

Table 1: Health Risk Categories and Cancer Risk Values for Chemicals with California Public Health Goals (PHGs)

Chemical	Health Risk Category ¹	California PHG (mg/L) ²	Cancer Risk ³ at the PHG	California MCL ⁴ (mg/L)	Cancer Risk at the California MCL
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0003	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.005	2x10 ⁻⁵ (two per hundred thousand)
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0017	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.005	3x10 ⁻⁶ (three per million)
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11)	accelerated mortality (increase in early death)	1.3	NA	0.15	NA
1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP)	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0000007 (7x10 ⁻⁷)	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.000005 (5x10 ⁻⁶)	7x10 ⁻⁶ (seven per million)
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon 113)	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	4	NA	1.2	NA
Trihalomethanes: Bromodichloromethane	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00006	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.080*	1.3x10 ⁻³ (1.3 per thousand) ¹¹
Trihalomethanes: Bromoform	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0005	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.080*	2x10 ⁻⁴ (two per ten thousand) ¹²

* For total trihalomethanes (the sum of bromodichloromethane, bromoform, chloroform, and dibromochloromethane). There are no MCLs for individual trihalomethanes.

¹¹ Based on 0.080 mg/L bromodichloromethane; the risk will vary with different combinations and ratios of the other trihalomethanes in a particular sample.

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Trihalomethanes: Chloroform	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0004	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.080*	2x10 ⁻⁴ (two per ten thousand) ¹³
Trihalomethanes: Dibromochloromethane	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0001	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.080*	8x10 ⁻⁴ (eight per ten thousand) ¹⁴
Tritium	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	400 pCi/L	1x10 ⁻⁶	20,000 pCi/L	5x10 ⁻⁵ (five per hundred thousand)
Uranium	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.43 pCi/L	1x10 ⁻⁶	20 pCi/L	5x10 ⁻⁵ (five per hundred thousand)
Vinyl chloride	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00005	1x10 ⁻⁶	0.0005	1x10 ⁻⁵ (one per hundred thousand)
Xylene	neurotoxicity (affects the senses, mood, and motor control)	1.8 (single isomer or sum of isomers)	NA	1.75 (single isomer or sum of isomers)	NA

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¹³ Based on 0.080 mg/L chloroform; the risk will vary with different combinations and ratios of the other trihalomethanes in a particular sample.

¹⁴ Based on 0.080 mg/L dibromochloromethane; the risk will vary with different combinations and ratios of the other trihalomethanes in a particular sample.

Table 2: Health Risk Categories and Cancer Risk Values for Chemicals without California Public Health Goals

Chemical	Health Risk Category ¹	US EPA MCLG ² (mg/L)	Cancer Risk ³ at the MCLG	California MCL ⁴ (mg/L)	Cancer Risk at the California MCL
Disinfection byproducts (DBPs)					
Chloramines	acute toxicity (causes irritation) digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach) hematotoxicity (causes anemia)	4 ^{5,6}	NA ⁷	none	NA
Chlorine	acute toxicity (causes irritation) digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach)	4 ^{5,6}	NA	none	NA
Chlorine dioxide	hematotoxicity (causes anemia) neurotoxicity (harms the nervous system)	0.8 ^{5,6}	NA	none	NA
Disinfection byproducts: haloacetic acids (HAA5)					
Monochloroacetic acid (MCA)	general toxicity (causes body and organ weight changes ⁸)	0.07	NA	none	NA

¹ Health risk category based on the US EPA MCLG document or California MCL document unless otherwise specified.

² MCLG = maximum contaminant level goal established by US EPA.

³ Cancer Risk = Upper estimate of excess cancer risk from lifetime exposure. Actual cancer risk may be lower or zero. 1×10^{-6} means one excess cancer case per million people exposed.

⁴ California MCL = maximum contaminant level established by California.

⁵ Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or MRDLG.

⁶ The federal Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL), or highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water, is the same value for this chemical.

⁷ NA = not available.

⁸ Body weight effects are an indicator of general toxicity in animal studies.

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Dichloroacetic acid (DCA)	Carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0	0	none	NA
Trichloroacetic acid (TCA)	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.02	NA	none	NA
Monobromoacetic acid (MBA)	NA	none	NA	none	NA
Dibromoacetic acid (DBA)	NA	none	NA	none	NA
Total haloacetic acids (sum of MCA, DCA, TCA, MBA, and DBA)	general toxicity, hepatotoxicity and carcinogenicity (causes body and organ weight changes, harms the liver and causes cancer)	none	NA	0.06	NA
Radionuclides					
Gross alpha particles ⁹	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0 (²¹⁰ Po included)	0	15 pCi/L ¹⁰ (includes radium but not radon and uranium)	up to 1x10 ⁻³ (for ²¹⁰ Po, the most potent alpha emitter)

⁹ MCLs for gross alpha and beta particles are screening standards for a group of radionuclides. Corresponding PHGs were not developed for gross alpha and beta particles. See the OEHHA memoranda discussing the cancer risks at these MCLs at <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/water/reports/grossab.html>.

¹⁰ pCi/L = picocuries per liter of water.

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Beta particles and photon emitters ⁹	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0 (²¹⁰ Pb included)	0	50 pCi/L (judged equiv. to 4 mrem/yr)	up to 2×10^{-3} (for ²¹⁰ Pb, the most potent beta-emitter)

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