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TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM OF CANDIDATE INSECT REPELLENTS,
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROPRIETARY CHEMICALS,
STUDY NUMBERS 75-51-0182-82 thru 75-51-0189-82, 75-51-0192-82,
and 75-51-0242-82

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# Three Preliminary Hazard Evaluations of USDA Proprietary Insect Repellents

Preliminary hazard evaluations of the above candidate insect repellent chemicals were performed by means of laboratory animal studies using rats, rabbits, and guinea pigs. Chemicals A13-3755, A13-3756, A13-3757, A13-3758, A13-3755, A13-3756, A13-3757, and A13-3758 did not cause any skin irritation. Chemical A13-3755 caused mild primary skin irritation. Chemical A13-3757 was noninjurious to the eyes of rabbits. Chemicals A13-3755 and A13-3757 caused mild injury to the cornea and chemicals A13-3756, A13-3757, A13-3758, A13-3759, A13-3757, and A13-3758 caused mild injury to the cornea and, in addition, some injury to the conjunctiva.
All chemicals were relatively nontoxic by ingestion and did not cause photo-irritation or prove to be skin sensitizers. Chemicals AI3-37570 and 37574 demonstrated some skin irritation from ethanol solutions during photoirritation studies. It was recommended that all chemicals be approved for further testing as candidate insect repellents.

A summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations of the inclosed report follows:

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1. AUTHORITY.
   c. 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 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research, Science and Education Administrations, titled, Coordination of Biological and Toxicological Testing of Pesticides, effective 23 January 1979.

2. REFERENCE. Toxicology Division Standing Operating Procedures, US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USAEHA), 1981.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for further entomological testing of the candidate insect repellents: A13-37565, 37566, 37567, 37569, 37570, 37571, 37572, 37574, and 37578, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Proprietary Chemicals.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. Hazard evaluations of the above-named candidate repellents were conducted by this Agency using New Zealand White rabbits for skin and eye studies, Hartley guinea pigs for a skin sensitization study, and Sprague-Dawley rats for determination of oral toxicity. A tabular presentation of animal toxicity data developed in this Agency follows:*†

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* 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) 74-23, 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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<td>Chemicals A13-37565, 37567, 37569, 37570, 37571, 37572, 37574, and 38010 did not cause any irritation of the intact skin or of the skin surrounding an abrasion.</td>
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<td>Chemicals A13-37566 and 37578 produced mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion.</td>
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<td>Single 24-hour application of 0.1 mL technical grade chemical to one eye of each of six New Zealand White rabbits.</td>
<td>Chemical A13-37574 did not cause any irritation to the eyes of rabbits.</td>
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### APPROXIMATE LETHAL DOSE (ALD)

#### Oral

**Rats (male)-no diluent**

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#### PHOTOCHEMICAL SKIN IRRITATION STUDIES

**Rabbits**

A single 0.05 mL application of a 25-percent (w/v) solution of each chemical and a 10-percent (w/v) Oil of Bergamot solution (positive control) in 95 percent ethyl alcohol were applied to the intact skin of six rabbits. Five minutes after application, the rabbits were exposed to UV light (365 nm) for 30 minutes at a distance of 10-15 cm.

A 25-percent solution of each tested chemical in ethanol did not cause a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions and are not expected to cause a photochemical irritation in humans.

All tested chemicals did not cause a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions and are not expected to cause a photochemical irritation in humans.

Ethanol solutions of A13-37570 and 37574 may cause skin irritation in some sensitive individuals. Personnel experiencing this reaction should wash off the solution as soon as possible.
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<td>Positive control application and irradiation caused greater irritant effects than in unirradiated skin areas.</td>
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**SENSITIZATION STUDIES**

**Guinea Pigs (Male)**

Intradermal injections of 0.1 mL of a 0.1-percent solution (w/v) of the tested chemicals or of dinitrochlorobenzene (DNCB)* in a mixture containing 1 volume of propylene glycol and 29 volumes of saline.

Ten test guinea pigs for each chemical were given ten sensitizing doses over a 3-week period. After 2 weeks rest, they were challenged with intradermal (ID) injections of each test chemical.

Challenge doses of the tested chemicals did not produce a sensitization reaction.

The tested chemicals did not produce sensitization reactions under test conditions and are not expected to produce sensitization reactions in man.

Ten positive control guinea pigs were sensitized over 3 weeks with DNCB. After 2 weeks rest, they were challenged with ID injections of DNCB.

Challenge dose of DNCB in positive control guinea pigs produced a marked sensitization reaction in 10 out of 10 guinea pigs.

DNCB produced a marked reaction, indicating the guinea pigs responded to sensitizing agents.

* A known skin sensitizer.
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5. CONCLUSION. Chemicals A13-37565, 37567, 37569, 37570, 37571, 37572, 37574, and 38010 did not cause any skin irritation. Chemicals A13-37566 and 37578 caused mild primary skin irritation. Chemical A13-37574 was noninjurious to the eyes of rabbits. Chemicals A13-37565 and 37572 caused mild injury to the cornea, and chemicals A13-37566, 37567, 37569, 37570, 37571, 37578, and 38010 caused mild injury to the cornea and, in addition, some injury to the conjunctiva. All chemicals were relatively nontoxic by ingestion and did not cause photoirritation or prove to be skin sensitizers. Chemicals A13-37570 and 37574 demonstrated some skin irritation from ethanol solutions during photoirritation studies.

6. RECOMMENDATION. Under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (paragraph 1c), it is recommended that the following USDA proprietary chemicals be approved for further testing as candidate insect repellents: A13-37565, 37566, 37567, 37569, 37570, 37571, 37572, 37574, 37578, and 38010. Ethanol solutions of chemicals A13-37570 and 37574 may cause skin irritation in sensitive individuals and, if experienced, the site should be washed with copious amounts of water.

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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.
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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.
APPENDIX B

ANALYTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Analytical Quality Assurance Office certifies the following with regard to this study:

a. This study was conducted in accordance with:
   (1) Standing Operating Procedures developed by the Toxicology Division, USAEHA, 1981.

b. Facilities were inspected during its operational phase to insure compliance with paragraph 6.

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

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