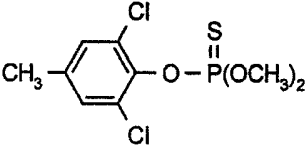


2 MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 TEST ITEM

All information concerning the test item were provided by the sponsor or were taken from the e-Pesticide Manual (12th Ed.) Ver. 2.0

2.1.1 TOLCLOFOS-METHYL

Common Name:	Tolclofos-methyl
Chemical Name (IUPAC):	O-2,6-dichloro- <i>p</i> -tolyl O,O-dimethyl phosphorothioate equivalent to O-2,6-dichloro-4-methylphenyl O,O-dimethyl phosphorothioate
Code No.:	S-3349
CAS No.:	57018-04-9
Structural Formula:	
Molecular Formula:	C ₉ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ O ₃ PS
Molecular Mass:	301.1 g/mol
Lot:	00404SG
Purity:	99.8%
Storage:	Store in a cool, dry and well-ventilated place
Effective Until:	April 01, 2003
Safety Precautions:	routine hygienic procedures will be sufficient to assure personnel health and safety.

2.2 TEST SYSTEM

The surface water was collected from a typical rural area in Germany. It was specified as follows.

Type	Surface Water
Source	River "Wiese", Railway bridge, Leibnizweg, D-79540 Lörrach, Black Forrest (south part), Germany
Date of sampling	October 12, 2001 (8:15)
Volume	about 40 L
Dissolved organic carbon (DOC) [mg C/L]	8.2
Total organic carbon (TOC) [mg C/L]	8.2
pH	7.54
Residue of evaporation [mg/L]	60
Silt content [mg/L]	10.6
Hardness [°dH]	5

The region the sample was collected is a typically rural area mainly used for farming (animal breeding) with only little industry.

During the laboratory phase the untreated control samples were stored at room temperature at RCC Ltd.

2.3 REAGENTS AND APPARATUS

All reagents were of analytical, residue analytical or HPLC grade.

REAGENTS & APPARATUS	SUPPLIER	ARTICLE NO.
Acetone	Baker	9254
Methanol	Baker	8402
Water (distilled)	in-house prepared	
Dichloromethane	Baker	9264
Toluene	Baker	9336
Sodium sulphate (anhydrous)	Baker	0313
Mega Bond Elut, C18 (2g/12mL)	Varian	12256015
Measuring flasks	various sizes	
Volumetric pipettes	various sizes	
Measuring cylinders	various sizes	
Laboratory bottles	1000 mL	
Funnels	various sizes	
Round bottom flasks	50 mL	
Vacuum Manifold	Supelco	
Hamilton syringes	various sizes	
Rotary evaporator	Büchi	011
Ultra sonic bath	Bender and Hobein	220
Analytical balance	Mettler	UMT-2

2.4 STANDARD SOLUTIONS

For measurement: 15.3599 mg of tolclofos-methyl (99.8 %) were dissolved in 15.33 mL acetone to obtain a stock solution of 1000 µg tolclofos-methyl/mL (100 %) using an ultra sonic bath for about 5 min. Defined volumes of this stock solution were diluted using acetone to obtain further stock solutions having a concentration of 100, 10 and 1 µg of tolclofos-methyl/mL. Defined volumes of the stock solution 100 µg of tolclofos-methyl/mL were diluted using toluene to obtain standard solutions in the range of 0.01 to 10.0 µg of tolclofos-methyl/mL.

The first stock solution was kept in the dark at about -20 °C (in a freezer), the other stock solutions and standard solutions were kept in the dark at about 4 °C (in a refrigerator).

Quantification was performed using Flame Photometric Detector (FPD; P-mode).

Tolclofos-methyl calibration standards were injected concurrently with the tolclofos-methyl sample injections for the determination of the retention time and for preparing of the standard calibration curve. Each analytical run was started and ended with a tolclofos-methyl calibration standard injection. A maximum of two sample injections were made between tolclofos-methyl calibration standard injections.

2.5 FORTIFICATION

To demonstrate the validity of the method used untreated samples were fortified with different volumes of tolclofos-methyl fortification solutions.

Fortification levels:

0.1 µg/L: 100 µL of the fortification solution (1.0 µg/mL*) were added to 1000 mL of the untreated water sample.

1.0 µg/L: 100 µL of the fortification solution (10 µg/mL*) were added to 1000 mL of the untreated water sample.

*: 10 and 1.0 µg/mL fortification solution dissolved in acetone

2.6 ANALYTICAL METHOD

The used analytical method was the multi-residue method F12 (Deutsche Einheitsverfahren zur Wasser-, Abwasser- und Schlammuntersuchung), quoted in the guidance document SANCO/825/00.

A SPE C18 column was conditioned by passing 10 mL methanol and then 10 mL water (distilled) under suction, using a vacuum manifold. 1000 mL surface water sample were transferred into a 1000-mL laboratory flask. Samples were fortified at this stage. The sample was sucked through the SPE C18 column at a flow rate of 5-10 mL/minute. The SPE C18 column was dried by suction of air through the column for 1-2 minutes. Tolclofos-methyl was eluted with 10 mL dichloromethane in 1-2 minutes. This step was repeated with additional 10 mL dichloromethane. The dichloromethane (20 mL) was collected and filtered over a funnel containing about 5-10 g anhydrous sodium sulphate into a 50 mL round bottom flask. The sodium sulphate was washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The dichloromethane was evaporated to about 1-2 mL under vacuum at about 30-40 °C using a rotary evaporator. After removing of the remaining solvent using a gentle stream of nitrogen, the residue was dissolved in 1.0 mL toluene using an ultrasonic bath.

All the samples were injected in duplicate into a GC.

The concentrations of tolclofos-methyl were determined after GC separation using an Flame Photometric Detector (FPD; P-mode). Peak verification was performed by GC/MS.

2.7 GC CONDITIONS

2.7.1 PRIMARY METHOD

Gas chromatograph: Hewlett-Packard 5890

Auto sampler: Hewlett-Packard 7683A

Software: EZ Chrom Chromatography Data System Ver. 6.6

Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm DB-1 (0.25 μ m)
pre-column: deactivated fused silica (1.5 m x 0.53 mm)

Carrier Gas: Helium, flow: 110 kPa (Total Flow: about 30 mL/min)

Temperatures: Injector: oven track on
Oven: 105 °C (initial time: 2 min
rate: 10 °C/min to 230 °C for 6 min)
Detector: 250 °C

Injection: 2 μ L; on column

Detector: Flame Photometric Detector (FPD; P-mode)

Retention Time: 13.1 min

2.7.2 CONFIRMATORY METHOD

Gas chromatograph: Hewlett-Packard 6890

Auto sampler: Hewlett-Packard 7683

Column: 30 m x 0.25 mm RTX-1 (0.25 μ m)

Carrier Gas: Helium, flow: 1.4 mL/min (constant flow)

Temperatures: Injector: 250 °C
Oven: 105 °C (initial time: 2 min
rate: 10 °C/min to 230 °C for 6 min)

Injection: 1 μ L; splitless

Detector: MS 5973; ChemStation Ver. B.01.00, Hewlett Packard
Ionization Mode: EI, negative
Electron Energy: 70 eV
EMV: about 1700 V
Scan Mode: Fullscan (m/z 10-550) & SIM (m/z: 265 - quantifier
& 267, 250 & 125 qualifier)
Scan time: 3.77 s
Ion Source Temperature: 230 °C
Transfer Line Temperature: 300 °C
Quadrupole Temperature: 150 °C

Retention Time: 11.2 min

2.8 EVALUATION OF RESULTS

Injected samples were quantified by peak area with reference to the calibration curve. The latter was obtained by correlation of the peak area (mean value in counts from duplicate injection) of the analytical standards with their corresponding concentration in $\mu\text{g/mL}$.

The correlation is performed using a least squares fit of a non linear function (equation 1).

A non-linear function was chosen for calculation of the calibration curve as the relative deviation between counts_{measured} and counts_{calculated} was found to be higher than 20 % for a linear function due to the large range (LOD up to 100 times LOD) of the calibration curve.

$$Y = a \cdot x^b \quad \text{or} \quad x = (Y/a)^{1/b} \quad (1)$$

where

Y = Peak area of injected sample (mean value in counts from duplicate injection)

x = Tolclofos-methyl in injected sample [$\mu\text{g/mL}$]

a = Constant factor

b = Exponent

The residue of tolclofos-methyl in the samples is calculated according to equation 2.

$$R = \frac{X \cdot V_F}{W} \quad (2)$$

where

R = Residue of tolclofos-methyl in sample material [$\mu\text{g/L}$]

X = Concentration of injected sample [$\mu\text{g/mL}$] calculated from equation 1

V_F = Final volume [mL]

W = Sample volume [L]

The recovery of tolclofos-methyl in the samples is calculated according to equation 3.

$$\text{Rec} = \frac{R \cdot 100}{F} \quad (3)$$

where

Rec = Recovery of tolclofos-methyl [%]

R = Residue of tolclofos-methyl in sample material [$\mu\text{g/L}$]

F = Fortification level [$\mu\text{g/L}$]