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New information in this version

This third version of the *Guide for the adjustment of permissible exposure values (PEVs) for unusual work schedules* contains some changes from the previous version. This version is necessary to be consistent with the changes to Schedule I of the RROHS published in January 2007. The [RROHS](#) contains in the *Definitions and notes* section a provision on the principle of the adjustment of PEVs with a reference to the present guide. The new substances in Schedule I have been evaluated to assign them an adjustment category. As well, substances whose PEVs or notation(s) have been modified have also been reevaluated for the same purpose. [Appendix IV](#) of this guide contains the updated adjustment category list for each of the 703 substances in the RROHS.

Furthermore, the [computer-based tool](#) available on the IRSST's Web site integrates these modifications and allows users to apply the PEV adjustment principle to any of the substances in the [RROHS](#).

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Préambule

The standards for chemical contaminants found in various national regulations and reference values such as the TLVs® (Threshold Limit Values) of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH®)² have contributed greatly to the prevention of occupational diseases caused by worker exposure to hazardous substances. However, it is important to clearly understand the scope and limitations of the standards and TLVs® in order to discuss their adjustments. Standards such as TLVs® assume an applicability to workers with a regular work schedule of 8 hours per day, five days per week. The ACGIH® emphasizes that the adjustment of TLVs® in the case of extended work schedules requires a *particular judgment* and has recommended, for several years, the use of the *Brief and Scala* correction model. Since 2004, the ACGIH® has also referred to the model jointly developed by the Université de Montréal and the Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en Santé et en Sécurité du Travail of Québec described in this guide, while emphasizing that it generates results even closer to the physiologically-based toxicokinetic models (PBPK) than the *Brief & Scala* model.

This guide is the result of scientific expertise, consultations and the bipartite consensus of Technical Committee (3.33.1) on Schedule I of the [RROHS](#). It proposes a structured process that remains complex despite the efforts that have been made to simplify it without increasing worker health risks. However, this complexity reflects the significance and method of application of PEVs that serve as reference conditions.

PEV adjustment is based on the toxicological knowledge available in the scientific and technical literature. However, the limits of our knowledge have to be recognized regarding dose-response relationships applicable to humans, dose-absorption kinetics relating to saturation of defense mechanisms, animal-human extrapolation of toxicological data, the distribution of contaminants and their metabolites at the point of action of target organs, etc.

Introduction

Current knowledge on the adjustment of PEVs to unusual work schedules, meaning schedules other than eight hours per day, five days per week, was recently summarized in several publications particularly relevant to the Québec context^{3,4,5,6,7,8}. These publications describe the main methods for calculating PEV adjustment factors in the case of substances that require an adjustment.

The PEV adjustment process in this guide is based on a *guiding principle* that was agreed on in Technical Committee 3.33.1 for Schedule I of the [RROHS](#)⁷. In toxicological terms, for many chemical contaminants, an equilibrium is established between the accumulation of a contaminant in the body during the time at work and the elimination of the contaminant during the time away from work (this period is assumed to be exposure-free) until the maximum body burden or accumulation plateau in the body is reached. The time-weighted average exposure value (TWAEV) applicable to workers exposed to these contaminants during unusual work schedules must therefore be modified to ensure that the maximum body burden does not exceed the maximum body burden reached by a worker with a conventional work schedule. As a corollary, *no adjustment of the standard is necessary for any means of exposure or any toxic action of a contaminant that is unrelated in any way to the body burden*.

Guiding principle
... ensuring an equivalent degree of protection to
workers with a conventional schedule of 8 hours a
day, 5 days a week, and to workers with unusual
work schedules.

With this guiding principle as a basis and using the logic of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration³ (OSHA) as inspiration, a group of toxicologists met at the IRSST to propose adjustment categories⁹ (I, II, III and IV) for each of the substances found in Schedule I of the [RROHS](#) as well as a method for calculating adjustment factors supported by toxicokinetic modeling^{10,11}. This group of experts also defined the conditions and limitations of application of the adjustment procedure.

Using these recommendations, the members of Technical Committee 3.33.1 for Schedule I of the [RROHS](#) of the Commission de la Santé et de la Sécurité du Travail ([CSST](#), Québec workers' compensation board) established a consensus on the conditions of application of PEV adjustment (see [Appendix I](#)). The present guide is the tool for facilitating the application of PEV adjustment for unusual work schedules using toxicological considerations as a basis as reviewed by consensus by the members of the Schedule I committee. It provides several definitions and conditions of application, explains the PEV adjustment process and the interpretation of the **adjusted average exposure value** (AAEV), and presents some application examples in the [appendix II](#).

Adjustment recommendations

Definitions

Repetitive work cycle: calendar period during which the work schedule (work shift) is exactly repeated on a daily and weekly basis.

For example, a conventional schedule of 8h/d (Monday to Friday) and 5d/wk is a *repetitive calendar-week work cycle*; a schedule of 10 h/d (Tuesday to Friday) is also a *repetitive calendar-week work cycle*. However, a schedule of 12 h/d for 7 consecutive days, followed by 7 days off, would be a 14-day *repetitive cycle*. If this same schedule consists of alternating weeks of day and night shifts, it would then be a 28-day *repetitive cycle*.

Average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle: the arithmetic mean in hours (H_w) of the weekly total (7 days) of the work shifts during the repetitive work cycle.

For example, a schedule of 8 h/d (Monday to Friday), 5 d/wk, gives an average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle of 40 h/wk; a schedule of 10 h/d, 4 d/wk (Tuesday to Friday) also represents an average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle of 40 h/wk. However, a schedule of 12 h/d for 7 consecutive days, followed by 7 days off, corresponds to an average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle of 42 h/wk.

Multiple exposure: daily exposure to several substances

Nominal schedule: normal work schedule based on the agreement between the employer and worker without including overtime and occasional replacement work. As a general rule, this schedule should represent at least 80% of the hours actually worked.

Conditions of application

- The *short-term exposure values (STEV) and ceiling values (CV)* are not subject to the adjustment principle; only the TWAEVs are subject to the adjustment principle;
- The TWAEV adjustment process applies only to nominal schedules with shifts of no less than 4 hours and no more than 16 hours.
- In no case can the AAEV be greater than the TWAEV.
- In the case of daily exposures to several substances, the equation in part 3 of Schedule I of the RROHS applies by replacing T (TWAEV) by T_a (AAEV).
- The excursion limits for substances that have no STEV apply directly to the AAEV. Similarly, exposures between the STEV and the TWAEV must be taken into consideration as described in the RROHS by replacing the TWAEV by the AAEV.

PEV adjustment procedure

The adjustment procedure is based on the assignment of adjustment categories (Table 1) as proposed by OSHA³. [Appendix IV](#) gives the adjustment category for each of the substances in the RROHS, namely *no adjustment* (category I), *daily adjustment* (category II), *weekly adjustment* (category III), and *the most conservative* of the daily or weekly adjustments (category IV). The adjustment category for each of the substances in Schedule I of the RROHS is also available on the IRSST's [Web site](#). A computer-based tool (an Excel file) for applying the adjustment procedure is also available on the Internet (see [Appendix III](#)).

Table 1 : List of adjustment categories

Ad	Adjustment classification	Type of adjustment
I-a	Substances regulated by a ceiling value	No adjustment
I-b	Irritating or malodorous substances	
I-c	Simple asphyxiants, substances presenting a safety risk or a very low health risk, whose half-life is less than 4 hours. Technological limitations	
II	Substances that produce effects following <i>short-term</i> exposure	Daily adjustment
III	Substances that produce effects following <i>long-term</i> exposure	Weekly adjustment
IV	Substances that produce effects following a <i>short-</i> or <i>long-term</i> exposure	Daily or weekly adjustment the most conservative of the two

Calculating the AAEV

In the case of **Category I** substances, the TWAEV does not have to be adjusted, regardless of the type of work schedule. For substances belonging to the other categories, the TWAEV is adjusted by applying one of the following equations:

$$F_a = 8 / H_d$$

Category II substances, requiring a *daily* adjustment,

$$F_a = 40 / H_{wk}$$

Category III substances, requiring a *weekly* adjustment,

F_a = adjustment factor

H_d = exposure duration in hours per shift

H_{wk} = average duration of work shifts per week *based on a repetitive work cycle.*

In the case of **Category IV** substances, the F_a must be calculated for each of the two equations for Categories II and III, and the lowest F_a must be applied. It should be noted that the above-mentioned computer-based tool automatically calculates the AAEV from the most conservative F_a .

To obtain F_a rapidly, [Appendix IV](#) of this document supplies the adjustment categories for all of the substances in the RROHS, and Table 2 presents the F_a for most of the possible unusual schedules. The only exception to the application of Table 2 involves Category II and IV substances in the case of work schedules in which the work shifts vary in duration from day to day.

To use Table 2, the length of the repetitive work cycle must be determined and the average exposure durations be established based on the adjustment category of the substance considered.

Interpreting the AAEV

TWAEV

The RROHS defines the TWAEV in the following way :

“The time-weighted average concentration for an 8-hour workday and a 40-hour workweek of a chemical substance (in the form of gases, dusts, fumes, vapours or mists) present in the air in a worker's respiratory zone.”

To verify compliance with the TWAEV, the occupational health and safety professional will evaluate the concentration of a substance present in the worker's breathing zone by weighting the result or results of the measured concentrations on the basis of a workshift of eight consecutive hours. In this case, *the repetitive work cycle* is one week and the duration of the work shifts is constant from day to day and corresponds to the duration of the hours worked, or eight hours. Regardless of the nature of the pathologies that can be caused by the presence of this substance in the workplace, *verification of compliance with the TWAEV or AAEV is always done a daily basis.*

Table 2 : Adjustment factor for unusual work schedules based on the duration of work shifts (h/d) and the average duration of work weeks (h/wk)

Category I : No adjustment		Category II*		Category III		Category IV															
h/day	F _A	h/wk	F _A	h/wk	F _A	h/day															
8,0	1,00	40	1,00	40,0	1,00	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
8,5	0,94	41	0,98	40,5	0,99	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
9,0	0,89	42	0,95	41,0	0,98	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
9,5	0,84	43	0,93	41,5	0,96	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
10,0	0,80	44	0,91	42,0	0,95	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
10,5	0,76	45	0,89	42,5	0,94	0,94	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
11,0	0,73	46	0,87	43,0	0,93	0,93	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
11,5	0,70	47	0,85	43,5	0,92	0,92	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
12,0	0,67	48	0,83	44,0	0,91	0,91	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
12,5	0,64	49	0,82	44,5	0,90	0,90	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
13,0	0,62	50	0,80	45,0	0,89	0,89	0,89	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
13,5	0,59	51	0,78	45,5	0,88	0,88	0,88	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
14,0	0,57	52	0,77	46,0	0,87	0,87	0,87	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
14,5	0,55	53	0,75	46,5	0,86	0,86	0,86	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
15,0	0,53	54	0,74	47,0	0,85	0,85	0,85	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
15,5	0,52	55	0,73	47,5	0,84	0,84	0,84	0,84	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
16,0	0,50	56	0,71	48,0	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,83	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
*: the duration of work shifts must be equal from one day to the next		57	0,70	48,5	0,82	0,82	0,82	0,82	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
		58	0,69	49,0	0,82	0,82	0,82	0,82	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
		59	0,68	49,5	0,81	0,81	0,81	0,81	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50
		60	0,67	50,0	0,80	0,80	0,80	0,80	0,80	0,76	0,73	0,70	0,67	0,64	0,62	0,59	0,57	0,55	0,53	0,52	0,50

Blue: The most conservative **daily** adjustment

Red: The most conservative **weekly** adjustment

Calculating the AAEV

In the case of AAEVs, three situations may arise based on the adjustment category, namely :

Daily adjustment

For a substance whose adjustment must be done on a daily basis (**Category II**), if the work shifts are all of the same length, e.g., 12 hours, the AAEV will be $0.67 * \text{TWAEV}$, and the results of the concentrations will be weighted over 12 hours. The condition requiring work shifts of constant duration would represent the great majority of real situations.

However, if the work shifts are not all of the same length, the simple approach resulting from the [consensus of the Schedule I](#) committee (use of the average duration of work shifts) cannot be applied due to toxicological reasoning because it could lead to situations in which the guiding principle would no longer be respected. It then becomes necessary to adjust the TWAEV for *each work shift duration* and to weight the results according to the duration of the corresponding work shift.

Weekly adjustment

Category III substances, which require a weekly adjustment, consist of all the substances whose effects appear following a long-term exposure. Adjustment on the basis of the *average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle* is logical toxicologically. Therefore, a work schedule of 12 h/d for 7 consecutive days followed by 7 days off gives an average of 42 h/wk and an adjustment factor of 40/42 or 0.95.

The adjustment factor is used only to calculate the AAEV. Weighting of the concentration measurement(s) to verify compliance with the standard must be calculated over the duration of the work shift. In the example, weighting will be over 12 hours. If work shifts are of unequal length from one shift to the next, the weighting must be done over the duration of each of the work shifts..

Daily or weekly adjustment (*the most conservative of the two*)

For **Category IV** substances, the most conservative of the daily or weekly adjustments must be calculated. The same calculation criteria for the AAEV and the weighting of the results apply to this category.

Using the AAEV

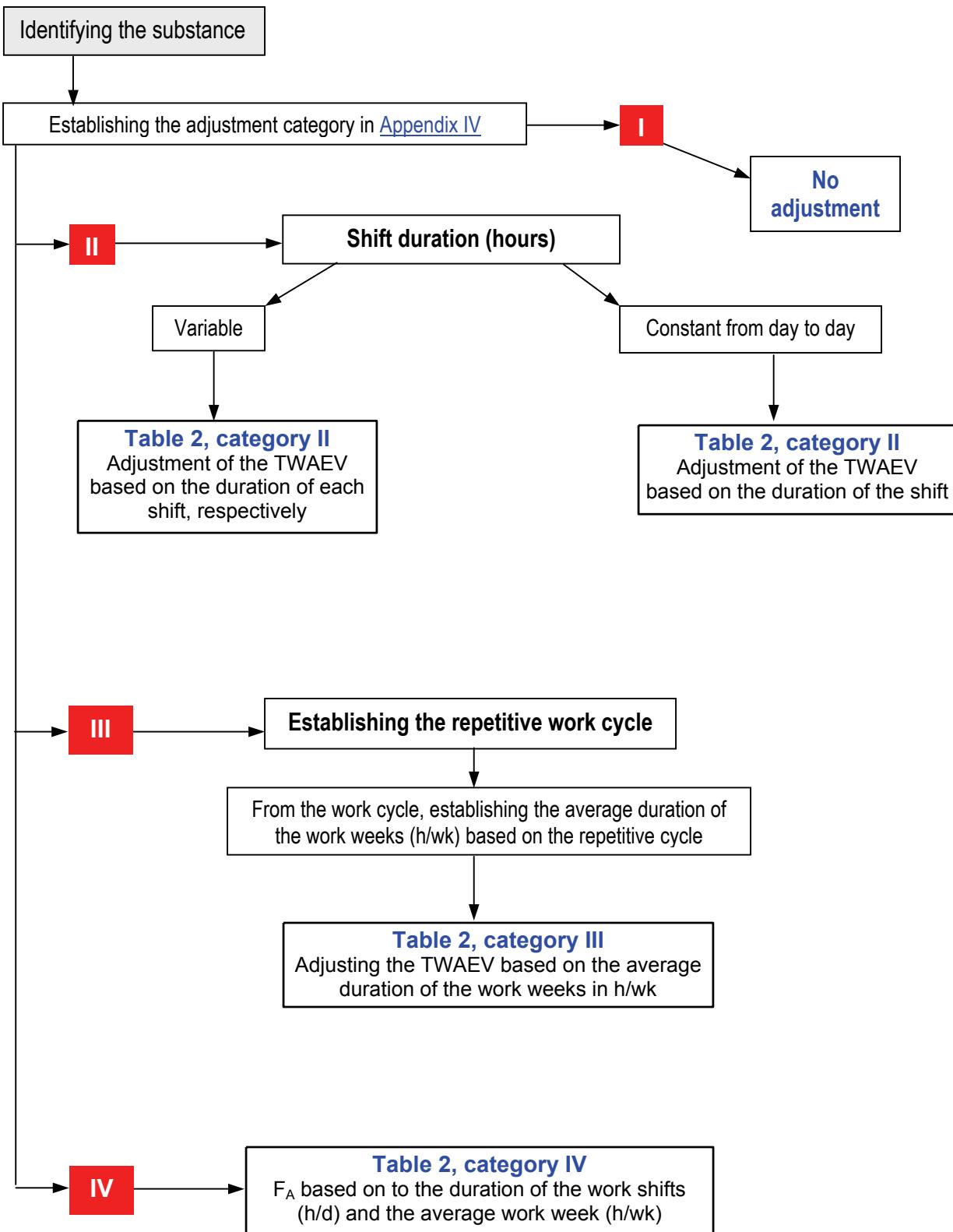
In the case of a daily exposure to a given substance for a worker working at several work locations and who has an unusual work schedule, calculation of the *average daily exposure* is done over the entire work shift and is then compared to the AAEV, as described in Part 2 of Schedule I of the [RROHS](#)¹.

In the case of a situation in which there is daily exposure to several substances and an unusual work schedule, the *mixed exposure index* (Rm) is calculated by using the AAEV instead of the TWAEV in the denominator, as described in Part 3 of Schedule I of the [RROHS](#). The [MIXIE computer-based tool](#) developed jointly by the Université de Montréal and the IRSST can be an invaluable aid in identifying substances in the [RROHS](#) with similar effects on the same organs of the human body^{12,13}.

Conclusion

The process of adjusting TWAEVs into AAEVs is summarized in Figure 1. An AAEV cannot be greater than the TWAEV. STEVs and CVs are never adjusted. All the other definitions and provisions of the RROHS apply to the AAEV by replacing the TWAEV with the AAEV in the text.

Figure 1 : TWAEV adjustment process



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Appendix I : Consensus of the Schedule I Committee

Conditions of application

- The adjustment must not allow exposure above the time-weighted average exposure value (TWAEV).
- Short-term exposure values (STEV) are not subject to adjustment.

Assigning adjustment categories

- Add to Category I, without adjustment, “Substances whose half-life is less than 4 hours”.
- Include acetone, aniline, chlorine, hexane (other isomers) and hydrogen sulfide in Category I, without adjustment.

Appendix II: Examples of PEV adjustment

The PEV adjustment process is presented in the form of scenarios taken from real workplace situations. Appendix IV indicates the adjustment categories for all the substances in Schedule I of the RROHS..

Scenario 1: Hydrogen cyanide

Scenario 1 raises the question about exposure to **hydrogen cyanide** or HCN (hydrocyanic acid) by workers with different schedules of 8h/d, 5 d/wk.

The adjustment category for this substance as found in [Appendix IV](#) of this document is **I-a**. Figure 1 informs us that for all Category I substances, there is no adjustment regardless of the work schedule.

Scenario 2: Acetonitrile

A laboratory technician uses **acetonitrile** regularly as a solvent. He works 12 h/d, 4 d/wk, with alternating weeks from Monday to Thursday and from Tuesday to Friday. What is the AAEV that applies in his case?

The adjustment category for this substance as found in [Appendix IV](#) of this document indicates category **II** for acetonitrile, or a daily adjustment. Figure 1 indicates that for all category II substances, one first has to specify whether the work shifts in his nominal schedule are always the same length from day to day. In this case, the duration of the work shifts is constant at 12 hours, so we consult Table 2. Under the “Category II” heading, at 12.0 h/day, the adjustment factor is 0.67. The AAEV is therefore **45 mg/m³** ($67 \text{ mg/m}^3 * 0.67$).

The sampling strategy¹⁴ must anticipate a 12-hour weighting of the representative results for the entire shift.

Scenario 3 : Lead

In a plant recovering **lead** from automobile batteries and other sources, workers have schedules with 12-hour shifts for two consecutive weeks of 3 days and 4 days. What would be the AAEV for lead that would apply to these workers?

The adjustment category for this substance as found in [Appendix IV](#) of this document indicates category **III** for “Lead and its inorganic compounds, dusts and fumes (expressed as Pb)”, or a weekly adjustment. Figure 1 indicates that for all category III substances, the **repetitive work cycle** must first be specified, or two weeks (14 days), and the *average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle*, or 42 hours ($36+48)/2$. This allows us to consult Table 2; under the “Category III” heading, at 42.0 h/week, the adjustment factor is 0.95. Therefore the AAEV becomes **0.14 mg/m³** ($0.15 \text{ mg/m}^3 * 0.95$).

The sampling strategy must anticipate a 12-hour weighting of the representative results¹⁴ for the entire shift.

Scenario 4 : Styrene

A fiberglass pleasure boat manufacturing plant has a work schedule consisting of three working days followed by three days off. All the work shifts are 12 h/d. For workers using **styrene** to manufacture the polymeric coating, what would the AAEV be?

The adjustment category for this substance as found in [Appendix IV](#) of this document indicates category **IV** for styrene, or that the most conservative daily or weekly value must be used. Figure 1 indicates that for all category **IV** substances, categories II and III must be calculated and the most conservative result of the two must be applied.

Therefore, for category II, since all the work shifts are of the same length, or 12 hours, Table 2, under the “Category II” heading at 12 h/day, gives the adjustment factor as 0.67. The AAEV would therefore be **142 mg/m³** (213 mg/m³ * 0.67).

For category III, the **repetitive work cycle** must first be specified, which is 42 days, as summarized in the following table:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	W	W	W	A	A	A	W
2	W	W	A	A	A	W	W
3	W	A	A	A	W	W	W
4	A	A	A	W	W	W	A
5	A	A	W	W	W	A	A
6	A	W	W	W	A	A	A

W: work

A: Absence

This cycle includes three weeks of 3 shifts (36 hours) and three weeks of 4 shifts (48 hours). The *average exposure duration in hours per week based on a repetitive work cycle* is 42 hours $((36*3)+(48*3))/6$. We then consult Table 2; under the “Category III” heading, at 42.0 h/week, the adjustment factor is 0.95. Therefore the AAEV would be **203 mg/m³** (213 mg/m³ * 0.95).

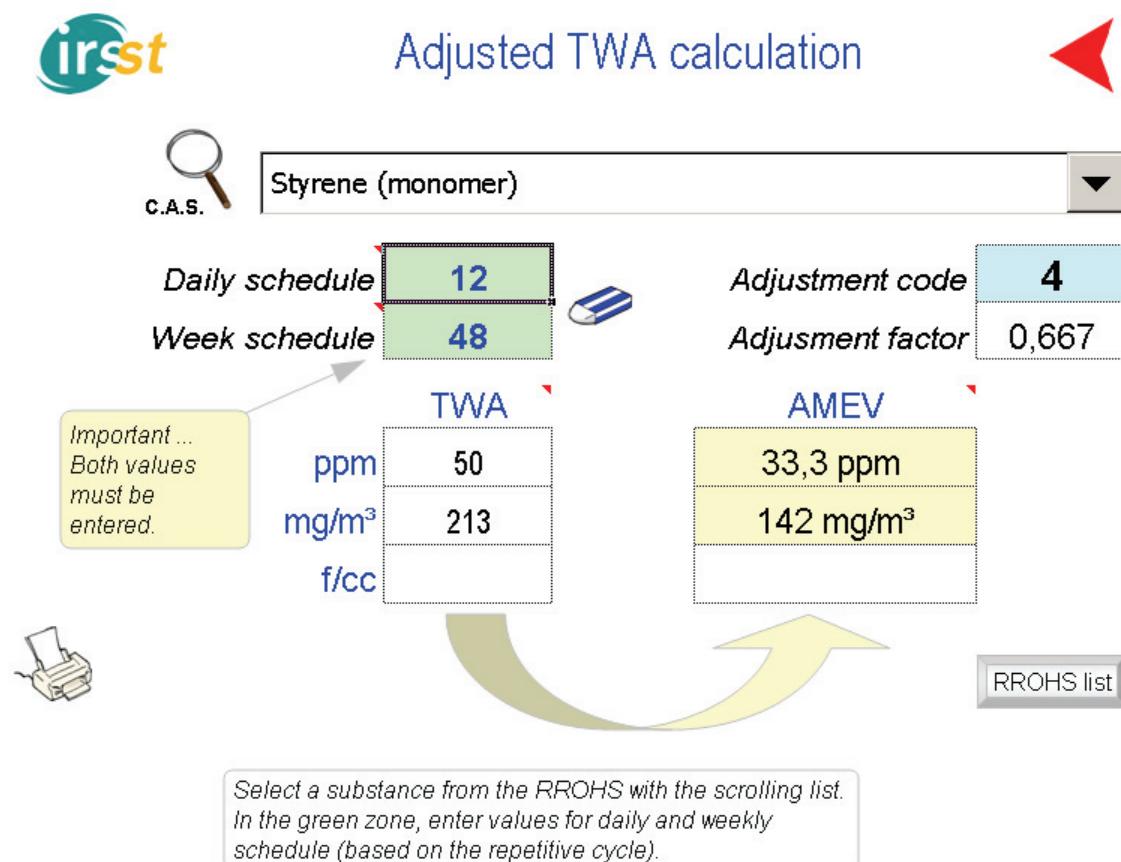
The AAEV of **142 mg/m³**, being the most conservative, is therefore applicable to these workers’ exposure. Table 2 under the “Category IV” heading arrives at the same conclusion. In fact, the intersection point of the 42-hour row and the 12-hour column gives an adjustment factor (F_a) of 0.67.

The sampling strategy must anticipate a 12-hour weighting of the representative results¹⁴ for the entire shift.

Appendix III: Computer-based tool for TWAEV adjustment

The following figure shows the EXCEL bilingual computer-based tool available on the IRSST's Web site. It works with Microsoft EXCEL version 97 (or a later version) and can be downloaded from the following address: http://www.irssst.qc.ca/en/_outil_100011.html.

The data for scenario 4 of Appendix II have been used as an example.



Appendix IV: Adjustment category for RROHS substances

Acetaldehyde	I-a	Arsenic, elemental [7440-38-2], and inorganic compounds (except Arsine) (as As)	III	sec-Butyl acetate	I-b
Acetic acid	I-b	Arsenic trioxide, production	III	tert-Butyl acetate	I-b
Acetic anhydride	I-b	Arsine	IV	n-Butyl acrylate	I-b
Acetone	I-c	Asbestos, Actinolite	III	n-Butyl alcohol	I-a
Acetone cyanohydrin	I-a	Asbestos, Amosite	III	sec-Butyl alcohol	II
Acetonitrile	II	Asbestos, Anthophyllite	III	tert-Butyl alcohol	II
Acetophenone	I-b	Asbestos, Chrysotile	III	tert-Butyl chromate (as CrO ₃)	I-a
Acetylene	I-c	Asbestos, Crocidolite	III	n-Butyl glycidyl ether (BGE)	III
Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin)	II	Asbestos, Tremolite	III	n-Butyl lactate	I-b
Acrolein	I-b	Asphalt (petroleum) fumes	III	Butyl mercaptan	I-b
Acrylamide	III	Atrazine	II	n-Butylamine	I-a
Acrylic acid	I-b	Azinphos-methyl	IV	o-sec-Butylphenol	I-b
Acrylonitrile	III	Barium, soluble compounds (as Ba)	II	p-tert-Butyltoluene	III
Adipic acid	III	Barium sulfate, Pt	III	Cadmium elemental and compounds (as Cd)	III
Adiponitrile	IV	Barium sulfate, Pr	III	Calcium carbonate, Pt	I-c
Aldrin	IV	Benomyl	I-c	Calcium chromate (as Cr)	III
Allyl alcohol	I-b	Benz(a)anthracene	III	Calcium cyanamide	I-b
Allyl glycidyl ether (AGE)	I-b	Benzene	III	Calcium hydroxide	I-b
Allyl propyl disulfide	I-b	Benzidine (production)	III	Calcium oxide	I-b
Aluminum [7429-90-5], (as Al), Alkyls (NOC)	I-b	Benzo(a)pyrene	III	Calcium silicate (synthetic), Pt	I-c
Aluminum (as Al), Metal	I-c	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	III	Calcium sulfate, Pt	I-c
Aluminum [7429-90-5], (as Al), Pyrotechnical powders	I-c	p-Benzoquinone	I-b	Calcium sulfate, Pr	I-c
Aluminum [7429-90-5], (as Al), Soluble salts	I-b	Benzoyl peroxide	I-b	Camphor (synthetic)	I-b
Aluminum [7429-90-5], (as Al), Welding fumes	I-c	Benzyl chloride	IV	Caprolactam, Dust	I-b
Aluminum oxide (as Al), Pt	I-c	Beryllium [7440-41-7], metal and compounds (as Be)	III	Caprolactam, Vapour	I-b
4-Aminodiphenyl	III	Biphenyl	I-b	Captafol	III
2-Aminoethanol	III	Bismuth telluride (as Bi ₂ Te ₃), Sedoped	III	Captan	III
2-Aminopyridine	II	Bismuth telluride (as Bi ₂ Te ₃), Undoped	I-c	Carbaryl	IV
Amitrole	III	Boron oxide	I-b	Carbofuran	IV
Ammonia	I-b	Boron tribromide	I-a	Carbon black	III
Ammonium chloride fume	I-b	Boron trifluoride	I-a	Carbon dioxide	I-c
Ammonium perfluoroctanoate	III	Bromacil	III	Carbon disulfide	IV
Ammonium sulfamate	I-b	Bromine	I-b	Carbon monoxide	IV
Aniline	I-c	Bromine pentafluoride	I-b	Carbon tetrabromide	IV
o-Anisidine	II	Bromoform	IV	Carbon tetrachloride	IV
p-Anisidine	II	Bromotrifluoromethane	I-c	Carbonyl fluoride	IV
Antimony [7440-36-0], metal and compounds (as Sb)	III	1,3-Butadiene	III	Catechol	IV
Antimony trioxide (as Sb)	III	Butane	I-c	Cellulose (paper fibres), Pt	I-c
Antimony trioxide, production (as Sb)	III	2-Butoxyethanol	III	Cesium hydroxide	I-b
ANTU (alpha-Naphthylthiourea)	II	n-Butyl acetate	I-b	Chlordane	IV
Argon	I-c			Chlorinated camphene	IV
				Chlorinated diphenyl oxide	III

Chlorine	I-c	Cotton dust, in yarn manufacturing and cotton washing operations	III	1,2-Dichloroethane	III
Chlorine dioxide	II	Cotton dust, in textile mill waste house operations or in yarn manufacturing to dust from "lower-grade washed cotton"	III	Dichloroethyl ether	II
Chlorine trifluoride	I-a	Cotton dust, in textile slashing and weaving operations	III	1,1-Dichloroethylene	III
Chloroacetaldehyde	I-a	Cresol (all isomers)	I-b	1,2-Dichloroethylene	IV
Chloroacetone	I-a	Crotonaldehyde	I-b	Dichlorofluoromethane	IV
alpha-Chloroacetophenone	I-b	Crufomate	IV	1,1-Dichloro-1-nitroethane	II
Chloroacetyl chloride	I-b	Cumene	II	1,2-Dichloropropane	IV
Chlorobenzene	IV	Cyanamide	I-b	Dichloropropene (cis and trans)	IV
o-Chlorobenzylidene malononitrile	I-a	Cyanides (as Cn)	I-a	2,2-Dichloropropionic acid	I-b
Chlorobromomethane	III	Cyanogen	I-b	1,2 Dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane	I-c
Chlorodifluoromethane	I-c	Cyanogen chloride	I-a	Dichlorvos	IV
Chlorodiphenyl (42% chlorine)	III	Cyclohexane	I-b	Dicrotophos	IV
Chlorodiphenyl (54% chlorine)	III	Cyclohexanol	IV	Dicyclopentadiene	III
Chloroform	IV	Cyclohexanone	III	Dicyclopentadienyl iron	I-c
Chloromethyl methyl ether	III	Cyclohexene	I-b	Dieldrin	IV
bis (Chloromethyl) ether	III	Cyclohexylamine	I-b	Diethanolamine	I-b
1-Chloro-1-nitropropane	II	Cyclonite	III	Diethyl ether	I-b
Chloropentafluoroethane	I-c	Cyclopentadiene	I-b	Diethyl ketone	II
Chloropicrin	II	Cyclopentane	IV	Diethyl phthalate	III
β -Chloroprene	IV	Cyhexatin	I-c	Diethylamine	I-b
3-Chloropropene	III	2,4-D	III	2-Diethylaminoethanol	I-b
2-chloropropionic acid	III	DDT (Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane)	IV	Diethylene triamine	III
o-Chlorostyrene	IV	Decaborane	IV	Difluorodibromomethane	IV
o-Chlorotoluene	I-b	Demeton®	IV	Diglycidyl ether (DGE)	III
Chlorpyrifos	IV	Di-sec-octyl phthalate	III	Disobutyl ketone	I-b
Chromite ore processing (chromate) (as Cr)	III	2,6-Di-tert-butyl-p-cresol	I-c	Diisopropyl ether	I-b
Chromium (metal)	III	Diacetone alcohol	I-b	Diisopropylamine	I-b
Chromium (III) compounds (as Cr)	III	1,6-Diaminohexane	I-b	Dimethyl carbamoyl chloride	III
Chromium IV, water insoluble inorganic compounds (as Cr)	III	Diazinon®	IV	Dimethyl sulfate	III
Chromium IV, water soluble inorganic compounds (as Cr)	III	Diazomethane	IV	N,N-Dimethylacetamide	IV
Chromyl chloride	III	Diborane	IV	Dimethylamine	I-b
Chrysene	III	1,2-Dibromoethane	III	N,N-Dimethylaniline	IV
Clopidol	I-c	Dibutyl phenyl phosphate	IV	N,N-Dimethylformamide	III
Coal dust (less than 5% crystalline silica), Pr	III	Dibutyl phosphate	I-b	1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	III
Coal dust (more than 5% crystalline silica), Pr	III	Dibutyl phthalate	I-b	Dimethylphthalate	I-b
Coal tar pitch volatiles, as benzene solubles	III	2-N-Dibutylaminoethanol	III	Dinitolmide	III
Cobalt, elemental and inorganic compounds (as Co)	III	1,3-Dichloro -5,5-dimethyl hydantoin	I-b	Dinitro-ortho-cresol	III
Cobalt hydrocarbonyl (as Co)	II	Dichloroacetylene	I-a	Dinitrobenzene (all isomers)	IV
Cobalt tetracarbonyl (as Co)	II	o-Dichlorobenzene	I-a	Dinitrotoluene	IV
Copper [7440-50-8], Fume (as Cu)	II	p-Dichlorobenzene	III	Dioxane	III
Copper [7440-50-8], Dust and mists (as Cu)	I-b	3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	III	Dioxathion	III
Corundum, Pt	I-c	1,4-Dichloro-2-butene	III	Diphenylamine	IV
Cotton dust, cotton waste processing operation of waste recycling and garnetting	III	Dichlorodifluoromethane	I-c	Dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether	II
		1,1-Dichloroethane	IV	Diquat, Pt	III
				Diquat, Pr	III
				Disulfiram	II

Disulfoton	IV
Diuron	I-c
Divinyl benzene	I-b
Emery, Pt	I-c
Endosulfan	IV
Endrin	II
Enflurane	II
Epichlorohydrin	IV
EPN	IV
Ethane	I-c
Ethion	IV
2-Ethoxyethanol (EGEE)	IV
2-Ethoxyethyl acetate (EGEEA)	IV
Ethyl acetate	I-b
Ethyl acrylate	III
Ethyl alcohol	I-b
Ethyl amylic ketone	I-b
Ethyl benzene	III
Ethyl bromide	IV
Ethyl butyl ketone	II
Ethyl chloride	IV
Ethyl formate	I-b
Ethyl mercaptan	I-b
Ethyl silicate	III
Ethylamine	I-b
Ethylene	I-c
Ethylene chlorohydrin	I-a
Ethylene glycol (vapour and mist)	I-a
Ethylene glycol dinitrate	I-a
Ethylene imine	IV
Ethylene oxide	III
Ethylenediamine	III
Ethyldiene norbornene	I-a
N-Ethylmorpholine	II
Fenamiphos	IV
Fensulfothion	IV
Fenthion	IV
Ferbam	I-b
Ferrovanadium (dust)	I-b
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Fibrous glass, continuous filament, Pt	I-c
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Fibrous glass, microfibres	III
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Insulation wool fibres, Glass wool	I-b
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Insulation wool fibres, Rock wool	I-b
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Insulation wool fibres, Slag	I-b

wool	
Fibres, Artificial Vitreous Mineral Fibres, Refractory fibres (ceramic or others)	III
Fibres, Natural Mineral Fibres, Attapulgite	III
Fibres, Natural Mineral Fibres, Erionite	I-a
Fibres-Natural Mineral Fibres, Wolastonite, Pt	I-b
Fibres-Natural Mineral Fibres, Wolastonite, Pr	I-b
Fibres, Organic Synthetic Fibres, Carbon and graphite fibres, Pt	III
Fibres, Organic Synthetic Fibres, Carbon and graphite fibres, Pr	III
Fibres, Organic Synthetic Fibres, Para-aramide fibres (Kevlar®, Twaron®)	III
Fibres, Organic Synthetic Fibres, Polyolefin fibres, Pt	I-c
Fluorides (as F)	III
Fluorine	I-b
Fonofos	IV
Formaldehyde	I-a
Formamide	III
Formic acid	I-b
Furfural	I-b
Furfuryl alcohol	I-b
Gasoline	II
Germanium tetrahydride	II
Glutaraldehyde	I-a
Glycerin (mist)	I-c
Glycidol	I-b
Grain dust (oat, wheat, barley), Pt	IV
Graphite (all forms except fibers), Pr	III
Gypsum, Pt	I-c
Gypsum, Pr	I-c
Hafnium	III
Halothane	IV
Helium	I-c
Heptachlor	IV
Heptachlore epoxide	III
n-Heptane	II
Hexachlorobenzene	III
Hexachlorobutadiene	III
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	IV
Hexachloroethane	III
Hexachloronaphthalene	III
Hexafluoroacetone	IV
Hexamethyl phosphoramide	III
Hexamethylene diisocyanate	III
n-Hexane	IV
Hexane (other isomers)	I-c

sec-Hexyl acetate	I-b
Hexylene glycol	I-a
Hydrazine	III
Hydrogen	I-c
Hydrogen bromide	I-a
Hydrogen chloride	I-a
Hydrogen cyanide	I-a
Hydrogen fluoride (as F)	I-a
Hydrogen peroxide	I-b
Hydrogen selenide (as Se)	IV
Hydrogen sulfide	I-c
Hydrogenated terphenyls	III
Hydroquinone	IV
2-Hydroxypropyl acrylate	I-b
Indene	I-b
Indium [7440-74-6] and compounds (as In)	IV
Iodine	I-a
Iodoform	II
Iron pentacarbonyl (as Fe)	II
Iron salts, soluble (as Fe)	I-b
Iron trioxide, dust and fume (as Fe)	III
Isoamyl alcohol	II
Isobutyl acetate	I-b
Isobutyl alcohol	I-b
Isocyanate oligomers	III
Iooctyl alcohol	II
Isophorone	I-a
Isophorone diisocyanate	III
Isopropanoxyethanol	III
Isopropyl acetate	I-b
Isopropyl alcohol	II
Isopropyl glycidyl ether (IGE)	III
Isopropylamine	I-b
N-Isopropylaniline	II
Kaolin, Pr	III
Ketene	II
L.P.G. (Liquified petroleum gas)	I-c
Lead and inorganic compounds	III
Lead arsenate (as Pb ₃ (AsO ₄) ₂)	IV
Lead chromate (as Cr)	III
Lead tetraethyl (as Pb)	III
Lead tetramethyl (as Pb)	III
Limestone, Pt	I-c
Lindane	IV
Lithium hydride	I-b
Magnesite, Pt	I-c
Magnesium oxide fume (as Mg)	II

Malathion	IV	Methyl parathion	IV	Nitroglycerin (NG)	I-a
Maleic anhydride	IV	Methyl propyl ketone	II	Nitromethane	IV
Manganese [7439-96-5] (as Mn), Dust and compounds	III	Methyl silicate	II	1-Nitropropane	III
Manganese (as Mn), Fume	IV	alpha-Methyl styrene	II	2-Nitropropane	III
Manganese cyclopentadienyl tricarbonyl (as Mn)	IV	Methylacrylonitrile	IV	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	III
Manganese methyl cyclopentadienyl tricarbonyl (as Mn)	IV	Methylal	I-b	Nitrotoluene (all isomers)	II
Manganese tetroxide	III	Methylamine	I-b	Nitrous oxide	III
Mercury [7439-97-6], Alkyl compounds (as Hg)	IV	N-Methylaniline	IV	Nonane	II
Mercury [7439-97-6], aryl compounds (as Hg)	III	Methylcyclohexane	I-b	Octachloronaphthalene	III
Mercury [7439-97-6], inorganic compounds (as Hg)	III	Methylcyclohexanol	III	Octane	II
Mercury [7439-97-6], mercury vapor (as Hg)	III	o-Methylcyclohexanone	I-b	Osmium tetroxide (as Os)	I-b
Mesityl oxide	I-b	Methylene chloride	IV	Oxalic acid	I-b
Methacrylic acid	I-b	4,4'-Methylene bis (2-chloroaniline) (MOCA)	IV	Oxygen difluoride	I-a
Methane	I-c	Methylene bis (4-cyclohexylisocyanate)	III	Ozone	I-a
Methomyl	IV	4,4'-Methylene dianiline	III	Paraffin wax, fume	I-b
Methoxychlor	IV	Methylene bis (4-phenyl isocyanate) (MDI)	III	Paraquat, respirable particulates, Pr	III
2-Methoxyethanol (EGME)	IV	Metribuzin	II	Parathion	IV
2-Methoxyethyl acetate (EGMEA)	IV	Mica, Pr	III	Particulates Not Otherwise Classified (PNOC), Pt	I-c
4-Methoxyphenol	I-b	Mineral oil (mist)	III	Pentaborane	II
Methyl acetate	II	Molybdenum [7439-98-7] (as Mo), Insoluble compounds	I-c	Pentachloronaphthalene	III
Methyl acetylene	I-c	Molybdenum [7439-98-7] (as Mo), Soluble compounds	I-c	Pentachloronitrobenzene	III
Methyl acetylene-propadiene mixture (MAPP)	I-c	Monocrotophos	IV	Pentachlorophenol	III
Methyl acrylate	III	Morpholine	I-b	Pentaerythritol	I-c
Methyl alcohol	IV	Naled	IV	n-Pentane	II
Methyl amyl alcohol	I-b	Naphthalene	I-b	n-Amyl acetate	I-b
Methyl n-amyl ketone	I-b	β -Naphthylamine	III	sec-Amyl acetate	I-b
Methyl bromide	IV	Neon	I-c	tert-Amyl acetate	I-b
Methyl tert-butyl ether	IV	Nickel, Metal	III	Isoamyl acetate	I-b
Methyl n-butyl ketone	III	Nickel [7440-02-0], Insoluble compounds (as Ni)	III	2-Methyl-1-butyl acetate	I-b
Methyl chloride	IV	Nickel [7440-02-0], Soluble compounds (as Ni)	III	3-Pentyl acetate	I-b
Methyl chloroform	II	Nickel carbonyl (as Ni)	II	Perchloroethylene	IV
Methyl 2-cyanoacrylate	III	Nickel sulfide roasting, fume and dust (as Ni)	III	Perchloromethyl mercaptan	II
Methyl demeton	IV	Nicotine	II	Perchloryl fluoride	IV
Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)	I-b	Nitrapyrin	I-c	Perfluoroisobutylene	I-a
Methyl ethyl ketone peroxide	I-a	Nitric acid	II	Perlite, Pt	I-c
Methyl formate	I-b	p-Nitroaniline	IV	Perlite, Pr	I-c
Methyl hydrazine	I-a	Nitrobenzene	IV	Phenol	IV
Methyl iodide	IV	p-Nitrochlorobenzene	IV	Phenothiazine	III
Methyl isoamyl ketone	I-b	4-Nitrodiphenyl	III	Phenyl ether, vapour	I-b
Methyl isobutyl ketone	I-b	Nitroethane	I-b	Phenyl glycidyl ether (PGE)	III
Methyl isocyanate	III	Nitrogen	I-c	Phenyl mercaptan	I-b
Methyl isopropyl ketone	I-b	Nitrogen dioxide	IV	meta-Phenylenediamine	III
Methyl mercaptan	I-b	Nitrogen monoxide	II	ortho-Phenylenediamine	III
Methyl methacrylate (monomer)	I-b	Nitrogen trifluoride	II	p-Phenylenediamine	III

Phenylphosphine	I-a	ucts (as Formaldehyde)		Sulfur pentafluoride	I-a
Phorate	IV	Rotenone	IV	Sulfur tetrafluoride	I-a
Phosdrin	IV	Rouge, Pt	I-c	Sulfuric acid	I-b
Phosgene	II	Rubber solvent (Naphtha)	II	Sulfuryl fluoride	III
Phosphine	II	Selenium and compounds (as Se)	IV	Sulprofos	IV
Phosphoric acid	I-b	Selenium hexafluoride (as Se)	IV	2,4,5-T	I-c
Phosphorus (yellow)	I-b	Sesone	III	Talc, fibrous	III
Phosphorus oxychloride	I-b	Silica, Amorphous, Diatomaceous earth (uncalcined), Pt	I-c	Talc, non fibrous, Pr	III
Phosphorus pentachloride	I-b	Silica - Amorphous, fumes, Pr	III	Tantalum [7440-25-7], metal and oxide dusts (as Ta)	I-c
Phosphorus pentasulfide	I-b	Silica, Amorphous, fused, Pr	III	Tellurium and compounds (as Te)	IV
Phosphorus trichloride	I-b	Silica, Amorphous, gel, Pr	I-c	Tellurium hexafluoride (as Te)	II
Phthalic anhydride	III	Silica, Amorphous, precipitated, Pt	I-c	Temephos	IV
m-Phthalodinitrile	I-c	Silica, Crystalline, Cristobalite, Pr	III	TEPP	IV
Picloram	I-c	Silica, Crystalline, Quartz, Pr	III	Terephthalic acid	I-c
Picric acid	III	Silica, Crystalline, Tridymite, Pr	III	Terphenyls	I-a
Pindone	III	Silica, Crystalline, Tripoli, Pr	III	1,1,2,2-Tetrabromoethane	IV
Piperazine dihydrochloride	III	Silicon, Pt	I-c	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloro-2,2-difluoroethane	IV
Plaster of Paris, Pt	I-c	Silicon carbide (non fibrous), Pt	I-c	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloro-1, 2-difluoroethane	IV
Plaster of Paris, Pr	I-c	Silicon tetrahydride	II	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	IV
Platinum, Metal	III	Silver, Metal	III	Tetrachloronaphthalene	III
Platinum [7440-06-4], Soluble salts (as Pt)	III	Silver [7440-22-4], Soluble compounds (as Ag)	III	Tetrahydrofuran	I-b
Polytetrafluoroethylene decomposition products	II	Soapstone, Pt	III	Tetramethyl succinonitrile	II
Portland cement, Pt	I-b	Soapstone, Pr	III	Tetranitromethane	IV
Portland cement, Pr	I-b	Sodium azide	I-a	Tetrasodium pyrophosphate	I-b
Potassium hydroxide	I-a	Sodium bisulfite	I-b	Tetryl	III
Propane	I-c	Sodium fluoroacetate	II	Thallium, elemental [7440-28-0], and soluble compounds (as Tl)	III
Propane sultone	III	Sodium hydroxide	I-a	4,4'-Thiobis (6-tert-butyl-m-cresol)	I-c
Propargyl alcohol	I-b	Sodium metabisulfite	I-b	Thioglycolic acid	I-b
β-Propiolactone	III	Borates, tetra, sodium salt , Anhydrous	I-b	Thionyl chloride	I-a
Propionic acid	I-b	Borates, tetra, sodium salt , Dehydration	I-b	Thiram®	III
Propoxur (baygon)	IV	Borates, tetra, sodium salt , Pentahydrate	I-b	Tin, Metal	III
n-Propyl acetate	I-b	Starch, Pt	III	Tin [7440-31-5], Organic compounds (as Sn)	III
n-Propyl alcohol	I-b	Stibine (as Sb)	IV	Tin [7440-31-5], Oxide and inorganic compounds, except SnH4 (as Sn)	III
n-Propyl nitrate	II	Stoddard solvent	IV	Titanium dioxide, Pt	I-c
Propylene	I-c	Strontium chromate (as Cr)	III	o-Tolidine	III
Propylene glycol dinitrate	IV	Strychnine	II	Toluene	IV
Propylene glycol monomethyl ether	IV	Styrene (monomer)	IV	Toluene diisocyanate (TDI) (isomers mixture)	III
Propylene imine	III	Subtilisins (Proteolytic enzymes as 100 % pure crystalline enzyme)	I-c	o-Toluidine	IV
Propylene oxide	III	Succinaldehyde	I-b	m-Toluidine	II
Pyrethrum	III	Sucrose	I-c	p-Toluidine	IV
Pyridine	III	Sulfometuron methyl	III	Tributyl phosphate	I-b
Resorcinol	II	Sulfotep	IV	Trichloroacetic acid	I-b
Rhodium [7440-16-6], Metal and insoluble compounds (as Rh)	III	Sulfur dioxide	I-b	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	I-b
Rhodium [7440-16-6], Soluble compounds (as Rh)	III	Sulfur hexafluoride	I-c	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	IV
Ronnel	IV	Sulfur monochloride	I-a		
Rosin core solder pyrolysis products (as Formaldehyde)	III				

Trichloroethylene	II	Zinc stearate	I-c
Trichlorofluoromethane	I-a	Zinc, oxide, Dust, Pt	I-c
Trichloronaphthalene	III	Zinc, oxide, Fume	II
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	III	Zirconium [7440-67-7] and compounds (as Zr)	I-c
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane	II		
Tri-o-cresyl phosphate	III		
Triethanolamine	III		
Triethylamine	IV		
Triglycidyl isocyanurate (TGIC) (alpha-)	III		
Triglycidyl isocyanurate (TGIC) (beta)	III		
Triglycidyl isocyanurate (TGIC) (mixed isomers)	III		
Trimellitic anhydride	III		
Trimethyl benzene	III		
Trimethyl phosphite	I-b		
Trimethylamine	I-b		
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (TNT)	III		
Triphenyl amine	I-c		
Triphenyl phosphate	IV		
Tungsten [7440-33-7] (as W) , Insoluble compounds	I-c		
Tungsten [7440-33-7] (as W) , Soluble compounds	II		
Turpentine	I-b		
Uranium [7440-61-1] (natural) , Insoluble compounds (as U)	III		
Uranium (natural) [7440-61-1], Soluble compounds (as U)	III		
n-Valeraldehyde	I-b		
Vanadium pentoxide, fume and respirable dust (as V ₂ O ₅)	I-b		
Vegetable oil mists (except castor, cashew and other similar irritant oils)	I-c		
Vinyl acetate	I-b		
Vinyl bromide	III		
Vinyl chloride (monomer)	III		
Vinyl cyclohexene dioxide	III		
Vinyl toluene	I-b		
VM&P Naphtha	I-b		
Warfarin	IV		
Welding fumes (not otherwise classified)	II		
Wood dust (western red cedar), Pt	III		
Wood dust hard and soft, except red cedar, Pt	III		
Xylene (o-,m-,p- isomers)	II		
m-Xylene-alpha, alpha'-diamine	I-a		
Xyldine (mixed isomers)	III		
Yttrium [7440-65-5], metal and compounds (as Y)	III		
Zinc chloride, fume	II		
Zinc chromates [13530-65-9;11103-86-9; 37300-23-5] (as Cr)	III		