



Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER)

**Working Group meeting on Water Framework Directive:
Technical Guidance for Deriving Environmental Quality Standards**

Meeting date: 14 March 2011 starting at 11.00

B232 room 02/17A – Bruxelles

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomes the participants and communicated the apologies (Jose and Marco by phone).

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Colin declared that he had written a paper on nickel years ago.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE OPINIONS PRESENTED

1. All general issues are to be addressed in a separate document after the adoption of the opinions (application factors, analytical sensitivity, degradation vs. bound-residue formation, etc.).

2. Ethinyl estradiol: Adding an additional factor of 10 is not sufficient to account for the biodiversity. Therefore, the assessment is to be on a case-by-case basis. The opinion was adopted.

3. Beta-estradiol: The opinion was adopted.

4. Aclonifen: The opinion was adopted after the addition of two lines.

5. Anthracene: The opinion was adopted.

6. Cybutryne: The opinion was adopted provided the following modifications are made: a sentence on the justification of AF (AF for long-term is from 1 to 10 and for short-term is 1 to 5). Maybe SCHER should not comment on the size of AF?

7. Cypermetrin: The opinion was adopted.

8. Bifenox: The opinion was adopted after the addition of addition of one sentence.

9. Dioxins: The opinion was adopted provided the following modifications are made: A sentence on the secondary poisoning in fish and other species and an addition of the human-health (HH) considerations by Wolfgang. For water, biological monitoring is to be used as a measuring tool, not chemical analysis.

10. Dichlorvos: The opinion was adopted provided Helen and Wolfgang check on the HH issues and WD sends the reference.

11. Dicofol: The opinion needs the following modifications: shorten the text; check if Kelly et al. is correct; remove the values; rephrase and re-evaluate.

12. Fluorathene: The opinion was adopted provided a re-phrasing of 3.3 is made and Wolfgang checks the HH issues.

13. Naphthalene: To decide for its adoption later. Helen to check if QS derived are based on nominal or measured concentrations.

14. PAHs: The opinion was adopted provided some additional text is included and Wolfgang confirms about the HH issues.

15. PFOS: Pim to check and circulate.

16. HBCDD: The opinion was adopted after one sentence was deleted and another added.

17. Iboprufen: The opinion was adopted.

18. Nickel: To be further discussed by e-mail. If needed, statistical expertise to be applied.

19. Quinoxifen: To be re-considered and re-submitted.

5. TIME TABLE

A teleconference at 13:30 on Friday, 25 March is to finalize the opinions for the SCHER plenary on 30 March. Opinions not ready for the plenary will be adopted via written procedure.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.