Screening Assessment for the Challenge

Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis- (Disperse Brown 1)

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23355-64-8

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Synopsis

Pursuant to section 74 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999), the Ministers of the Environment and of Health have conducted a screening assessment on ethanol, 2,2′-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis- (Disperse Brown 1), Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number 23355-64-8. This substance was identified as a high priority for screening assessment and included in the Challenge because it had been found to meet the ecological categorization criteria for persistence, bioaccumulation potential and inherent toxicity to non-human organisms and is believed to be in commerce in Canada.

The substance Disperse Brown 1 was not considered to be a high priority for assessment of potential risks to human health, based upon application of the simple exposure and hazard tools developed by Health Canada for categorization of substances on the *Domestic Substances List*. Therefore, this assessment focuses on information relevant to the evaluation of ecological risks.

Disperse Brown 1 is an organic substance that was previously used in Canada and elsewhere as a colorant dye mainly in textiles and fabric. The substance is not naturally produced in the environment. No manufacturing, importation or use of this substance was reported for 2006. However the threshold of 100kg was used throughout this screening assessment to capture the maximum potential mass of this substance in use in Canada.

Based on reported use patterns for other disperse azo dyes used in the textile sector and certain assumptions, most of the substance is expected to end up in solid waste disposal sites. A significant proportion is, however, estimated to be released to sewer water (14.8%), Disperse Brown 1 is not expected to be soluble in water or to be volatile, but is expected to partition to particles because of its hydrophobic nature. For these reasons, after release to water, Disperse Brown 1 will likely end up mostly in sediments, and to a lesser extent, in agricultural soil that has been amended with sewage sludge. It is not expected to be significantly present in other media. It is also not expected to be subject to long-range atmospheric transport.

Based on its physical and chemical properties, Disperse Brown 1 is expected to be persistent in the environment (in water, sediment and soil). However, new experimental data relating to the bioaccumulation potential of a close structural analogue of Disperse Brown 1 suggest that this dye has a low potential to accumulate in the lipid tissues of organisms. The substance therefore meets the persistence criteria but does not meet the bioaccumulation criteria as set out in the *Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations*. In addition, experimental toxicity data for a chemical analogue suggest that the substance does not harm aquatic organisms exposed to low concentrations.

For this screening assessment, two conservative exposure scenarios were selected in which an industrial operation (user of the dye) and consumer use of products containing

this substance resulted in discharges of Disperse Brown 1 into the aquatic environment. The predicted environmental concentrations in water were below the predicted no-effect concentration calculated for sensitive aquatic organisms.

This substance will be included in the upcoming *Domestic Substances List* inventory update initiative. In addition and where relevant, research and monitoring will support verification of assumptions used during the screening assessment.

Based on the information available, it is concluded that Disperse Brown 1 does not meet any of the criteria set out in section 64 of CEPA 1999.

Introduction

The *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999) (Canada 1999) requires the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health to conduct screening assessments of substances that have met the categorization criteria set out in the Act to determine whether these substances present or may present a risk to the environment or human health. Based on the results of a screening assessment, the Ministers can propose to take no further action with respect to the substance, to add the substance to the Priority Substances List (PSL) for further assessment, or to recommend that the substance be added to the List of Toxic Substances in Schedule 1 of the Act and, where applicable, the implementation of virtual elimination.

Based on the information obtained through the categorization process, the Ministers identified a number of substances as high priorities for action. These include substances that

- met all of the ecological categorization criteria, including persistence (P), bioaccumulation potential (B) and inherent toxicity to aquatic organisms (iT), and were believed to be in commerce in Canada; and/or
- met the categorization criteria for greatest potential for exposure (GPE) or presented an intermediate potential for exposure (IPE), and had been identified as posing a high hazard to human health based on classifications by other national or international agencies for carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, developmental toxicity or reproductive toxicity.

The Ministers therefore published a notice of intent in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on December 9, 2006 (Canada 2006a), that challenged industry and other interested stakeholders to submit, within specified timelines, specific information that may be used to inform risk assessment, and to develop and benchmark best practices for the risk management and product stewardship of these substances identified as high priorities.

The substance Disperse Brown 1 was identified as a high priority for assessment of ecological risk as it had been found to be persistent, bioaccumulative and inherently toxic to aquatic organisms and is believed to be in commerce in Canada. The Challenge for this substance was published in the *Canada Gazette* on February 16, 2008 (Canada 2008). A substance profile was released at the same time. The substance profile presented the technical information available prior to December 2005 that formed the basis for categorization of this substance. As a result of the Challenge, submissions of information pertaining to the bioaccumulation and toxicity (as analogues) of the substance were received.

Although Disperse Brown 1 was determined to be a high priority for assessment with respect to the environment, it did not meet the criteria for GPE or IPE, and was not identified as posing a high hazard to human health based on classifications by other national or international agencies for carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, developmental

toxicity or reproductive toxicity. Therefore, this assessment focuses principally on information relevant to the evaluation of ecological risks.

Screening assessments under CEPA 1999 focus on information critical to determining whether a substance meets the criteria for defining a chemical as toxic as set out in section 64 of the Act, where

> "64. [...] a substance is toxic if it is entering or may enter the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions that
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> (*a*) have or may have an immediate or long-term harmful effect on the environment or its biological diversity;
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> (*b*) constitute or may constitute a danger to the environment on which life depends; or
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> (*c*) constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health."

Screening assessments examine scientific information and develop conclusions by applying a weight of evidence approach and precaution.

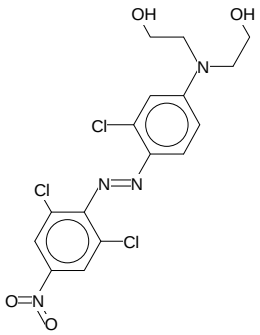
This screening assessment considers any new information on chemical properties, hazards, uses and exposure submitted under the Challenge. Data relevant to the screening assessment of this substance were identified in original literature, review documents, stakeholder research reports and from recent literature searches up to October 2008. Key studies were critically evaluated and generally only results from studies of good quality were used to reach conclusions, although other studies and modelling results may have been considered as part of the weight of evidence. When available and relevant, information presented in hazard assessments from other jurisdictions was also used. The screening assessment does not represent an exhaustive or critical review of all available data. Rather, it presents the most critical studies and lines of evidence pertinent to the conclusion.

This screening assessment was prepared by staff in the Existing Substances Program at Health Canada and Environment Canada and it incorporates input from other programs within these departments. The assessment has undergone external written peer review. While external comments were taken into consideration, the final content and outcome of the screening risk assessment remain the responsibility of Health Canada and Environment Canada. Additionally, the draft of this screening assessment was subject to a 60-day public comment period. The critical information and considerations upon which the assessment is based are summarized below.

Substance Identity

For the purposes of this document, the substance Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo] phenyl]imino]bis will be referred to as Disperse Brown 1. Information on substance identity is included in Table 1.

Table 1. Substance Identity

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CAS RN)	**23355-64-8**
DSL name	**Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo] phenyl]imino]bis-**
Inventory names[1]	*Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-* (TSCA, DSL, PICCS, ASIA-PAC) *2,2'-[[3-Chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bisethanol* (DSL, EINECS) *Disperse Brown 1* (ENCS) *Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-* (AICS) *C.I. disperse brown 001* (ECL) *C.I. DISPERSE BROWN 1* (PICCS)
Other names	*C.I. 11152; C.I. Disperse Orange 46; Dianix Red Brown S* *Disperse Brown 3R; Disperse Orange 46* *Ethanol, 2,2'-[[3-chloro-4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl] imino]di-;Foron Brown S 3R; Kayalon Polyester Brown GR-SE* *Serilene Red Brown R-FS; Serilene Red Brown R-FS 150* *Sodyecron Orange S-SLS; Terasil Brown 3R* *Tulasteron Fast Brown 3R-D*
Chemical group	Discrete organics
Chemical sub-group	Azo dye; azophenyls
Chemical formula	$C_{16}H_{15}Cl_3N_4O_4$
Chemical structure	
SMILES [2]	N(=O)(=O)c(cc(c(N=Nc(c(cc(N(CCO)CCO)c1)Cl)c1)c2Cl)Cl)c2
Molecular mass	433.68g/mol

[1] NCI 2006: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances); ASIA-PAC (Asia-Pacific Substances Lists); ECL (Korean Existing Chemicals List); EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Chemical, *PICCS (Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances); TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical), ENCS (Existing and New Chemical Substances);*

[2] **Simplified Molecular Line Input Entry System**

Physical and Chemical Properties

Few experimental data are available for Disperse Brown 1. At the Environment Canada-sponsored Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) Workshop in 1999 (Environment Canada 2000), modelling experts identified many structural classes of pigment and dyes as "difficult to model" using QSARs. The physical and chemical properties of many of the structural classes of dyes and pigments (including acid and disperse dyes) are not amenable to model prediction because they are considered "out of the model domain of applicability" (e.g., structural and/or property parameter domains). Therefore, the domains of applicability of QSAR models to dyes and pigments are evaluated to determine the potential utility of the model on a case-by-case basis. It is generally considered inappropriate to use QSAR models to predict the physical and chemical properties of Disperse Brown 1. Consequently, a number of analogues were identified and "read-across" data has been used to determine the approximate physical and chemical properties in Table 2. These properties were subsequently used for further modeling and lines of evidence in this assessment.

An analogue is a chemical which is structurally similar to the substance under assessment and is therefore expected to have similar physical-chemical properties, behaviour in the environment and/or toxicity. Where there are experimental data for a given parameter for an analogue substance, these can be used directly or with adjustment as an estimate of that parameter value for the substance under assessment.

In order to find acceptable analogues, a review of data for several disperse azo dyes was performed (Anliker *et al*. 1981, Anliker and Moser 1987, Baughman and Perenich 1988, ETAD 1995, Brown 1992, Yen *et al*. 1989, Sijm *et al*. 1999). These compounds have structural similarities to Disperse Brown 1 but also share other important attributes that contribute to their suitability as analogues. This includes properties affecting their fate in the environment such as high molecular weights (generally >300 g/mol), similar cross sectional diameters (1.37 – 2.05 nm), solid particulate structures, decomposition at greater than 74 ^{o}C (to 240 ^{o}C), and "dispersibility" in water (i.e. not truly soluble). The presence of the ethanolamine grouping on the azo dye is meant to increase the dispersibility in water (Bomberger and Boughton 1984). In addition, they have limited solubility in n-octanol, a negligible vapour pressure and are stable under environmental conditions as they are designed to be so.

Table 2 contains analogue as well as read-across experimental and modelled physical-chemical properties of Disperse Brown 1 that are relevant to its environmental fate. No experimental values were found for Disperse Brown 1.

Table 2. Physical and chemical properties for Disperse Brown 1 and relevant chemical analogues.

Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
Melting point[2] (°C)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	157		PhysProp 2006
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	117 to 175, 74 to 236		Anliker and Moser 1987, Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Analogue Disperse Blue 79:1	132 to 153		Sijm et al. 1999; Yen et al. 1989
Boiling point[3] (°C)	Not Applicable			
Density (kg/m^3)	Not Available			
Vapour pressure (Pa)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	$4.53x10^{-7}$		Clariant 1996
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	$5.33 \times (10^{-12}$ to $10^{-5})$ ($4x10^{-14}$ to 4×10^{-7} mm Hg)	25	Baughman and Perenich 1988
Henry's Law constant ($Pa \cdot m^3/mol$)	Read-across[4]	10^{-8} to 10^{-1} (10^{-13} to 10^{-6} $atm \cdot m^3/mol$)		Baughman and Perenich 1988
Log K_{ow} (Octanol-water partition coefficient) (dimensionless)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	4.1, 4.4		Clariant 1996, Brown 1992
	Analogue Disperse Blue 79:1	4.44, 4.8		Sijm *et al*. 1999, Yen *et al*. 1989

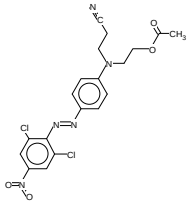
Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	1.79 to 5.1		Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	>2 -5.1		Anliker *et al.* 1981; Anliker and Moser 1987
	Analogue Disperse Orange 30	4.2		Brown 1992
Log K_{oc} (Organic carbon partition coefficient) (dimensionless)	Read-across, calculated[5]	3.4 to 4.2		Baughman and Perenich 1988
Water solubility (mg/L)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	0.0054, 0.02, 0.000938	15-25	Clariant 1996, Brown 1992, Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	<0.01		Anliker and Moser 1987
		1.2×10^{-5} to 35.5 (4×10^{-11} to 1.8×10^{-4} mol/L)		Baughman and Perenich 1988
		substantially water insoluble		ETAD 1995
	Analogue Disperse Blue 79:1	0.0052	25	Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Analogue Disperse Orange 30	0.07		Brown 1992

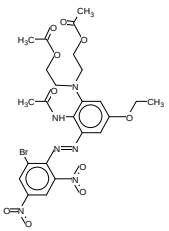
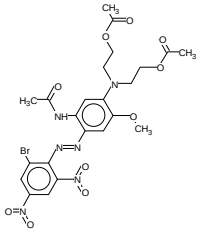
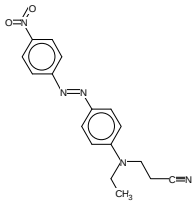
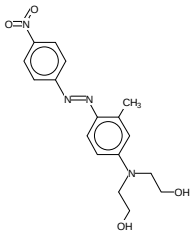
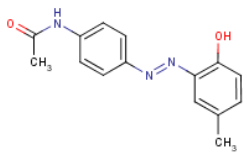
Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
n-octanol solubility (mg/L)	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	81-2100	20	Anliker and Moser 1987
pK_a (Acid dissociation constant) (dimensionless)	Modelled	14.2 for acid form 0.45 for basic form		ACD/pK_aDB 2005

[1] These extrapolated values used for Disperse Brown 1 are based on evidence on disperse dyes submitted to Environment Canada under the New Substance Notification Regulations (ETAD 1995) and available evidence from other disperse dye analogues found in literature.
[2] The phrase melting point is used but this may be better referred to as a decomposition point because disperse dyes are known to char at high temperatures (greater than 200°C) rather than melt.
[3] Boiling point is generally not applicable for disperse dyes. For powder dyes, charring or decomposition occurs at high temperatures instead of boiling. For liquids and pastes, boiling will only occur for the solvent component while the unevaporated solid will decompose or char (ETAD 1995).
[4] Solubilities of several disperse dyes at 25 and 80°C were used by Baughman and Perenich (1988) to calculate Henry's Law constants for these dyes. These values are presented here as a range to illustrate the expected Henry's Law constant for Disperse Brown 1.
[5] Log K_{oc} values are based on calculations by Baughman and Perenich (1988) using a range of measured solubilities for commercial dyes and an assumed melting point of 200°C.

Structural disperse azo analogues to Disperse Brown 1 are presented in Table 3a below. Certain physical and chemical properties (see Table 2), empirical bioaccumulation data (Table 6) and empirical toxicity data (see Table 7) of these analogues were used in support of the weight of evidence and proposed decisions in this SAR. Specifically, data were obtained for the structural analogues: Disperse Orange 30, Disperse Blue 79, Disperse Blue 79:1, Disperse Orange 25, Disperse Red 17 and Disperse Yellow3 (Table 3a).

Table 3a. Structural analogues for Disperse Brown 1.

	CAS RN	Common Name	DSL name[1]	Structure of analogue	Available empirical data
i	5261-31-4	Disperse Orange 30	Propanenitrile, 3-[[2-(acetyloxy)ethyl][4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]amino]-		Bioaccumulation, log k_{ow}, water solubility

ii	12239-34-8	Disperse Blue 79	Acetamide, N-[5-[bis[2-(acetyloxy)ethyl]amino]-2-[(2-bromo-4,6-dinitrophenyl)azo]-4-ethoxyphenyl]-		Melting point, vapour pressure, log k_{ow}, water solubility, aquatic toxicity
iii	3618-72-2	Disperse Blue 79:1	Acetamide, N-[5-[bis[2-(acetyloxy)ethyl] amino]-2-[(2-bromo-4,6-dinitrophenyl)azo]-4-methoxyphenyl]-		Melting point, log $K_{ow,}$ water solubility, aquatic toxicity
iv	31482-56-1	Disperse Orange 25	3-(Ethyl(4-((4-nitrophenyl)azo)phenyl) amino)propanenitrile		Aquatic toxicity
v	3179-89-3	Disperse Red 17	Ethanol, 2,2'-((3-methyl-4-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)diazenyl)phenyl)imino)bis-		Aquatic toxicity
vi	2832-40-8	Disperse Yellow 3	4-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenylazo)acetanilide		Aquatic toxicity

It should be noted that there are several uncertainties associated with the use of physical and chemical-toxicological and bioaccumulation data available for the substances presented in Table 3aAll these substances belong to the same chemical class (disperse azo dyes, with their characteristic azo bond) and are used for similar industrial purposes However, there are differences between these substances associated with their unique functional groups (see Table 3b below) and, for some, their molecular size (especially for Disperse Orange 25 and Disperse Red 17). As a result, these analogues have empirical water solubilities that range over four orders of magnitude from 10^{-5} to 0.07 mg/L. Due to this variability, caution should be exercised when applying analogue values to

Disperse Brown 1. Clearly it would be preferable to utilise empirical data – which are available from the Brown (1992) study for water solubility and log K_{ow} specific to the substance Disperse Brown 1 which presently do not exist. However the analogue data presented can be considered as part of the weight of evidence of this substance.

Table 3b. Comparisons of structural analogues with Disperse Brown 1.

	CAS RN	Common Name	Molecular mass (g/mol	% structure similar[1]	Minimum-maximum cross-sectional diameter (nm)[2]
i	5261-31-4	Disperse Orange 30	450.28	77.84	1.75-1.98
ii	3179-89-3	Disperse Red 17	344.36	73.12	1.41-1.86
iii	12239-34-8	Disperse Blue 79	639.42	67.6	1.69-2.045
iv	3618-72-2	Disperse Blue 79:1	625.39	66.18	1.42-2.03
v	31482-56-1	Disperse Orange 25	323.35	N/A	1.37-1.95
vi	2832-40-8	Disperse Yellow3	269.31	NA	1.59-1.70

[1] From ChemID Plus 2008 – an online chemical dictionary and structure database maintained by the National Library of Medicine. NA indicates no information available in the database.

[2] CPOP (2008)

Sources

Disperse Brown 1 is not naturally produced in the environment.

Recent information was collected through industry surveys conducted for the years 2005 and 2006 under Canada Gazette Notices issued pursuant to section 71 of CEPA 1999 (Canada 2006b and 2008). These Notices required submission of data on the Canadian manufacture and import of the substance. For 2006, data were also required on use quantities of Disperse Brown 1.

In 2006, no companies reported importing or manufacturing Disperse Brown 1 above the prescribed reporting threshold of 100 kg/year in Canada. No companies reported using a total quantity greater than 1000 kg of the substance, whether alone, in a mixture, in a product or in a manufactured item, at any concentration in 2006. In the Declaration of Stakeholder-Interest form associated with the section 71 survey for 2006, one company reported a stakeholder interest in this substance despite not meeting mandatory reporting requirements (Canada 2008).

In 2005, no companies reported manufacturing or importing Disperse Brown 1 in quantities above the prescribed reporting threshold of 100 kg/year. However, two companies identified themselves as having a stakeholder interest in the substance (Canada 2006b).

The quantity reported during development of the Domestic Substances List (DSL) to be manufactured, imported or in commerce in Canada during the calendar year 1986 was 22100 kg (Environment Canada 1988). There were five notifiers.

In the European Union (EU), Disperse Brown 1 is a low production volume chemical indicating that production within the EU is estimated to be between 10 and 1000 tonnes per year (ESIS 2006). The production volume of Disperse Brown 1 in the United States was between 10000 and 500000 pounds/year in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002 (US EPA 2005). According to the Substances in Preparations in Nordic Countries (SPIN) database, Disperse Brown 1 was also used in Sweden from 1999 to 2004 (SPIN 2008).

No manufacturing, importation or use of this substance was reported for 2006. However the s.71 reporting threshold (i.e., 100kg) was used throughout this screening assessment to capture the maximum potential mass of this substance in use in Canada that would not otherwise be subject to reporting.

Uses

No recent information on the use of this substance in Canada has been identified. The following DSL use codes were identified for the substance during the DSL nomination (1984-1986): “Colourant - pigment/stain/dye/ink” and “Textile, Primary Manufacture” (Environment Canada 1988).

The following information on potential uses of Disperse Brown 1 was identified from a review of the available scientific and technical information. According to Chudgar and Oakes (2003), Disperse Brown 1 is the only disperse brown of commercial importance. Disperse Brown 1 is used in the textile industry, has good colour fastness and dispersion properties and is suitable for dyeing polyester and polyester blend fabrics (CII 2002). However, use of this substance in textiles is forbidden by companies wishing to comply with the Oeko-Tex Standard 100, a safety standard indicating textile products are harmless for health, because Disperse Brown 1 is a suspected allergen (Oeko-Tex 2008). In Europe, Disperse Brown 1 was previously used in hair dye; however, this use was banned on August 29, 2007 because of insufficient evidence that the use of Disperse Brown 1 in cosmetics is safe for human health (European Union 2008; European Commission 2006). Disperse Brown 1 is also used in a product for tinting eyeglass lenses (BPI 2008).

Releases to the Environment

Mass Flow Tool

To estimate potential releases of the substance to the environment at different stages of its life cycle, the Mass Flow Tool was developed (Environment Canada 2008a). Empirical data concerning releases of specific substances to the environment are seldom available. Therefore, for each identified type of use of the substance, the proportion and quantity of release to the different environmental media are estimated, as are the proportion of the substance chemically transformed or sent for waste disposal. Unless specific information on the rate or potential for release of the substance from landfills and incinerators is available, the Mass Flow Tool does not quantitatively account for releases to the environment from disposal.

Assumptions and input parameters used in making the release estimates are based on information obtained from a variety of sources including responses to regulatory surveys, Statistics Canada, manufacturers' websites and technical databases and documents. Of particular relevance are emission factors, which are generally expressed as the fraction of a substance released to the environment, particularly during its manufacture, processing, and use associated with industrial processes. Sources of such information include emission scenario documents, often developed under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and default assumptions used by different international chemical regulatory agencies. It is noted that the level of uncertainty in the mass of substance and quantity released to the environment generally increases towards the end of the life-cycle.

The Mass Flow Tool result for other in-commerce disperse azo dyes was used in this document to estimate the fraction of Disperse Brown 1 being released to the environment, since Disperse Brown 1 is structurally similar to other disperse azo dyes and their use patterns are also similar (textiles).

Based on Statistics Canada information and an analysis by Industry Canada (2008), it is proposed that disperse azo dyes may be imported in manufactured articles. A ratio of textiles manufactured in Canada / imported textiles of 30/70 has been use to estimate the amount of dye imported in textiles (Environment Canada 2008b. This import quantity was included in the Mass Flow Tool calculations.

Table 4. Estimated releases and losses of disperse azo dyes to environmental media, chemical transformation and transfers to waste disposal sites, based on the Mass Flow Tool.

Fate	Proportion of the mass (%)[1]	Major life cycle stage involved[2]
Releases to receiving media:		
To soil	0.0	n/a[3]
To air	0.0	n/a

To sewer[4]	14.8	Formulation, consumer use
Chemically transformed	0.0	n/a
Transferred to waste disposal sites (e.g., landfill, incineration)	85.2	Formulation, waste disposal

[1] For disperse azo dyes, information from the following OECD emission scenario documents was used to estimate releases to the environment and distribution of the substance as summarized in this table: OECD 2004, 2007. Values presented for release to environmental media do not account for possible mitigation measures that may be in place in some locations (e.g., partial removal by sewage treatment plants). Specific assumptions used in derivation of these estimates are summarized in Environment Canada 2008b.
[2] Applicable stage(s): production-formulation-industrial use-consumer use-service life of article/product-waste disposal.
[3] Not applicable
[4] Wastewater before any form of treatment

Results indicate that Disperse Brown 1 can be expected to be found largely in waste management sites (85.2%), due to the eventual disposal of manufactured items containing it. Mass Flow Tool calculations do not quantitatively account for releases of the substance to the environment from waste disposal sites (such as landfills, incinerators) unless specific information on the rate or potential for release is available. No such information has been identified for Disperse Brown 1. A small fraction of solid waste is incinerated which is expected to result in transformation of the substance. Based largely on information contained in OECD emission scenario documents for processing and uses associated with this type of substance, it is estimated that 14.8% of Disperse Brown 1 may be released to sewers.

Based on the above, sewer water is the medium receiving the greatest proportion of Disperse Brown 1 emitted during product processing and use. It is anticipated that the majority of the substance bound in products will be sent to landfills for disposal.

Environmental Fate

As indicated by the results of the Mass Flow Tool (Table 4), the substance Disperse Brown 1 is expected to be released to waste water effluents during industrial processing and use. The moderate log K_{ow} (4.2) and high log K_{oc} (read-across: 3.4 to 4.2) values (see Table 2) indicate that this substance may have affinity for solids. However, the log K_{oc} is a calculated value (see footnote 3 below Table 2) and the adsorption potential of solid particulate dye structures is generally not well understood, therefore the degree of adsorption of Disperse Brown 1 is uncertain.

Disperse Brown 1 is expected to be mostly found in sediment or soil, and is not expected to be subject to long-range atmospheric transport.

Disperse Brown 1 does not biodegrade fast (see Table 5 below). It may inadvertently be applied to agricultural soils and pasture lands in Canada as a component of biosludge which is commonly used for soil enrichment. Moreover, it may also be released from coloured textiles deposited in landfills.

In solution, Disperse Brown 1 can behave either as an acid or as a base. With an estimated pK_a for the acid of 14.2 and for the base of 0.45 (see Table 2), dissolved forms of Disperse Brown 1 are not expected to ionize in water at environmentally relevant pHs. Since disperse dye analogues have shown limited water solubility (see Table 2), Disperse Brown 1 is expected to be only sparingly soluble and behave as a colloidal dispersion (Yen et al. 1991). Because of its low solubility, when released into water, this substance is expected to sink eventually to bed sediments where it is expected to behave as a particle rather than a soluble organic chemical. It has been concluded by Yen at al. (1989) that disperse dyes tend to accumulate extensively in sediments and biota unless they are degraded at rates comparable to uptake. Razo-Flores *et al.* (1997) have stated that due to the recalcitrant nature of azo dyes in the aerobic environment, they eventually end up in anaerobic sediments, shallow aquifers and in groundwater. Yen et al. (1991) observed that some azobenzene dye analogues were transformed under anaerobic conditions in sediment via hydrolysis and reduction, and concluded that most azo dyes would likely not persist in anaerobic sediment systems. In buried sediment Disperse Brown 1 may undergo anaerobic degradation, as described in the following section on Persistence.

The rate of volatilization from water is proportional to the Henry's law constant (Baughman and Perenich 1988). The low to negligible Henry's Law constant (10^{-8} to 10^{-1} (10^{-8} to 10^{-1} $Pa \cdot m^3/mol$, read-across data in Table 2) and the low to negligible vapour pressure ($5.33 \times (10^{-12}$ to $10^{-5})$ Pa, read-across data in Table 2) indicate that Disperse Brown 1 is essentially non-volatile. Therefore, volatilization is not likely to be an important transport pathway for the loss of this substance from moist and dry soil surfaces nor from aquatic compartments. Baughman and Perenich (1988) also state that volatilization will not be an important transport pathway for the loss of disperse dye from aquatic systems. This behaviour is consistent with the physical state (solid particle) of Disperse Brown 1 which does not make it a likely candidate for volatilization.

Persistence and Bioaccumulation Potential

Persistence

No experimental biological degradation data for Disperse Brown 1 have been identified. According to the Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments Manufacturers, with some exceptions, dyes are considered essentially non-biodegradable under aerobic conditions (ETAD 1995). Repeated evaluation of ready and inherent biodegradability using accepted screening tests (see OECD Guidelines for Testing Chemicals) have confirmed this speculation based on other chemicals (Pagga and Brown 1986; ETAD 1992). Based on the chemical structure of Disperse Brown 1, there is no reason to suspect that biodegradation will be other than that described for dyes (ETAD

1995). As described below, modelled data in Table 5 support this assumption of non-degradability.

Some disperse azo dyes have been shown to undergo relatively rapid anaerobic degradation in sediment at depth where anoxic conditions persist (Yen *et al.* 1991, Baughman and Weber 1994, Weber and Adams 1995). Disperse dyes enter the aquatic system mostly as a dispersion of fine suspended particles, eventually settling to the aerobic layers of surface sediment where they will persist until sediment burial creates reducing conditions. The rate of sediment deposition and the extent of bioturbation varies from site to site and thus it is very difficult to ascertain the residence time of dyes in aerobic sediment layers. It is likely however, that in many cases this is greater than 365 days. Once under anaerobic or reducing conditions, azo dyes may undergo rapid degradation to substituted aromatic amine constituents as demonstrated by Yen *et al*. (1991) who measured reduction half-life values in compacted sediments at room temperature of 2.9 hours to 2.0 days for azobenzene dyes (CAS 68133-69-7).. However, in deep anoxic sediment, these biodegradation transformation products are not expected to present a high degree of exposure potential to most aquatic organisms, and therefore they are not likely to present an ecological concern.

Since no experimental biodegradation data are available for Disperse Brown 1, a QSAR-based weight-of-evidence approach (Environment Canada 2007) was applied using the degradation models shown in Table 5 below. Although the expected release of Disperse Brown 1 will be to wastewater, its residence time in the water column may be short before finally sinking to the sediment bed due to its low solubility and behaviour as a colloidal dispersion. However, given the lack of data regarding this issue, persistence was primarily examined using predictive QSAR models for biodegradation in water. The following analysis applies primarily to the portion of this substance that is present in the environment in the dissolved form, recognizing that a significant proportion would also likely exist in dispersed form as solid particles. Disperse Brown 1 does not contain functional groups expected to undergo hydrolysis in aerobic environments as dyes are designed to be stable in aqueous conditions.

Table 5. Modelled data for biodegradation of Disperse Brown 1

Model	Model Basis	Medium	Value	Interpretation	Extrapolated half-life (days)	Extrapolation Reference and/or Source
BIOWIN1* v4.1 (2000)	Linear probability	water (aerobic)	-0.441	Does not biodegrade fast	n/a	
BIOWIN2* v4.1 (2000)	Non-linear probability	water (aerobic)	0.00	Does not biodegrade fast	n/a	
BIOWIN3* v4.1 (2000)	Expert Survey (ultimate biodegradation)	water (aerobic)	1.21	Recalcitrant	180	US EPA 2002
BIOWIN4* v4.1 (2000)	Expert Survey (primary biodegradation)	water (aerobic)	2.53	Weeks-months	37.5	US EPA 2002
BIOWIN5*		water	-0.317	Does not		

v4.1 (2000)	MITI linear probability	(aerobic)		biodegrade fast	n/a	
BIOWIN6* v4.1 (2000)	MITI non-linear probability	water (aerobic)	0.00	Does not biodegrade fast	n/a	
BIOWIN Overall Conclusion[1]	BIOWIN 3 + BIOWIN 5	water (aerobic)	no	Not readily biodegradable	n/a	
CATABOL v. 5.100	% BOD (OECD 301C)	water (aerobic)	0	Persistent (<20%)	> 182	Aronson *et al.* 2006

*BIOWIN 1−6 are outputs obtained from the predictive model BIOWIN (2000). BIOWIN estimates aerobic biodegradability of organic chemicals using six different models.
[1] Based on outcome of BIOWIN 3 and BIOWIN 5.

The results from Table 5 show that the majority of the probability models (BIOWIN 1, 2, 5, 6) suggest this substance does not biodegrade rapidly. In fact, all probability results are less than 0.3, the cut-off suggested by Aronson *et al.* (2006) identifying substances as having a half-life >60 days (based on the MITI probability models). The half-life from the primary survey model (BIOWIN 4) result of weeks-months is suggested to mean approximately 37.5 days (US EPA 2002, Aronson *et al.* 2006); however, the nature of the degradation products is unknown. The ultimate survey model (BIOWIN 3) result of recalcitrant is suggested to mean 180 days by the US EPA 2002, Aronson *et al.* 2006).. The overall conclusion from BIOWIN (2000) is that this substance is not readily biodegradable.

CATABOL (c2004−2008) predicted 0 % biodegradation based on the OECD 301 readily biodegradation test (%BOD) which has been suggested as meaning likely persistent (Aronson and Howard 1999) and having a half-life in water of >182 days.

When the results of the probability models, the overall BIOWIN conclusion and ultimate degradation models are considered, there is model consensus suggesting that the half-life in water is >182 days, which is consistent with what would be expected for a chemical used as a disperse dye (i.e., manufactured to be relatively insoluble and durable). Using a ratio of 1:1:4 for a water:soil:sediment half-life extrapolation (Boethling 1995), the half-life in soil should be >182 days and the half-life in aerobic sediments should be >365 days.

Based on the results of predictive modelling (principally for ultimate degradation) and on expert judgement (ETAD 1995), Disperse Brown 1 meets the persistence criteria for water and soil (half life in soil and water ≥ 182 days) as well as sediments (half life in sediments ≥ 365 days) as set out in the *Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations* (Canada 2000).

Potential for Bioaccumulation

No experimental bioaccumulation data are available for Disperse Brown 1. Since azo dyes fall outside the domains of applicability for available bioaccumulation models, predictions from such models are considered unreliable for this group of substances. As a result, in this assessment, bioaccumulation modelling has not been used to evaluate the bioaccumulation status of Disperse Brown 1.

In the absence of experimental and modelled data for Disperse Brown 1 itself, bioconcentration (BCF) and bioaccumulation (BAF) factors for structural analogues were used to estimate Disperse Brown 1's potential for bioaccumulation. To that end, a bioconcentration study submitted for a relatively close structural analogue, Disperse Orange 30, suggests that it is unlikely to accumulate in fish (Shen and Hu 2008). This test was performed according to OECD Guidelines for Testing of Chemicals, Test No. 305B-1996, Bioconcentration: Semi-Static Fish Test. The bioconcentration of Disperse Orange 30 in zebra fish (*Brachydanio rerio*) was determined in a 28-day semi-static test with a test medium renewal every two days. An exposure test at a nominal concentration of 20 mg/L (mean measured concentration 0.028 - 0.28 mg/L) was performed in accordance with the result of the fish acute toxicity test to check the bioconcentration potential of the test substance. Samples from both test solutions and test organisms were taken daily from the 26th day to the last day during the 28-day exposure test period. Samples were prepared by extracting the lipid component from the test fish. The measured concentration of test substance, fish lipid content and BCF calculation are reported in Table 6.

Table 6. Measured concentration of Disperse Orange 30, fish lipid content and BCF calculation

Treatments (20 mg/L)	Sampling Time		
	The 26th day	The 27th day	The 28th day
Measured concentration of the test substance in extracted solutions (mg/L)	<0.028	<0.028	<0.028
Content of the test substance in the fish lipids (mg)	<1.68	<1.68	<1.68
Fish total weight (g)	2.07	2.13	2.53
Concentration of the test substance in the fish C_f (mg/kg)	<0.81	<0.79	<0.66
Measured concentration of the test substance in the water C_w (mg/L)	0.028 ~ 0.28	0.028 ~ 0.28	0.028 ~ 0.28
Fish lipid content (%)	0.81	0.57	1.25
BCF	<100	<100	<100
Average BCF	<100		

The Shen and Hu (2008) study has been reviewed and was considered acceptable (see Appendix 1). Lack of detection in fish extracts (<0.028 mg/L) suggests a limited solubility in lipids and/or limited potential to partition into fish tissue from aqueous systems. However, there is some uncertainty associated with limit bounded values in any study because the absolute value is not known. But given the structure and likely

behavior of disperse dyes in aqueous systems, the low BCF result is expected. Most disperse dyes, as their name suggests, exist as fine dispersible particles with limited truly soluble fractions. Solubility, however, can be increased by adding polar functional groups to the molecule. While Disperse Brown 1 contains some of these solubilizing functional groups (hydroxy groups), it is not predicted to solubilize at environmentally relevant pH (Table 2). Therefore, given an approximate melting point of 127°C (value for Disperse Orange 30) and a log K_{ow} of 4.45 (median of analogue data in Table 2) , the predicted water solubility (WSKOWWIN 2000) corrected for melting point and log K_{ow} is 0.26 mg/L which is within the aqueous detection limit in the bioaccumulation study and is in agreement with some of the analogue experimental solubility values for Disperse Blue 79 and 79:1 (Table 2) Assuming that the concentration in solution in the test was equal to the water solubility value of 0.26 mg/L and using the fish concentration of 0.81 mg/kg as a worst case estimate, the BCF may be calculated to be <100.

While the above study serves as primary evidence to support the lack of bioaccumulation potential of Disperse Brown 1, other research corroborates this conclusion. Anliker *et al*. (1981) reported experimental fish bioaccumulation values for 18 disperse monoazo dyes, performed according to test methods specified by the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Expressed on the basis of wet body weight of the fishes, these log bioaccumulation factors ranged from 0.00 to 1.76 (Anliker *et al.* 1981). A lack of reporting of chemical registry numbers and chemical structures limited the utility of this study for read-across purposes to Disperse Brown 1. However, follow-up studies, which provided the chemical structures for the disperse dyes tested, confirmed low bioaccumulation potential for ten nitroazo dyes, with reported log bioaccumulation factors ranging from 0.3 to 1.76 (Anliker and Moser 1987; Anliker *et al.* 1988). Studies available from MITI also support low bioaccumulation potential for disperse azo dyes. Reported BCFs for three disperse azo dyes (CAS# 40690-89-9, 61968-52-3 and 71767-67-4) tested at a concentration of 0.01 mg/L were in the range of <0.3 to 47 (MITI 1992). An accumulation study by Brown (1987) also showed that none of the twelve disperse dyes tested accumulated during an eight week study with carp.

A high, median read-across log K_{ow} value of 4.45 for structural analogues of Disperse Brown (Table 2) is the only line of evidence that suggests may have a high potential for bioaccumulation. In spite of the high K_{ow} values for the structural analogues, evidence for bioaccumulation of such dyes is lacking (Anliker *et al.* 1981, Anliker and Moser 1987, Anliker *et al.* 1988, MITI 1992). Authors who have measured high log K_{ow}s and concomitant low bioaccumulation factors for disperse azo dyes suggest the low accumulation factors may be due in some cases to their low absolute fat solubility (Brown 1987) or their relatively high molecular weight (typically 450-550) which may make transport across fish membranes difficult (Anliker *et al*. 1981, Anliker and Moser 1987). It is also likely that the lack of bioavailability and limited capacity to partition under BCF test conditions limits accumulation in fish lipids.

It has been stated by ETAD (1995) that the molecular characteristics indicating the absence of bioaccumulation are a molecular weight of >450 g/mol and a cross-sectional diameter of >1.05 nm. Recent investigation by Dimitrov *et al*. (2002), Dimitrov *et al.*

(2005) and the BBM (2008) suggests that the probability of a molecule crossing cell membranes as a result of passive diffusion declines significantly with increasing maximum cross-sectional diameter (D_{max}). The probability of passive diffusion lowers appreciably when cross-sectional diameter is > ~1.5 nm and more significantly for molecules having a cross-sectional diameter of >1.7 nm. Sakuratani *et al.* (2008) have also investigated the effect of cross-sectional diameter on passive diffusion from a test set of about 1200 new and existing chemicals, also observing that substances not having a very highly bioconcentration potential often have a D_{max} >2.0 nm and an effective diameter (D_{eff}) >1.1 nm.

Disperse Brown 1 has a molecular weight of 433.68 g/mol (see Table 1) and its molecular structure is relatively uncomplicated; both these characteristics indicate a potential bioaccumulation capability. In addition, an Environment Canada (2007) report points out that there are no clear relationships for establishing strict molecular size cut-offs for assessing bioaccumulation potential. However, the report does not dispute the notion that a reduction in uptake rate can be associated with increasing cross-sectional diameter as demonstrated by Dimitrov *et al.* (2002, 2005). The maximum diameter of Disperse Brown 1 and its conformers ranges from 1.73 to 1.8 nm (BBM 2008) suggesting that a potential for a significantly reduced uptake rate from water and in vivo bioavailability exists with this dye.

Results of bioaccumulation modelling were not used in this assessment of Disperse Brown 1. Many higher molecular weight pigments and non-soluble dye classes, including disperse azo dyes are considered difficult to model and thus the results are generally unreliable. Predicted and/or empirical properties of disperse dyes relating to bioaccumulation (e.g., log K_{ow}) can be of uncertain relevance, or associated with a high degree of error, which would limit the utility of calculated BCF and BAF values. In addition, disperse azo dyes fall outside of the domains of applicability of the available bioaccumulation models.

Based on a lack of accumulation in bioconcentration tests of Disperse Orange 30 and other related disperse azo dyes, and thelarge molecular size of Disperse Brown 1, which likely limits its partitioning behavior, Disperse Brown 1 is expected to have a low potential for bioaccumulation. Therefore, taking into account analogue BCF evidence, and structural and bioavailability considerations, Disperse Brown 1 does not meet the bioaccumulation criteria (BCF or BAF $\geq$ 5000) as set out in the *Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations* (Canada 2000).

Potential to Cause Ecological Harm

Ecological Effects Assessment

A - In the Aquatic Compartment

No empirical ecotoxicity data were identified for Disperse Brown 1.

Environment Canada received ecotoxicological data for a structurally similar substance through the New Substance Notification Regulations (Environment Canada 1995). This substance's molecular weight was 471.46 which is similar to Disperse Brown 1. The results for the 96-hr static toxicity test with rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) revealed that the LC_{50} for this species is 505 mg/L (Table 7). The test was conducted according to OECD guideline No. 203. The Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) of the notified substance also contained information on bacterial toxic effects. The results indicate an activated sludge respiration inhibition EC_{50} of > 1 000 mg/L. Based on the available ecotoxicity information, the notified substance is expected to be of low concern for toxic effects to aquatic organisms. Reliability of the study was assessed using a robust study summary and is considered to be satisfactory (Appendix 1).

In another study, a summary of which was submitted to Environment Canada on behalf of ETAD (Brown 1992), 11 disperse dyes were tested on the following organisms: zebra fish, *Daphnia magna*, algae and bacteria. Four of the dyes are azo analogues of Disperse Brown 1 (Brown 1992). These are Disperse Blue 79, Disperse Orange 25, Disperse Orange 30, and Disperse Red 17 (Table 7). The experimental details for the dyes tested were not provided, greatly limiting evaluation of these studies (Brown 1992). However, these data were considered usable and are included in this Screening Assessment as part of the available weight of evidence as they provide further empirical information to establish the range of ecotoxicity values for these structures. Two of the analogues tested show moderate toxicity to *D. magna* (48 hr EC_{50}=4.5-5.8 mg/L) and the four analogues showed moderate to low toxicity to zebra fish (96-hr LC_{50}=103-710 mg/L). Moderate toxicity was also presented for algae growth (EC_{50} for growth = 6.7-54 mg/L) and no toxicity detected for bacteria (IC_{50}>100 mg/L) Lastly, an analogue, Disperse Blue 79:1, had a chronic 122-day no effect concentration (NOEC) for rainbow trout of > 0.0048 mg/L (Table 7). Reliability of this study was assessed as high (Appendix 1). However, this value was not used to calculate the predicted no effect concentration because the value is a hypothesis-based unbounded result. These analogue values would also therefore suggest that Disperse Brown 1 is not highly hazardous to aquatic organisms (i.e., acute LC_{50} are > 1 mg/L).

Table 7. Empirical data for aquatic toxicity of Disperse Brown 1 analogues

Common Name	Test 0rganism	End point	Value (mg/L)	Reference
Disperse Orange 30	Zebra fish	LC_{50}[1]	710	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	EC_{50}[2]	5.8	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}[2]	6.7	
	Bacteria	IC_{50}[3]	>100	
Disperse Blue 79	Zebra fish	LC_{50}[1]	340	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	EC_{50}[2]	4.5	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}[2]	9.5	

	Bacteria	IC_{50}[3]	>100	
Disperse Red 17	Zebra fish	IC_{50}[3]	103	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	LC_{50}[1]	98	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}[2]	7	
	Bacteria	EC_{50}[2]	>100	
Disperse Orange 25	Zebra fish	IC_{50}[3]	268	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	LC_{50}[1]	110	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}[2]	54	
	Bacteria	EC_{50}[2]	>100	
Analogue disperse azo dye	Rainbow trout	LC_{50}[1]	505	Environment Canada 1995
Disperse Blue 79:1	Rainbow trout	NOEC[4] (122 days)	0.0048	Cohle and Mihalik 1991
Disperse Yellow 3	Fathead minnow	LC_{50}[1]	>180	Little and Lamb 1973

[1] LC_{50} − The median concentration of a substance that is estimated to be lethal to 50% of the test organisms.
[2] EC_{50} − The median concentration of a substance that is estimated to cause some toxic sublethal effect on 50% of the test organisms.
[3] IC_{50} – The median concentration of a substance that is estimated to cause inhibition to growth 50% of the test organisms.
[4] NOEC – The concentration at which no effects have been observed.

In general, due to their low solubility (<1 mg/L) disperse dyes are expected to have a low acute ecological impact (Hunger 2003). The results of empirical toxicity studies with several analogues of Disperse Brown 1 are consistent with this expectation, indicating LC_{50}s in the 5 to 710 mg/L range, with *Daphnia* being the most sensitive organism tested (EC_{50}/LC_{50}s from 4.5 to >100 mg/L). Although interpretation of results from these tests is complicated by the fact that the reported effect values (*i.e.* EC_{50} and LC_{50}s) are likely to be much greater than the solubility of the substances tested as well as Disperse Brown 1, the analogue data available do indicate that the toxicity of Disperse Brown 1 is likely to be low.

A range of aquatic toxicity predictions were also obtained from the various QSAR models considered for Disperse Brown 1 and its analogues. However, as with bioaccumulation, these QSAR ecotoxicity predictions for Disperse Brown 1 are not considered reliable because of the unique nature of disperse dyes, such as specifically structural and/or physico-chemical properties which fall outside of the models' domain of applicability.

The available empirical ecotoxicity information for analogues of Disperse Brown 1, indicate that it is not likely to be highly hazardous to aquatic organisms.

B - In Other Environmental Compartments

Since Disperse Brown 1 may potentially enter soil from biosludge which is commonly used for soil enrichment as well as from the disposal of products that degrade and release Disperse Brown 1, it would therefore be desirable to obtain toxicity data for soil organisms. Although, no suitable ecological effects studies were found for this compound in soil, considering the toxicity data for aquatic organisms as well as the the lack of bioaccumulation potential and its low bioavailability, potential for toxicity to soil dwelling organism is likely to be low. For the same reasons, the toxicity potential is also likely to be low for sediment dwelling species. This cannot be substantiated due to lack of whole organism sediment toxicity data for Disperse Brown 1 or suitable analogues.

Ecological Exposure Assessment

No data concerning concentrations of this substance in water in Canada have been identified. Environmental concentrations are, therefore, estimated from available information, including estimated substance quantities in commerce, estimated release rates, and characteristics of receiving water bodies.

The Mass Flow Tool identified releases to the water (sewer) from formulation use and from consumer use of products containing this substance. To address releases from industrial activities, Environment Canada's Industrial Generic Exposure Tool – Aquatic (IGETA) was employed to estimate the substance concentration (worst-case) in a generic water course receiving industrial effluents (Environment Canada 2008c). The generic scenario is designed to provide these estimates based on conservative assumptions regarding the amount of chemical processed and released, the number of processing days, sewage treatment plant removal rate, and the size of the receiving watercourse. The tool models an industrial-release scenario based on loading data from sources such as industrial surveys and knowledge of the distribution of industrial discharges in the country, and calculates a predicted environmental concentration (PEC). The equation and inputs used to calculate the PEC in the receiving water course are described in Environment Canada (2008d). The mass of Disperse Brown 1 into the IGETA model was 100kg, the S.71 reporting threshold. As a conservative estimate, the release to water (sewer) from industrial activities only from the Mass Flow Tool was conservatively set at 16% of the amount used as per previous experience of Environment Canada on assessing other disperse azo dyes. Conservative assumptions were made regarding receiving water body, by assuming the chemical is released to a very small river with no removal from sewage treatment plants. The conservative PEC for water was calculated to be 0.0018 mg/L (Environment Canada 2008d).

To address down-the-drain releases from consumer uses, Environment Canada's spreadsheet model (Mega Flush) was used. Using Mega Flush, potential substance concentrations in multiple water bodies receiving sewage treatment plant effluents to which consumer products containing the substance may have been released is performed

(Environment Canada 2008e). The spreadsheet model is designed to provide these estimates based on conservative assumptions regarding the amount of chemical used and released by consumers. By default, primary and secondary STP removal rates are assumed to be of 0%, fraction released during use of 100%, consumer use of the substance is over 365 days/year, and the flow rate used for receiving water bodies at all sites is the 10^{th} percentile value. These estimates are made for approximately 1000 release sites across Canada, which account for most of the major STPs in Canada. These parameter values are considered to result in a very conservative scenario

The equation and inputs used in Mega Flush to calculate the predicted environmental concentration (PEC) of Disperse Brown 1 in the receiving water bodies are described in Environment Canada (2008f). The predicted releases to water (sewers) from formulation use and from consumer use of products containing this substance were based on previous experience with disperse azo dyes. The consumer use quantity was estimated conservatively based on reporting threshold from the S. 71 survey (100 kg), and the ratio of textiles manufactured in Canada / imported textiles of 30/70. A 10% loss of dye was then assumed for the total amount of the substance being used by consumers (Øllgaard *et al*. 1998).Thus 28.1 kg of Disperse Brown 1 were predicted to be released to water, as a result of loss to sewers during the laundering of manufactured articles that contain this dye but are manufactured in another country, as well as of articles that contain this dye that were manufactured in Canada. Primary and secondary STP removal rates of 0% were used These assumptions result in a very conservative scenario. Using this scenario, the Mega Flush tool estimates that the PEC in the receiving water bodies ranges from 0.0000035 to 0.000043 mg/L.

Characterization of Ecological Risk

A predicted no-effect concentration (PNEC) was estimated based on the lowest nominal sublethal concentration (EC_{50}) to *D. magna* for an analogue of Disperse Brown 1. The 96-hour EC_{50} for Disperse Blue 79 (CAS RN12239-34-8), an analogue of Disperse Brown 1, was 4.5 mg/L (Table 7). A factor of 100 was then applied to account for extrapolating from acute to chronic (long-term) toxicity and from laboratory results for one species to other potentially sensitive species in the field. The resulting PNEC is 0.045 mg/L.

When compared to the conservative PEC calculated above using IGETA, the resulting risk quotient for industrial discharges (PEC/PNEC) is 0.0018/0.045 = 0.04. Therefore, concentrations of Disperse Brown 1 in surface waters in Canada appear unlikely to cause adverse effects to aquatic organisms. Given that IGETA provides a conservative estimate of exposure, the results indicate a low potential for ecological harm resulting from local exposure to point source industrial releases to the aquatic environment.

For exposure resulting from down-the-drain releases through consumer uses (conservative scenario), Mega Flush results estimate that the PEC will not exceed the PNEC at any sites (i.e., all risk quotients < 1). This indicates that down-the-drain consumer releases of Disperse Brown 1 are not expected to harm to aquatic organisms.

Based on the available information, Disperse Brown 1 is expected to be persistent in water, soil and sediment; it is however expected to have a low bioaccumulation potential. The lack of reports of manufacture and the likely very low importation quantities of Disperse Brown 1 into Canada, along with information on physical and chemical properties and its uses, indicate a low potential for releases into the Canadian environment. If released into the environment, it is expected that Disperse Brown 1 will be mainly discharged to surface waters where ultimately it is expected to be transferred to sediment. It is also expected to have only a low to moderate potential for inherent toxicity to aquatic organisms. Risk quotients for aquatic exposures indicate that Disperse Brown 1 concentrations likely do not exceed concentrations associated with effects, even when using conservative scenarios and assumptions. Therefore Disperse Brown 1 is unlikely to be causing harm to populations of aquatic organisms in Canada.

Uncertainties in Evaluation of Ecological Risk

An area of uncertainty for Disperse Brown 1 is associated with the use of read-across data for physical and chemical properties, as well as toxicity data from analogues. While the chemicals identified (Disperse Blue 79, Disperse Blue 79:1, Disperse Orange 30, Disperse Orange 25, Disperse Red 17 and Disperse Yellow 3), share many similarities with Disperse Brown 1, including being azo dyes with high molecular weights, similar cross sectional diameters, having solid particulate structures that decompose at greater than 74 °C (to 240 °C), and being "dispersible" in water (i.e. not truly soluble), they do have some differences in functional groups. These differences in chemical structure add uncertainty because the properties and toxicity of Disperse Brown 1 may be somewhat different. However, it was reasoned that the similarities were sufficient to include the data from analogues to contribute to the weight of evidence in the assessment of Disperse Brown 1.

The persistence assessment is limited by the absence of biodegradation data, which necessitated generation of model predictions. Although all model prediction has some degree of error, the aerobic biodegradation model outputs confirmed the expected persistence of Disperse Brown 1 given its uses and structural characteristics. In addition, the persistence assessment is limited by the uncertainty about the rate and extent to which degradation occurs in anaerobic sediments and whether the degradation products (e.g., amines) would be biologically available. Nevertheless it is clear that anaerobic degradation of the bioavailable portion azo dyes in sediments to constitutive amines is much faster (half-lives in the order of days) than aerobic biodegradation. Although the degradation products are not expected to be biologically available because they form only in relatively deep anoxic sediment and can be irreversibly bound to sediment through nucleophilic addition and oxidative radical coupling (Colon *et al* 2002, Weber *et al* 2001), this issue is a source of uncertainty in the assessment of Disperse Brown 1.

Uncertainties are present due to the lack of bioaccumulation studies for this substance. However, based on a lack of accumulation in bioconcentration tests in Disperse Orange

30 and other related disperse azo dyes together with the large molecular size of Disperse Brown 1, which likely limits its partitioning behavior, Disperse Brown 1 is expected to have a low potential for bioaccumulation.

Uncertainties are also present due to the lack of information on environmental concentrations in Canada for Disperse Brown 1. However, the lack of reports of manufacturing in or import of the chemical into Canada suggests low releases of this chemical into the Canadian environment.

The experimental concentrations associated with inherent toxicity for aquatic organisms may have an additional source of uncertainty when these concentrations exceed the solubility of the chemical in water (either experimental or predicted). Despite this, the available data indicate that Disperse Brown 1 is not highly hazardous to aquatic organisms.

Uncertainties are also associated with the fraction of the substance that is released during use. These uncertainties were addressed by making conservative assumptions using best model estimates.

Regarding ecotoxicity, based on the predicted partitioning behaviour of this chemical, the significance of soil and sediment as important media of exposure is not well addressed by the effects data available. Indeed, the only effects data identified apply primarily to pelagic aquatic exposures.

Conclusion

Based on the information presented in this screening assessment, it is proposed that Disperse Brown 1 is not entering the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions that have or may have an immediate or long-term harmful effect on the environment or its biological diversity or that constitute or may constitute a danger to the environment on which life depends.

It is therefore proposed that Disperse Brown 1 does not meet the definition of toxic as set out in section 64 of CEPA 1999. Additionally, Disperse Brown 1 meets the criteria for persistence but does not meet the criteria for bioaccumulation potential as set out in the *Persistence and Bioaccumulation Regulations* (Canada 2000).

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Appendix I - Robust Study Summaries for Key Studies

Robust Study Summaries Form: Aquatic B				
No	**Item**	**Weight**	**Yes/No**	**Specify**
1	**Reference:** Shen, Genxiang and Hu, Shuangqing. 2008. Bioconcentration Test of C.I. Disperse Orange 30 in Fish. Prepared by Environmental Testing Laboratory, Shanghai Academy of Environmental Sciences, Shanghai, China for Dystar in the name of Ecological and Toxicological Association of the Dyes and Organic Pigments Manufacturers (ETAD) Basel, Switzerland. Report No. S-070-2007. Submitted to Environment Canada in April 2008. Challenge Submission ID#8351			
2	Substance identity: CAS RN	n/a	Y	5261-31-4
3	Substance identity: chemical name(s)	n/a	Y	Propanenitrile, 3-[[2-(acetyloxy)ethyl][4-[(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]amino]-
4	Chemical composition of the substance	2	N	
5	Chemical purity	1	N	
6	Persistence/stability of test substance in aquatic solution reported?	1	N	
7	If test material is radiolabelled, were precise position(s) of the labelled atom(s) and the percentage of radioactivity associated with impurities reported?	2	n/a	
	Method			
8	Reference	1	Y	OECD guidelines for the testing of chemicals No 305B-1996
9	OECD, EU, national, or other standard method?	3	Y	OECD
10	Justification of the method/protocol if not a standard method was used	2		
11	GLP (Good Laboratory Practice)	3	N	
Test organism	***Test organism***			
12	Organism identity: name	n/a	Y	*zebra fish, Brachydanio rerio*
13	Latin or both Latin & common names reported?	1	Y	both
14	Life cycle age / stage of test organism	1	N	
15	Length and/or weight	1	Y	Mean body length 3.91+/-0.18cm and mean body weight 0.32+/-0.06g
16	Sex	1	N	
17	Number of organisms per replicate	1	Y	7
18	Organism loading rate	1	Y	20mg/L
19	Food type and feeding periods during the acclimation period	1	Y	Fed a commercial fish diet until one day before start of test
	Test design / conditions			
20	Experiment type (laboratory or field)	n/a	Y	Laboratory
21	Exposure pathways (food, water, both)	n/a	Y	Water
22	Exposure duration	n/a	Y	28 days
23	Number of replicates (including controls)	1	Y	
24	Concentrations	1	Y	20 mg/L
25	Food type/composition and feeding periods during the test	1	Y	Fish were fed two hours before water renewal
26	If BCF/BAF derived as a ratio of chemical concentration in the organism and in water, was experiment duration equal to or longer than the time required for the chemical concentrations to reach steady state?	3	Y	28 days

27	If BCF/BAF derived as a ratio of chemical concentration in the organism and in water, were measured concentrations in both water and organism reported?	3	Y	
28	Were concentrations in the test water measured periodically?	1	Y	On three separate days
29	Were the exposure media conditions relevant to the particular chemical reported? (e.g., for the metal toxicity - pH, DOC/TOC, water hardness, temperature)	3	Y	Yes every second day
30	Photoperiod and light intensity	1	Y	12:12
31	Stock and test solution preparation	1	Y	
32	Analytical monitoring intervals	1	Y	Every second day for dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature
33	Statistical methods used	1	Y	
34	Was solubilizer/emulsifier used, if the chemical was unstable or poorly soluble?	n/a	N	
	Information relevant to the data quality			
35	Was the test organism relevant to the Canadian environment?	3	Y	
36	Were the test conditions (pH, temperature, DO, etc.) typical for the test organism?	1	Y	
37	Does system type and design (static, semi-static, flow-through; sealed or open; etc.) correspond to the substance's properties and organism's nature/habits?	2	Y	Semi-static
38	Was pH of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (6 to 9)?	1	Y	7.22-7.84
39	Was temperature of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (5 to 27°C)?	1	Y	22-23
40	Was lipid content (or lipid-normalized BAF/BCF) reported?	2	Y	
41	Were measured concentrations of a chemical in the test water below the chemical's water solubility?	3	N	
42	If radiolabelled test substance was used, was BCF determination based on the parent compound (i.e. not on total radiolabelled residues)?	3	n/a	
	Results			
43	Endpoints (BAF, BCF) and values	n/a	n/a	BCF < 100
44	BAF or BCF determined as: 1) the ratio of chemical concentration in the organism and in water, or 2) the ratio of the chemical uptake and elimination rate constants	n/a	n/a	1
45	Whether BAF/BCF was derived from a 1) tissue sample or 2) whole organism?	n/a	n/a	2
46	Whether 1) average or 2) maximum BAF/BCF was used?	n/a	n/a	1
47	***Score*: ... %**	***75.0***		
48	***EC Reliability code*:**	***2***		
49	***Reliability category (high, satisfactory, low)*:**	***Satisfactory Confidence***		
50	***Comments***	*The present procedure is based on semi-static conditions (renewal of test solutions every 2 days). Therefore, test chemical with very low water solubility Disperse Brown 1, can also be characterized as to their bioconcentration potential without adding solvents or other auxiliary substances which may affect the results.*		

Robust Study Summaries Form: Aquatic iT				
No	**Item**	**Weight**	**Yes/No**	**Specify**
1	Reference: Environment Canada. 1995. Acute fish toxicity test submission in fulfillment of new substances notification regulations to New Substances Branch, Environment Canada under New Substance Notification Program.			
2	Substance identity: CAS RN	n/a	N	
3	Substance identity: chemical name(s)	n/a	Y	
4	Chemical composition of the substance	2	N	
5	Chemical purity	1	N	
6	Persistence/stability of test substance in aquatic solution reported?	1	N	
	Method			
7	Reference	1	Y	OECD 203
8	OECD, EU, national, or other standard method?	3	Y	
9	Justification of the method/protocol if not a standard method was used	2		not applicable
10	GLP (Good Laboratory Practice)	3	Y	
	Test organism			
11	Organism identity: name	n/a	Y	*Rainbow trout*
12	Latin or both Latin & common names reported?	1	Y	
13	Life cycle age / stage of test organism	1	Y	mean length 51mm and mean weight 1.54
14	Length and/or weight	1	Y	see above
15	Sex	1		not applicable
16	Number of organisms per replicate	1	Y	10

17	Organism loading rate	1	Y	
18	Food type and feeding periods during the acclimation period	1	Y	
Test design / conditions				
19	Test type (acute or chronic)	n/a	Y	acute
20	Experiment type (laboratory or field)	n/a	Y	lab
21	Exposure pathways (food, water, both)	n/a	Y	water
22	Exposure duration	n/a	Y	96hrs
23	Negative or positive controls (specify)	1	Y	3
24	Number of replicates (including controls)	1	Y	2
25	Nominal concentrations reported?	1	Y	320 to 3200 mg/L
26	Measured concentrations reported?	3	N	
27	Food type and feeding periods during the long-term tests	1		not applicable
28	Were concentrations measured periodically (especially in the chronic test)?	1	N	
29	Were the exposure media conditions relevant to the particular chemical reported? (e.g., for the metal toxicity - pH, DOC/TOC, water hardness, temperature)	3	Y	
30	Photoperiod and light intensity	1	Y	
31	Stock and test solution preparation	1	Y	
32	Was solubilizer/emulsifier used, if the chemical was poorly soluble or unstable?	1	N	
33	If solubilizer/emulsifier was used, was its concentration reported?	1		
34	If solubilizer/emulsifier was used, was its ecotoxicity reported?	1		
35	Analytical monitoring intervals	1	Y	
36	Statistical methods used	1	Y	
Information relevant to the data quality				
37	Was the endpoint directly caused by the chemical's toxicity, not by organism's health (e.g. when mortality in the control >10%) or physical effects (e.g. 'shading effect')?	n/a	Y	
38	Was the test organism relevant to the Canadian environment?	3	Y	
39	Were the test conditions (pH, temperature, DO, etc.) typical for the test organism?	1	Y	
40	Does system type and design (static, semi-static, flow-through; sealed or open; etc.) correspond to the substance's properties and organism's nature/habits?	2	Y	
41	Was pH of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (6 to 9)?	1	Y	

42	Was temperature of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (5 to 27°C)?	1	Y	
43	Was toxicity value below the chemical's water solubility?	3		unknown water solubility
	Results			
44	Toxicity values (specify endpoint and value)	n/a	n/a	96hr LC50 = 505 mg/L
45	Other endpoints reported - e.g. BCF/BAF, LOEC/NOEC (specify)?	n/a	N	
46	Other adverse effects (e.g. carcinogenicity, mutagenicity) reported?	n/a	N	
47	***Score*: ... %**		***77.5***	
48	***EC Reliability code*:**		***2***	
49	***Reliability category (high, satisfactory, low)*:**		***Satisfactory Confidence***	
50	***Comments***			

Robust Study Summaries Form: Aquatic iT				
No	**Item**	**Weight**	**Yes/No**	**Specify**
1	Reference: Cohle P, R Mihalik R. 1991. Early life stage toxicity of C.I. Disperse Blue 79:1 purified preecake to rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in a flow-through system. Final report. ABC Laboratories Inc. Columbia MO.			
2	Substance identity: CAS RN	n/a		
3	Substance identity: chemical name(s)	n/a		Disperse Blue 79:1
4	Chemical composition of the substance	2		n/a
5	Chemical purity	1	Y	96.61%
6	Persistence/stability of test substance in aquatic solution reported?	1	N	
Method				
7	Reference	1	Y	
8	OECD, EU, national, or other standard method?	3	Y	
9	Justification of the method/protocol if not a standard method was used	2		n/a
10	GLP (Good Laboratory Practice)	3	Y	
Test organism				
11	Organism identity: name	n/a		*Rainbow trout*
12	Latin or both Latin & common names reported?	1	Y	
13	Life cycle age / stage of test organism	1	Y	
14	Length and/or weight	1	Y	
15	Sex	1		n/a
16	Number of organisms per replicate	1	Y	20
17	Organism loading rate	1	Y	0.36 to 4.8ug/L

18	Food type and feeding periods during the acclimation period	1	Y	
Test design / conditions				
19	Test type (acute or chronic)	n/a	Y	chronic
20	Experiment type (laboratory or field)	n/a	Y	lab
21	Exposure pathways (food, water, both)	n/a	Y	water
22	Exposure duration	n/a	Y	122 days
23	Negative or positive controls (specify)	1	Y	control and carrier blank
24	Number of replicates (including controls)	1	Y	2
25	Nominal concentrations reported?	1	Y	5
26	Measured concentrations reported?	3	Y	
27	Food type and feeding periods during the long-term tests	1	Y	
28	Were concentrations measured periodically (especially in the chronic test)?	1	Y	
29	Were the exposure media conditions relevant to the particular chemical reported? (e.g., for the metal toxicity - pH, DOC/TOC, water hardness, temperature)	3	Y	
30	Photoperiod and light intensity	1	Y	
31	Stock and test solution preparation	1	Y	
32	Was solubilizer/emulsifier used, if the chemical was poorly soluble or unstable?	1	Y	
33	If solubilizer/emulsifier was used, was its concentration reported?	1	Y	
34	If solubilizer/emulsifier was used, was its ecotoxicity reported?	1	Y	no tox value - used as a control
35	Analytical monitoring intervals	1	Y	
36	Statistical methods used	1	Y	
Information relevant to the data quality				
37	Was the endpoint directly caused by the chemical's toxicity, not by organism's health (e.g. when mortality in the control >10%) or physical effects (e.g. 'shading effect')?	n/a	Y	
38	Was the test organism relevant to the Canadian environment?	3	Y	
39	Were the test conditions (pH, temperature, DO, etc.) typical for the test organism?	1	Y	
40	Does system type and design (static, semi-static, flow-through; sealed or open; etc.) correspond to the substance's properties and organism's nature/habits?	2	Y	flow through
41	Was pH of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (6 to 9)?	1	Y	
42	Was temperature of the test water within the range typical for the Canadian environment (5 to 27°C)?	1	Y	

43	Was toxicity value below the chemical's water solubility?	3		n/a
Results				
44	Toxicity values (specify endpoint and value)	n/a	n/a	NOEC>5ug/L
45	Other endpoints reported - e.g. BCF/BAF, LOEC/NOEC (specify)?	n/a		
46	Other adverse effects (e.g. carcinogenicity, mutagenicity) reported?	n/a		
47	***Score*: ... %**			***97.6***
48	***EC Reliability code*:**			***1***
49	***Reliability category (high, satisfactory, low)*:**			***High Confidence***
50	***Comments***			