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TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM
OF
CANDIDATE INSECT REPELLENTS
A13-38274, A13-38276, and A13-38279
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROPRIETARY CHEMICALS
STUDY NOS. 75-51-0417-84, 75-51-0419-84
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**Abstract**: The technical grade chemicals produced no greater than mild primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion. The 24 percent (w/v) solutions of these chemicals in 95 percent ethanol which were applied during photostimulation studies produced mild to moderate primary irritation of the intact skin, without ultraviolet (UV) irradiation. Chemical A13-38276 produced a photochemical irritant reaction upon irradiation with UV light which was significantly more severe than the primary irritation previously noted. Additionally, although these ethanol solutions were colorless, they produced a...
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose, essential findings, and major recommendations of the inclosed report follow:

a. **Purpose.** The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for further entomological testing of the Candidate Insect Repellents AI3-38274, AI3-38276, and AI3-38279 by means of laboratory animal studies using New Zealand White rabbits.

b. **Essential Findings.** The technical grade chemicals produced no greater than mild primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion. The 25 percent (w/v) solutions of these chemicals in 95 percent ethanol which were applied during photoirritation studies produced mild to moderate primary irritation of the intact skin, without ultraviolet (UV) irradiation. Chemical AI3-38276 produced a photochemical irritant reaction upon irradiation with UV light which was significantly more severe than the primary irritation previously noted. Additionally, although these ethanol solutions were colorless, they produced a marked yellow discoloration of the skin upon application. All three chemicals produced moderate injury to the cornea and, in addition, produced some injury to the conjunctiva.

c. **Major Recommendations.** Disapprove chemicals AI3-38274, AI3-38276, and AI3-38279 for further testing.

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1. AUTHORITY.


b. Memorandum of Understanding between the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency; the US Army Health Services Command; the Department of the Army, Office of The Surgeon General; the Armed Forces Pest Control Board; and the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research, Science and Education Administrations; titled Coordination of Biological and Toxicological Testing of Pesticides, effective 23 January 1979.


3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for further entomological testing of candidate insect repellents A13-38274, A13-38276, and A13-38279, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Proprietary Chemicals.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. Hazard evaluation of the candidate insect repellents A13-38274, A13-38276, and A13-38279, USDA Proprietary Chemicals were conducted by this Agency using New Zealand White rabbits for skin, eye, and photochemical irritation studies. A tabular presentation of animal toxicity data developed by this Agency follows: *

* In conducting the studies described in this report, the investigators adhered to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals." US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Publication No. (NIH) 80-23, revised 1978.
† The studies reported herein were performed in animal facilities fully accredited by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

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TEST RESULTS INTERPRETATION

PHOTOCHEMICAL SKIN IRRITATION STUDIES

Rabbits

A single 0.05 mL application of each chemical produced a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions. Chemicals A13-38274 and A13-38279 did not produce a photochemical irritation reaction. Chemical A13-38276 could produce a photochemical irritation reaction in humans.

Control

Positive control application and irradiation resulted in greater irritant effects than without irradiation. Ethanol solutions of the test chemicals produced mild to moderate primary irritation of the intact skin at the sites of application, both irradiated and unirradiated. They also produced a yellow discoloration of the skin. Irradiation of chemical A13-38276 following application significantly increased the irritant response.

5. CONCLUSION. Technical grade chemicals A13-38274, A13-38276 and A13-38279 produced no greater than mild primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion. The 25 percent (w/v) solutions of these chemicals in 95 percent ethanol which were applied during photolrritation studies, produced mild to moderate primary irritation of the intact skin, without UV irradiation. Chemical A13-38276 produced a photochemical irritant reaction upon irradiation with UV light which was significantly more severe.
than the primary irritation previously noted. Additionally, although these ethanol solutions were colorless, they produced a marked yellow discoloration of the skin upon application. All three chemicals produced moderate injury to the cornea and, in addition, produced some injury to the conjunctiva. These studies were monitored by the Analytical Quality Assurance Office (see Appendix B).

6. RECOMMENDATION. Recommend that chemicals AI3-38274, AI3-38276, and AI3-38279 be disapproved for further testing as candidate insect repellents (under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, para 1b, this report).

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APPENDIX A

TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM
DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES OF COMPOUNDS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ACUTE SKIN APPLICATION

CATEGORY I - Compounds producing no primary irritation of the intact skin or no greater than mild primary irritation of the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: No restriction for acute application to the human skin.)

CATEGORY II - Compounds producing mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used only on human skin found by examination to have no abrasions or may be used as a clothing impregnant.)

CATEGORY III - Compounds producing moderate primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should not be used directly on the skin without a prophetic patch test having been conducted on humans to determine irritation potential to human skin. May be used without patch testing, with extreme caution, as clothing impregnants. Compound should be resubmitted in the form and at the intended use concentration so that its irritation potential can be reexamined using other test techniques on animals.)

CATEGORY IV - Compounds producing moderate to severe primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion and, in addition, producing necrosis, vesiculation, and/or eschars. (INTERPRETATION: Should be resubmitted for testing in the form and at the intended use concentration. Upon resubmission, its irritation potential will be reexamined using other test techniques on animals, prior to possible prophetic patch testing in humans, at concentrations which have been shown not to produce primary irritation in animals.)

CATEGORY V - Compounds impossible to classify because of staining of the skin or other masking effects owing to physical properties of the compound. (INTERPRETATION: Not suitable for use on humans.)

EYE CATEGORIES:

A. Compounds noninjurious to the eye. INTERPRETATION: Irritation of human eyes is not expected if the compound should accidentally get into the eyes, provided it is washed out as soon as possible.

B. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes.

C. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea, and in addition some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes and mucosa.

D. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes.

E. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea, and in addition producing some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes and mucosa.

F. Compounds producing severe injury to the cornea and to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution. It is recommended that use be restricted to areas other than the face.

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APPENDIX B

ANALYTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Analytical Quality Assurance Office certifies the following:

a. These studies were conducted in accordance with:

(1) Standing Operating Procedures developed by the Toxicology Division, USAEHA.

(2) Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 1983 rev, Part 58, Good Laboratory Practice for Nonclinical Laboratory Studies.

(3) Final Rule, Pesticide Programs; Good Laboratory Practice Standards; 48 Federal Register (FR) 53963-539691, 29 November 1983.

b. Facilities were inspected during its operational phase to ensure compliance with paragraph a above.

c. The information presented in this report accurately reflects the raw data generated during the course of conducting these studies.

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