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**Standard Form 298 (Rev. 8-98)**  
**Prescribed by ANSI Std Z39-18**
• Describe the rationale and logic used to assess health risks associated with chemical contamination on indoor surfaces

• USAPHC developed TG 312 for office environments

• Will not address issues related to collecting a “good” wipe sample
Background and Scope

• Few published health-based wipe sample standard/guidelines

• The development of TG 312 was an evolutionary process over time

• Guide is written in two parts;
  – First part basic concepts/explanation for general preventive medicine community
  – Second part detailed discussion of methodology for health risk assessors
Evolution of Technical Guide 312

- Pesticide residues at military housing
- Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System (JACADS)
- Developed screening levels for construction/demolition workers
- Research laboratory converted to office
- Explosive residues in storage buildings
- Past herbicide research in laboratory
Problem

• Contrast the health risk interpretation:
  - Drinking water
  - Food consumption
  - Surface wipe samples

• Basic EPA Risk Methodology equates health risk to magnitude of chemical intake.

• How to estimate an Average Daily Intake (ADI) from available environmental data?
# EPA Health Risk Fundamentals

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- **ILCR**: Incremental Lifetime Cancer Risk
- **HQ**: Hazard Quotient

**EPA Health Risk Fundamentals**

**Cancer risk**: The risk of developing cancer due to exposure to a chemical.

**Noncancer**: The risk of developing noncancerous health effects due to exposure to a chemical.

**ILCR** = Chemical Intake X Cancer Slope Factor

**HQ** = Chemical Intake Reference Dose
Cancer Example

ILCR = chemical intake × cancer slope factor

**Example:**
A person incidentally ingesting sediment containing arsenic with a calculated intake of 7.23E-08 mg/kg-day

\[
7.23E-08 \text{ mg/kg-d} \times 1.5 \text{ (mg/kg-d)}^{-1} = 1.08E-07
\]
A worker incidentally ingests surface water with a calculated intake of 3.66E-07 (mg/kg/day) of thallium.

\[
HQ = \frac{3.66E-07 \text{ (mg/kg/d)}}{7.00E-05 \text{ (mg/kg/d)}}
\]

\[
HQ = 5.2 \text{ E-03}
\]
Drinking Water Example

- Measure chemical concentration
- Estimate daily water intake
- Concentration x consumption = mg
Food Consumption

Example

- Measure concentration in fish tissue
- Estimate fish consumption
- Concentration $\times$ consumption $= \text{mg}$
Wipe Sample Example

- Assume perfect sampling results of 50ug/100 cm2
- How do we use this surface sampling information to estimate intake?
Sampling Scenario
Child Day Care Center
Sampling Scenario
Locked Mechanical Room
Potential Exposure Pathways

- Direct dermal contact
- Indirect ingestion from “mouthing behavior”
- Inhalation of settled particles resuspended from surface
- Inhalation of semi-volatiles absorbed to surfaces (e.g., laminated, plastic)
**Wipe Sample Interpretation**

**Exposure Assessment**

- **Exposure Route**
  - Inhalation
  - Skin
  - Ingestion

- **EPA Method**
  - Total Intake
  - Estimated Health Risk Level

**Equation**

\[
\text{ADI}_{\text{ing}} = \left( \frac{\text{SA} \times \text{Fd} \times \text{FTss} \times \text{Cs} \times \text{Ff} \times \text{FTsm} \times \text{EVing}}{\text{BW} \times \text{AT}} \right) \times \text{EF} \times \text{ED} \times 10^{-3}
\]
Incidental Ingestion (fingers)

$$\text{PD}_{\text{ingest (fingertips)}} = \left( \text{SA} \cdot F_d \cdot FT_{ss} \cdot C_s \right) \left( F_f \cdot FT_{sm} \right)$$

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<td>PD_{ingest}</td>
<td>Potential ingestion dose (mg/event)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SA</td>
<td>Exposed skin surface area per event (cm$^2$/event)</td>
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<td>Fd</td>
<td>Fraction exposed skin surface area that actually contacts the surface (unitless)</td>
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<tr>
<td>FT_{ss}</td>
<td>Fraction transferred from surface to the skin (unitless)</td>
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<td>Cs</td>
<td>Contaminant surface loading (mg/cm$^2$)</td>
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<tr>
<td>F_f</td>
<td>Fraction exposed skin area that contacts the mouth (unitless)</td>
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<td>FT_{sm}</td>
<td>Fraction substance transferred from the skin to mouth (unitless)</td>
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Wipe Sample Interpretation

Exposure Assessment

Exposure Route

Inhalation

Surface Contamination

Skin

Ingestion

Total Intake

EPA Method

Estimated Health Risk Level

ADI derm = \[ \sum (SA_i \times Fd_i) \times FTss \times Cs \times ABS \times EVderm \times EF \times ED \times 10^{-3} \frac{BW \times AT}{} \]
Wipe Sample Interpretation

Exposure Assessment

**Exposure Route**

- **Inhalation**
  - Surface Contamination
  - Skin
  - Ingestion

**EPA Method**

\[ \text{ADI inh} = \left( \frac{f_{\text{resp}} \times C_s \times 10^4 \times A_s \times R}{V(\lambda_{\text{dep}} \times \lambda_a)} \right) \times \frac{I_{\text{inh}} \times ET \times EF \times ED \times 10^{-3}}{BW \times AT} \]
Wipe Sample Interpretation

Safe Wipe Level Calculation

- **Exposure Route**
  - Surface Contamination
  - Skin
  - Inhalation

- **EPA Method**
  - Total Intake
  - Estimated Health Risk Level

**Safe Health Risk Level**

**Exposure Calculations**

**Safe Surface Wipe Level**
## Wipe Sample Interpretation

### Example Comparisons

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>Source</th>
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<td>DOE</td>
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Department of Energy, 10 CFR Part 850, Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program; Final Rule

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Inhalation of Resuspended Surface Particles

\[ C_{air} = \frac{f_{\text{resp}} \cdot C_s \cdot 10^4 \cdot A_s \cdot R}{V \cdot \lambda_{\text{dep}} + V \cdot \lambda_a} \]

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<td>( C_{air} )</td>
<td>Resuspended air concentration (mg/m(^3))</td>
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<td>Contaminant surface loading (mg/cm(^2))</td>
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<td>( f_{\text{resp}} )</td>
<td>Fraction respirable (unitless)</td>
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<tr>
<td>( 10^4 )</td>
<td>Units conversion, cm(^2) to m(^2)</td>
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<td>( A_s )</td>
<td>Source area (m(^2))</td>
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<td>( V )</td>
<td>Room volume (m(^3))</td>
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<td>( R )</td>
<td>Resuspension rate (1/hr)</td>
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<td>( \lambda_{\text{dep}} )</td>
<td>Deposition loss rate (1/hr)</td>
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<td>( \lambda_a )</td>
<td>Air exchange rate (air changes per hour [ACH])</td>
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Direct Dermal Contact

\[ PD_{\text{dermal}} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} (SA_i \cdot Fd_i) \right] \cdot FT_{\text{ss}} \cdot C_s \]

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<td>Body part in contact with the surface (e.g., hand, forearm)</td>
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