) are converted from a discontinuous to a continuous (weekly) exposure. Values for inhalation (cancer and noncancer) and oral (cancer only) are further converted to an HEC/HED. Values from animal developmental studies are not adjusted to a continuous exposure.

DERIVATION OF PROVISIONAL VALUES

Limitations in the available data preclude development of both cancer and noncancer toxicity values for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene.

CANCER WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE (WOE) DESCRIPTOR

Limitations in the available data preclude development of a WOE descriptor for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene.

MODE-OF-ACTION DISCUSSION

Limitations in the available data preclude determination of a mode-of-action discussion for 1-bromo-3-fluorobenzene.

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