PRIMARY IRRITATION EVALUATION PROGRAM

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### Key Words

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Toxicity  
ENT-35237-Ga  
ENT-35239-Ga  
ENT-35240-Ga  
N,N-dipropyldecanamide  
N-propyl-l-butanesulfonamide  
N-butyl-l-butanesulfonamide  
Primary irritation  
Eye irritation study  
Skin irritation study
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1. REFERENCES.


2. PURPOSE. This report classifies the candidate repellents listed according to the categories described in the Appendix as determined by a study of their effects on the skin and eyes of rabbits. The information contained in this report is intended only for guidance in further entomological testing of the compounds and does not constitute approval for testing on human volunteers.

3. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. The categories assigned to the test compounds are based upon their ability to cause primary irritation of the skin
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or eyes of New Zealand white rabbits. The following compounds are classified according to the categories listed and defined in the Appendix:

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<th>Study No.</th>
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<th>Physical State of Chemical Compound</th>
<th>PIEP Categories</th>
<th>Compound Chemical Name or Other Identification</th>
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<tr>
<td>51-001-73</td>
<td>35237-Ga</td>
<td>Clear liquid</td>
<td>IV</td>
<td>N,N-dipropyljodecanamide</td>
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<td>51-002-73</td>
<td>35239-Ga</td>
<td>White, crystalline solid</td>
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<td>N-propyl-1-butanesulfonamide</td>
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4. RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommendations pertaining to each compound studied can be found in the Appendix by referring to its primary irritation evaluation program category. Those compounds found to be irritating to the eyes should be resubmitted in the form and at the concentration of their intended use so that their irritation potential can be reexamined.

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APPENDIX

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DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES OF COMPOUNDS BEING

CONSIDERED FOR ACUTE APPLICATIONS

CATEGORY I - (Formerly Categories I and II) - 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).

Except when specifically requested for individual compounds, the
following Eye Injury Categories A through F, are determined only for
those compounds which are in Category I.

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).

C. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea and, in addition
some injury to the conjunctiva. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used with
cautions 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 con-
junctiva. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution. It
is recommended that use be restricted to areas other than the face).

CATEGORY II - (Formerly Category III) - 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. However,
if the compound might come in contact with abraded skin, a prophetic
patch test should be conducted on human skin to determine primary
irritation potential).