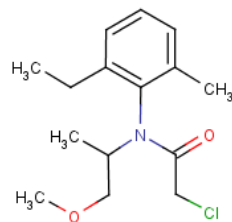




Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water – Water Quality Standards Section

## Metolachlor

CAS: 51218-45-2  
Water Solubility: 530 mg/L  
Log K<sub>ow</sub>: 3.13



### Derived Criteria

Aquatic Life: Where no aquatic life standard is applicable for a chemical substance within General Use waters, acute and chronic criteria may be calculated pursuant to 35 IAC 302.612-630. Aquatic organisms should not be adversely affected providing the four (4) day average concentration of metolachlor does not exceed 30.4 µg/L, and if 380 µg/L is not exceeded at any time.

Human Health: Where no human health standard is applicable for a chemical substance within General Use waters, a Human Threshold Criterion (HTC) or Human Nonthreshold Criterion (HNC) may be calculated pursuant to 35 IAC 302.642-657. Human health should not be adversely affected providing the annual average of metolachlor, based on at least eight samples, does not exceed 3,390 µg/L in waters except as provided in 302.208(d).

### Aquatic Life Calculations

<u>Acute:</u> Tier II, 35 IAC 302.612(c)	<u>Chronic:</u> Tier III, 35 IAC 302.627(c)(5)
AATC = lowest SMAV / 10	CATC = AATC * 2 / 25
AATC = 3,800 µg/L / 10 = <b>380 µg/L</b>	CATC = 760 µg/L / 25 = <b>30.4 µg/L</b>

### Human Health Calculations

HTC: 35 IAC 302.648, BCF based on log K<sub>ow</sub> (35 IAC 302.663(c)), RfD from IRIS

$$\text{ADI} = \text{RfD} \times 70 \text{ kg} = 15 \text{ µg/kg/d} \times 70 \text{ kg} = \mathbf{1,050 \text{ µg/kg/d}}$$

$$HTC = ADI / [W + (F \times BCF)] = 1050 \mu\text{g/kg/d} / [0.01 \text{ L/d} + (0.02 \text{ kg/d} \times 141)] = \mathbf{3,390 \mu\text{g/L}}$$

## Acute Aquatic Toxicity Data

Table 1. Acute toxicity data used in criteria derivation for metolachlor.

Species	LC <sub>50</sub> / EC <sub>50</sub> (μg/L)	Test Type	Duration (hours)	Reference Number	SMAV (μg/L)	GMAV (μg/L)
Water flea <sup>2</sup> <u>Daphnia magna</u>	23,500 13,000	S,U S,U	48 48	1 2	17,470	17,470
Fathead minnow <sup>1</sup> <u>Pimephales promelas</u>	8,000	S,U	96	1	8,000	8,000
Midge <sup>3</sup> <u>Chironomus plumosus</u>	3,800	S,U	48	1	3,800	3,800

302.612(a)(1-4) data requirements

<sup>1</sup> Representatives of two families in the Class Osteichthyes (Bony Fishes)

<sup>2</sup> The family Daphnidae

<sup>3</sup> A benthic aquatic macroinvertebrate

<sup>4</sup> A vascular aquatic plant or a third family in the Phylum Chordata which may also be from the Class Osteichthyes

302.615(f)(1-3) data requirements

<sup>5</sup> A benthic crustacean, unless such was used in requirement 3, in which case an insect must be utilized

<sup>6</sup> A member of a phylum not represented in requirements 1-5

<sup>7</sup> An insect from an order not already represented

## Chronic Aquatic Toxicity Data

Table 2. Chronic toxicity data used in criteria derivation for metolachlor.

Species	Conc. (μg/L)	Test Type	Duration (days)	Endpoint	Effect	Reference Number	ACR
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**Insufficient data for Tier I criterion, criterion derived from acute data**

## **References**

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