Draft Screening Assessment for the Challenge

Ethanol, 2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-, diacetate (ester)

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55619-18-6

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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 substance ethanol, 2,2`-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]-imino]bis-, diacetate (ester) (EDD), Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number 55619-18-6. 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 EDD 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.

EDD is an organic substance that has previously been reported to be used in Canada as a colorant dye. The substance is not naturally produced in the environment. No information on manufacturing, importation or use of this substance was reported for 2006. However the threshold of 100 kg was used throughout this screening assessment to capture the maximum potential mass of this substance that could be in use in Canada given the threshold reporting value. Based on known use patterns of structurally-similar azo dyes, the assumption made in this assessment is that EDD is used in textiles.

Based on certain assumptions and reported use patterns of similar disperse azo dyes, most of the substance is predicted to end up in waste disposal sites. A significant proportion is, however, estimated to be released to sewer water (14.8%), EDD 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, EDD 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, EDD is expected to be persistent in the environment (for water, sediment and soil). However, new experimental data relating to the bioaccumulation potential of a relatively close structural analogue of EDD 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 chemical analogues suggest that the substance does not cause acute harm to aquatic organisms exposed at low concentrations (< 1 mg/L).

For this screening assessment, two very conservative exposure scenarios were selected in which an industrial operation (user of the dye) and consumer use of products containing this substance resulted in discharge of EDD 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 proposed that EDD 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 EDD 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 EDD 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.

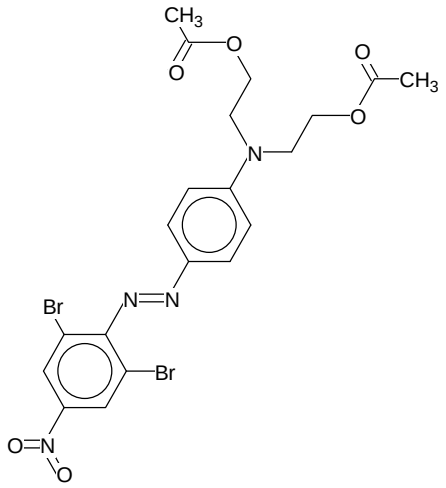
This draft screening assessment considers any new information on chemical properties, hazards, uses and exposure submitted under the Challenge. Data relevant to the screening assessment of this substance were identified in original literature, review documents, stakeholder research reports and from recent 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 draft 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 draft 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. Approaches used in the screening assessments under the Challenge have been reviewed by an independent Challenge Advisory Panel. The critical information and considerations upon which the draft assessment is based are summarized below.

Substance Identity

For the purposes of this document, this substance will be referred to as EDD.

Table 1. Substance Identity

Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CAS RN)	**55619-18-6**
DSL name	**Ethanol, 2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-, diacetate (ester)**
Inventory names[1]	*Ethanol, 2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-, diacetate (ester) (TSCA, DSL)* *2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bisethyl diacetate (EINECS)*
Other names	*2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bisethyl diacetate; Ethanol, 2,2'-[[4-[(2,6-dibromo-4-nitrophenyl)azo]phenyl]imino]bis-, diacetate (ester)*
Chemical group	Discrete organics
Chemical sub-group	Monoazo dye
Chemical formula	$C_{20}H_{20}Br_2N_4O_6$
Chemical structure	
SMILES[2]	O=C(OCCN(c(ccc(N=Nc(c(cc(N(=O)(=O))c1)Br)c1Br)c2)c2)CCOC(=O)C)C
Molecular mass	572.21 g/mol

[1] NCI 2006: *EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances); TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical).*

[3] Simplified Molecular Line Input Entry System

Physical and Chemical Properties

Few experimental data are available for EDD. 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, to determine the domain of applicability, the applicability of QSAR models to dyes and pigments are evaluated on a case-by-case basis,. It is generally considered inappropriate to use QSAR models to predict the physical and chemical properties of EDD and consequently a "read-across" approach has been used to determine the approximate physical and chemical properties in Table 2. These properties were subsequently used for further modelling and lines of evidence in this assessment.

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 high molecular weights, generally >300 g/mol, solid particulate structures, decompose at greater than 220°C, and are "dispersible" 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 EDD that are relevant to its environmental fate. No experimental values were found for EDD.

Table 2. Physical and chemical properties for EDD and relevant chemical analogues.

Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
Melting point[2] (ºC)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	157		PhysProp 2006
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	117-225 127-269		Anliker and Moser 1987, Baughman and

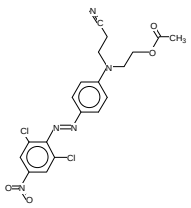
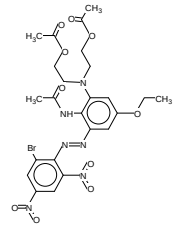
Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
Boiling point[3] (°C)				Perenich 1988
	Analogue Disperse Blue 79:1	≥138-153		Sandoz Chemicals 1989, Yen *et al.* 1989
	Not Applicable			
Density (kg/m^3)	Not Available			
Vapour pressure (Pa)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	$4.53x10^{-7}$		Clariant 1996
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	5.33×10^{-12} to 2.66×10^{-8} (4×10^{-14} to 2×10^{-10} mm Hg)	25	Baughman and Perenich 1988
Henry's Law constant ($Pa\cdot m^3/mol$)	Read-across[4]	10^{-8} to 10^{-4} (10^{-13} to 10^{-9} atm 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
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	2.05-4.2		Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	>2 -5.1		Anliker *et al.* 1981; Anliker and Moser 1987
	Analogue	4.2		Brown 1992

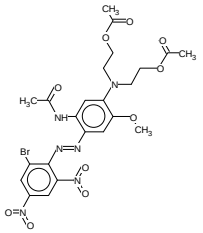
Property	Type[1]	Value	Temperature (°C)	Reference
	Disperse Orange 30			
Log K_{oc} (Organic carbon partition coefficient) (dimensionless)	Read-across, calculated[5]	3.4 to 4.2		Baughman and Perenich 1988
Water solubility (mg/L)	Analogue Disperse Blue 79	0.0054, 0.02, 0.000938	15-25	Clariant 1996, Brown 1992, Baughman and Perenich 1988
	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	<0.01		Anliker and Moser 1987
		4.77×10^{-5} to 1585 (1.5×10^{-10} to 1.6×10^{-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
n-octanol solubility (mg/L)	Read-across for disperse azo dyes	81-2430	20	Anliker and Moser 1987
pK_a (Acid dissociation constant)(dimensionless)	Modelled	0.9 for base form		ACD/pK_aDB 2005

[1] These extrapolated values used for EDD 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, charing 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 EDD.
[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 EDD are presented in Table 3 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 Draft SAR. Specifically, data were obtained for the structural analogues: Disperse Orange 30, Disperse Blue 79, Disperse Blue 79:1 (Table 3a).

Table 3a. Structural analogues for EDD.

	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

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 3a. All these substances share the same chemical class, disperse azo dyes (with their characteristic azo bond), have for the most part similar molecular weights (Table 3b), and are used for similar industrial purposes. However, there are differences between these substances associated with their unique functional groups (see Table 3b below) As a result, these analogues have empirical water solubilities that range over three orders of magnitude from 10^{-5} to 0.07 mg/L (see Table 2 above). Due to this variability, caution should be exercised when drawing conclusions from these values as it would be preferable to utilise empirical water solubility and log K_{ow} data specific to EDD, which presently do not exist. However the analogue data is presented and considered as part of the the weight of evidence for this substance.

Table 3b. Comparisons of structural analogues with EDD.

	CAS RN	Common Name	Molecular mass (g/mol	% structure similar[1]	Minimum-maximum cross-sectional diameter (nm)
i	3618-72-2	Disperse Blue 79:1	625.39	76	1.42-2.02
ii	12239-34-8	Disperse Blue 79	639.42	77.73	1.69-2.045
iii	5261-31-4	Disperse Orange 30	450.28	86.91	1.75-1.98

[1] ChemID Plus 2008, value presented if >60% similar

Sources

EDD 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. In the Notice for 2006, data were also required on use quantities of EDD.

In 2006, no companies reported importing or manufacturing EDD above the prescribed reporting threshold of 100 kg/year in Canada. No companies reported using a total

quantity greater than 1,000 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 EDD in quantities above the prescribed reporting threshold of 100 kg/year. However, one company identified themselves as having a stakeholder interest in the substance (Canada 2006b).

The quantity reported during development of the domestic substance list (DSL) to be manufactured, imported or in commerce in Canada during the calendar year 1986 was 100,000 kg (Environment Canada 1988). The number of notifiers for the calendar years 1984-86 was fewer than four.

EDD is an existing chemical in Europe, but is not on the low or high production volume chemicals lists (ESIS 2008). EDD is not included in the Substances in Preparation in Nordic Countries database (SPIN 2008).

No information on manufacturing, importation or use of this substance was reported for 2006. However the threshold of 100 kg was used throughout this screening assessment to capture the maximum potential mass of this substance that could be in use in Canada given the threshold reporting value.

Uses

No recent information on the use of this substance in Canada has been identified. The following DSL use code was identified for the substance during the DSL nomination (1984-1986): “Colourant - pigment/stain/dye/ink” (Environment Canada 1988). No additional information on potential uses of EDD was identified through searches of the available scientific and technical literature. Based on known use patterns of structurally-similar azo dyes, the assumption made in this assessment is that EDD is used in textiles

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 toward the end of the life-cycle.

Since no information on quantity in commerce was received for EDD, the Mass Flow Tool was not applied. However, the Mass Flow Tool result for other in-commerce disperse azo dyes was used in this document to estimate the fraction of EDD being released to the environment, since EDD is structurally similar to other disperse azo dyes and their use patterns are also similar (textiles). . Such use of the Mass Flow Tool is important in this case. Typically, an assessment default assumption of 5% release to the environment is used. This is a very conservative value for most uses of substances, but would be an under estimate of the fraction released during processes associated with the use of dyes. In this case, it is estimated that approximately 16% of EDD may be released to sewers.

Based on Statistics Canada information and an analysis by Industry Canada (2008), it is proposed that EDD may be imported in manufactured articles (probably textiles). Following this proposal, a ratio of textiles manufactured in Canada / imported textiles of 30/70 has been used to estimate the amount of dye imported in textiles (Environment Canada 2008b). This imported 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 transfer 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 EDD, 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 EDD 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 EDD. 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 EDD may be released to sewers.

Based on the above, sewer water is the medium receiving the greatest proportion of EDD emitted during product processing. 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 EDD is expected to be released to waste water effluents during industrial processing and use. The moderate to high log K_{ow} (analogues 4.1 to 4.8) and high log K_{oc} (3.4 to 4.2) values (see Table 2) indicate that this substance may have affinity for solids (and membranes). However, the log K_{oc} is a calculated value (see footnote 3 below Table 2) and the adsorption potential of disperse particulate dye structures is generally not well understood, therefore the degree of this particular behaviour of EDD is uncertain.

EDD 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 (Environment Canada 2006). Moreover, it may also be released from coloured textiles deposited in landfills.

In solution EDD behaves as a base with an estimated pK_a that is very low (0.90; see Table 2). Consequently dissolved forms of EDD are not expected to ionize in water at environmentally relevant pHs. Since other disperse dye analogues have shown limited water solubility (see Table 2) EDD is however expected to be only sparingly. Thus,

when released into water, this substance is expected to be mostly present as a particulate solid or adsorbed to suspended particles and to eventually sink to bed sediments where it is expected to remain in a relatively biologically unavailable form. 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.

The rate of volatilization from water is proportional to the Henry's law constant (Baughman and Perenich 1988). The low to negligible read-across Henry's Law constant value (10^{-8} to 10^{-4} Pa·m^3/mol, Table 2) and low experimental ($4.53x10^{-7}$ Table 2) and the low to negligible read-across vapour pressure (5.33×10^{-12} to 2.66×10^{-8} Pa, Table 2) indicate that EDD 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 as well as 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 data is consistent with the physical state (solid particulate structure) of EDD which does not make it a likely candidate for volatilization.

Persistence and Bioaccumulation Potential

Persistence

No experimental biological degradation data for EDD 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 EDD, there is no reason to suspect that biodegradation will be other than that described for dyes generally (ETAD 1995).

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 degradation to substituted aromatic amine constituents. 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.

Given the expected release of EDD into wastewater, persistence was primarily examined using predictive QSAR models for aerobic 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. EDD does not contain functional groups expected to undergo hydrolysis in aerobic environments (dyes are designed to be stable in aqueous conditions). Table 5 summarizes the results of available QSAR models for biodegradation in water.

Table 5. Modelled data for biodegradation of EDD

Model	Model Basis	Medium	Value	Interpretation	Extrapolated half-life (days)	Extrapolation Reference and/or Source
BIOWIN1* v4.1 (2000)	Linear probability	water (aerobic)	-0.149	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)	2.72	Weeks-months	37.5	US EPA 2002
BIOWIN5* v4.1 (2000)	MITI linear probability	water (aerobic)	-0.039	Does not 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. 5.10.2 (c2004−2008)	% BOD (OECD 301C)	water (aerobic)	16.9	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 17 % biodegradation based on the OECD 301 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 sediments should be >365 days.

Based on the results of predictive modelling (principally for ultimate degradation) and on expert judgement (ETAD 1995), EDD 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 EDD. 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 EDD.

In the absence of experimental and modelled data, bioconcentration (BCF) and bioaccumulation (BAF) factors for structural analogues were used to estimate EDD's bioaccumulation potential. 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

		Sampling Time		
		The 26th day	The 27th day	The 28th day
Treatments (20 mg/L)	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 "true" value is not known. But given the structure and likely behavior of disperse dyes in aqueous systems, a 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 EDD contains some of these solubilizing functional groups (nitro group), experimental solubility values for analogues containing many of the same groups, are quite low. Furthermore, given a melting point of 157°C (read across for Disperse Blue 79 in Table 2) and a log K_{ow} of 4.45 (median of analogue data in Table 2) , the predicted water solubility (WSKOWIN 2000) using these melting point and log K_{ow} values is 0.067 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 0.067 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 EDD's lack of bioaccumulation potential, other research corroborate 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 EDD. 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 3 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 EDD's structural analogues (Table 2) is the only line of evidence that suggests EDD may have a high potential for bioaccumulation. In spite of the high K_{ow} values for EDD's structural analogues, evidence for bioaccumulation of disperse azo 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 to 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 > ~1.5nm 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 high bioconcentration potential often have a D_{max} (>2.0 nm) and an effective diameter (D_{eff}) >1.1 nm.

EDD has a molecular weight of 572.21g/mol (see Table 1) and its molecular structure is relatively uncomplicated; both these characteristics indicate a bioaccumulation capability of this substance if molecular weight is used as the only parameter. 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 EDD and its conformers ranges from 14.32 to 21.20 Angstroms (1.43 to 2.12 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 modeling were not used in this assessment of EDD. 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 bioaccumulation model domains of applicability.

Based on a lack of accumulation in bioconcentration tests of Disperse Orange 30 and other related disperse azo dyes, and EDD's large molecular size, which likely limits its partitioning behavior, EDD is expected to have a low potential for bioaccumulation. Therefore, considering the overall weight of evidence, EDD does not meet the bioaccumulation criteria (BCF, 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 EDD.

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 was similar to that of EDD. Ecotoxicological data were provided with this notification. The results for the static toxicity test with Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) revealed that the 96hr 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 activated sludge respiration inhibition EC_{50} > 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. Five of the dyes are azo analogues of EDD (Brown 1992). These are Disperse Red 73, Disperse Blue 79, Disperse Orange 25,

Disperse Orange 30, and Disperse Red 17 (Table 7). In this study there were some disperse dyes (non-azo compounds) which had toxicity levels reported as <1mg/L for algae. However it was reported by Brown (1992) that algae growth inhibition was due largely to light adsorption by the dyes rather then as a result of biological activity. 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. Two of the analogues tested show moderate toxicity to *D. magna* (48 hr EC_{50}=4.5-5.8 mg/L) and the five analogues showed moderate to low toxicity to Zebra fish (96 hr LC_{50}=10 to 340 mg/L). Moderate toxicity was also presented for algae growth (EC_{50} for growth = 9.5-54mg/L) and no toxicity detected for bacteria (IC_{50}>100mg/L). Lastly, an analogue, Disperse Blue 79:1, had a chronic 122 days no effect concentration (NOEC) for rainbow trout of > 0.0048mg/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 therefore suggest that EDD is not highly hazardous to aquatic organisms (i.e. acute LC_{50} are >1mg/L).

Table 7. Empirical data for aquatic toxicity of EDD 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}	6.7	
	Bacteria	IC_{50}[3]	>100	
Disperse Red 73	Zebra fish	LC_{50}	17	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	EC_{50}	23	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}	>10	
	Bacteria	IC_{50}	>100	
Disperse Blue 79	Zebra fish	LC_{50}	340	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	EC_{50}[2]	4.5	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}	9.5	
	Bacteria	IC_{50}[3]	>100	
Disperse Red 17	Zebra fish	IC_{50}[3]	103	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	LC_{50}	98	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}	7	
	Bacteria	EC_{50}	>100	
Disperse Orange 25	Zebra fish	IC_{50}[3]	268	Brown 1992
	Daphnia magna	LC_{50}	110	
	Scenedesmus subspicatus	EC_{50}[2]	54	
	Bacteria	EC_{50}	>100	

Analogue disperse azo dye	Rainbow Trout	LC_{50}	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}	>180	Little and Lamb 1973

[1] LC_{50} − The concentration of a substance that is estimated to be lethal to 50% of the test organisms.
[2] EC_{50} − The concentration of a substance that is estimated to cause some toxic sublethal effect on 50% of the test organisms.
[3] IC_{50} – The 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 poor 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 EDD are consistent with this expectation, indicating LC_{50}s in the 5 to 340 mg/L range, with daphnia being the most sensitive organisms 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 are much greater than the solubility of the substances tested (i.e., approximately 0.0009-0.07 mg/L for three analogues, Table 2) and of EDD, the data available do indicate that the toxicity of EDD is likely to be low.

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

The available empirical ecotoxicity information for analogues of EDD thus indicates that it is not likely to be highly hazardous to aquatic organisms.

B - In Other Environmental Compartments

Since EDD 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 EDD, it would be desirable to obtain toxicity data for soil organisms. However, no suitable ecological effects studies were found for this compound in media other than water. The toxicity potential is also likely to be low in sediment dwelling species considering the lack of bioaccumulation potential and bioavailability as well as the physical-chemical makeup of EDD, although this cannot be substantiated due to lack of whole organism sediment toxicity data for EDD 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, release rates, and 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 as being significant (Table 4). To address industrial releases, 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 the Environment Canada (2008d). The amount of EDD used was conservatively assumed to be 100kg – the s. 71 survey reporting threshold. As a conservative estimate, the release to water (sewer)from industrial activities only from the Mass Flow Tool was estimated at 16% of the amount used as per previous experience of Environment Canada on assessing other disperse azo dyes. The receiving water body conditions were also established conservatively, assuming the chemical is released to a very small river with no sewage treatment removal. The conservative PEC for water was calculated to be 0.0018 mg/L (Environment Canada 2008d).

Environment Canada's spreadsheet model to estimate down-the-drain releases from consumer uses (Mega Flush) was employed to estimate the potential substance concentration in multiple water bodies receiving sewage treatment plant effluents to which consumer products containing the substance may have been released (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.

The equation and inputs used in Mega Flush to calculate the predicted environmental concentration (PEC) of EDD 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, 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 EDD 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. The overall effect of these assumptions is to make this scenario very conservative. Using this scenario, the Mega Flush tool estimates that the PEC in the receiving water bodies ranges from 0.000043 to 0.0000035 mg/L.

Characterization of Ecological Risk

A predicted no-effect concentration (PNEC) was estimated based on the lowest nominal lethal concentration (EC_{50}) to *D. magna* for an analogue of EDD. The 96-hour EC_{50} for Disperse Blue 79 (CAS RN12239-34-8), an analogue of EDD, 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 EDD in surface waters in Canada appear unlikely to cause adverse effects on populations of aquatic organisms. Given that IGETA provides a conservative estimate of exposure and risk, the results indicate a low potential for ecological harm resulting from local exposure to point source industrial release. A more realistic evaluation of risk resulting from this type of source is not necessary.

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 EDD are not expected to harm to aquatic organisms.

Based on the available information, EDD 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 EDD 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 EDD will be mainly discharged to surface waters where ultimately it is expected to be transferred to sediment. It is also expected to have a only a moderate potential for acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. Risk quotients for aquatic exposures indicate that EDD concentrations likely do not exceed concentrations associated with effects, even when using conservative scenarios and assumptions. Therefore EDD is unlikely to be causing harm to populations of aquatic organisms in Canada.

Uncertainties in Evaluation of Ecological Risk

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 EDD 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. Although the degradation products are not expected to be biologically available because they form only in relatively deep anoxic sediment, this issue is a source of uncertainty in the toxicity assessment of EDD.

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 and EDD's large molecular size, which likely limits its partitioning behavior, EDD 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 EDD. However the lack of reports of manufacturing and imports 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 EDD is not highly hazardous to aquatic organisms.

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

There were also uncertainties with respect to the use of EDD in Canada. Based on known use patterns of structurally-similar azo dyes, the assumption made in this assessment is that EDD is used in textiles

Also, 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, although the water column may not be the medium of primary long-term concern based on partitioning estimates.

Conclusion

Based on the information presented in this draft screening assessment, it is proposed that EDD 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 EDD does not meet the definition of toxic as set out in section 64 of CEPA 1999. Additionally, EDD 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

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
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 EDD, can also be characterized as to their bioconcentration potential without adding solvents or other auxiliary substances which may affect the results.*

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No	**Item**	**Weight**	**Yes/No**	**Specify**
1	Reference: Environment Canada 1995. NSN Submission			
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 organis	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
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 and R Mihalik. 1991. Early life stage toxicity of C.I. Disperse Blue 79:1 purified presscake to Rainbow Trout in a flow through system			
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 organis	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 but however is was 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***			