

# EPA Tools & Resources Training Webinar: ECOTOX Knowledgebase

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# Presentation Outline

- Background and History of the ECOTOX Knowledgebase
- ECOTOX Pipeline: Literature Search, Systematic Review, and Data Curation
- Demonstration of ECOTOX Knowledgebase
- Summary

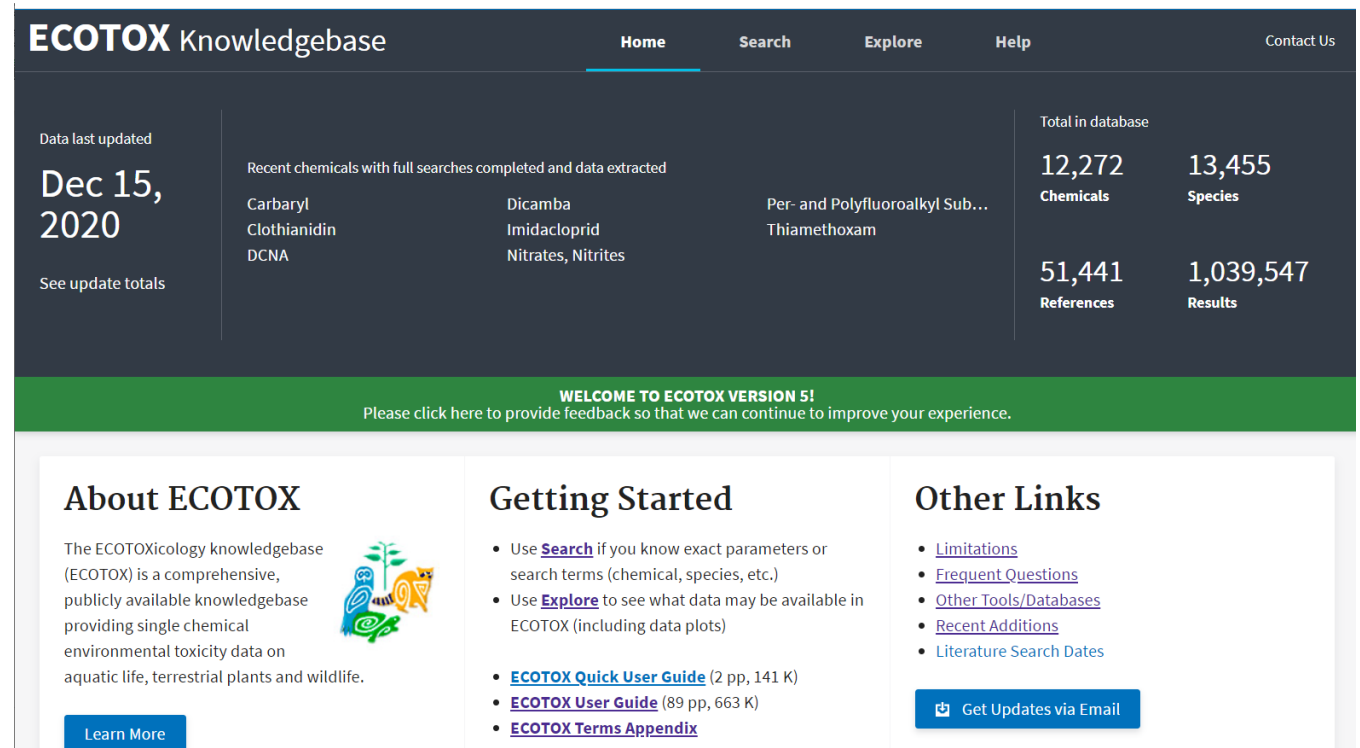
# Problem

- Risk assessors needed a cost-effective means of locating high quality ecological effects data to use in prioritizing chemical cleanup at hazardous waste sites and assisting in the assessment of potential hazards of pollutants through the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act.
- Duplicative efforts for data gathering wastes resources across state and federal agencies.
- ECOTOX was developed to meet the need for:
  - 1) an ***authoritative source of toxicological data*** for regulators
  - 2) an efficient way for the regulated community and researchers to ***document literature searches and acquisition of data*** used for risk assessments, risk management and research
  - 3) empirical data for the ***development and validation*** of in vitro and modeling methods for risk assessment

# What is the ECOTOX Knowledgebase?

Publicly available, curated database providing toxicity data from single-chemical exposure studies to aquatic life, terrestrial plants and wildlife

- From comprehensive search and review of open and grey literature
  - Data extracted from acceptable studies, with up to 250 fields
  - Updated quarterly to public website
- 30+ year history
  - Originated in the early 1980s
  - Developed at US EPA's Office of Research and Development in Duluth
- Current user statistics
  - 8,000 distinct hosts search the Knowledgebase each month

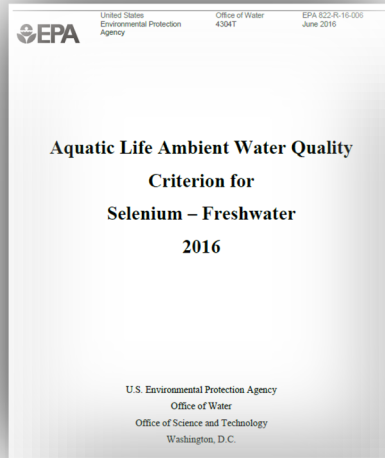


The screenshot shows the ECOTOX Knowledgebase website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Explore, Help, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into several sections. On the left, it displays the date 'Data last updated Dec 15, 2020' and a link to 'See update totals'. In the center, there is a section titled 'Recent chemicals with full searches completed and data extracted' which lists several chemical names: Carbaryl, Clothianidin, DCNA, Dicamba, Imidacloprid, Nitrates, Nitrites, and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Sub... Thiamethoxam. On the right, there is a table showing the total number of items in the database: 12,272 Chemicals, 13,455 Species, 51,441 References, and 1,039,547 Results. Below this table, there is a green banner with the text 'WELCOME TO ECOTOX VERSION 5!' and a link to provide feedback. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'About ECOTOX' with a description and a 'Learn More' button, 'Getting Started' with a list of links for Search, Explore, and various guides, and 'Other Links' with a list of links for Limitations, Frequent Questions, Other Tools/Databases, Recent Additions, and Literature Search Dates, along with a 'Get Updates via Email' button.

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# EPA Program and Regional Office Applications: Use in environmental decision making



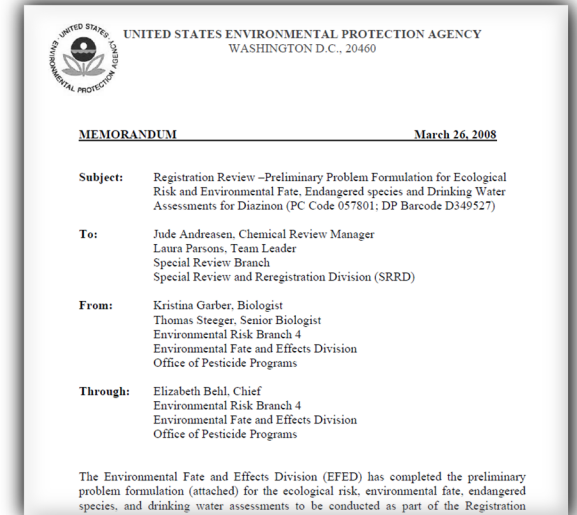
*Used for every Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aquatic Life since 1985.*

*Used for every Ecological Risk Assessment for Office of Pesticides for chemical registration and re-registration (FY20 – 27 chemicals).*

*Used by Office of Land and Emergency Management (Superfund and ORCR), HQ, Regions and States for site assessments and in emergency response.*

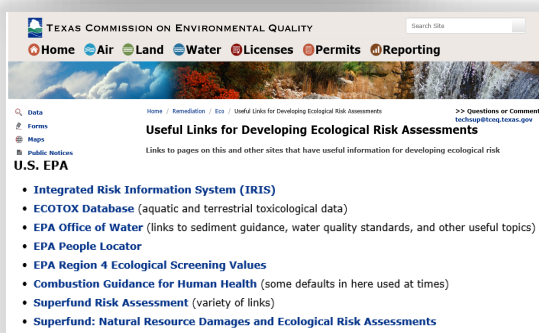
*Providing ecological hazard data for the prioritization and assessment of chemicals for TSCA/Lautenberg Act.*

*Providing ecological toxicity data for PFAS to researchers, EPA Eco Risk Assessment Forum, DoD Tri-Services ERA Work Group and others.*



## Overview of TSCA Work Plan Methodology

Maria Doa  
U.S. EPA, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics  
December 11, 2017



### Ecological Hazard

Ecological hazard data are extracted from the EPA ToxValDB database where it had been compiled from the EPA ECOTOX database. Although data are available for a variety of species, only data for aquatic species are used in the current illustration. The data can come from any of the following study types: mortality:acute, mortality:chronic, reproductive:acute, reproductive:chronic, growth:acute, growth:chronic (all from ECOTOX). The types of effect levels are LDxx/LCxx/ECxx/EDxx where xx can range from 1% to 100%, and LOEL/NOEL/LOEC/NOEC. Values must be in units of mg/L. For each chemical, the lowest toxicity value was separately determined for acute and chronic studies, regardless of species. The

# Applications of ECOTOX

## ECOTOX Knowledgebase

*Chemical  
environmental toxicity  
data for aquatic life,  
terrestrial plants and  
wildlife*



## EPA Program Offices and Regions, States, Tribes, Other Federal Agencies and International Entities

Ecological Risk Assessments  
Ambient Water Quality Criteria  
Ecological Screening Values  
Chemical Prioritization  
Emergency Response

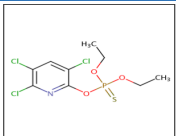
## Tools and Applications

Species Sensitivity Distributions  
(e.g., US EPA's WebICE, NOAA's CAFÉ)  
PNECs and Eco Thresholds for Toxicological Concern  
QSAR (e.g., ECOSAR, TEST, OECD QSAR Toolbox)  
Bioaccumulation Factor modeling and validation  
Adverse Outcome Pathway (AOP) development

**Interoperability with  
databases/tools**

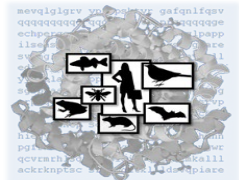
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Species ID; Protein ID

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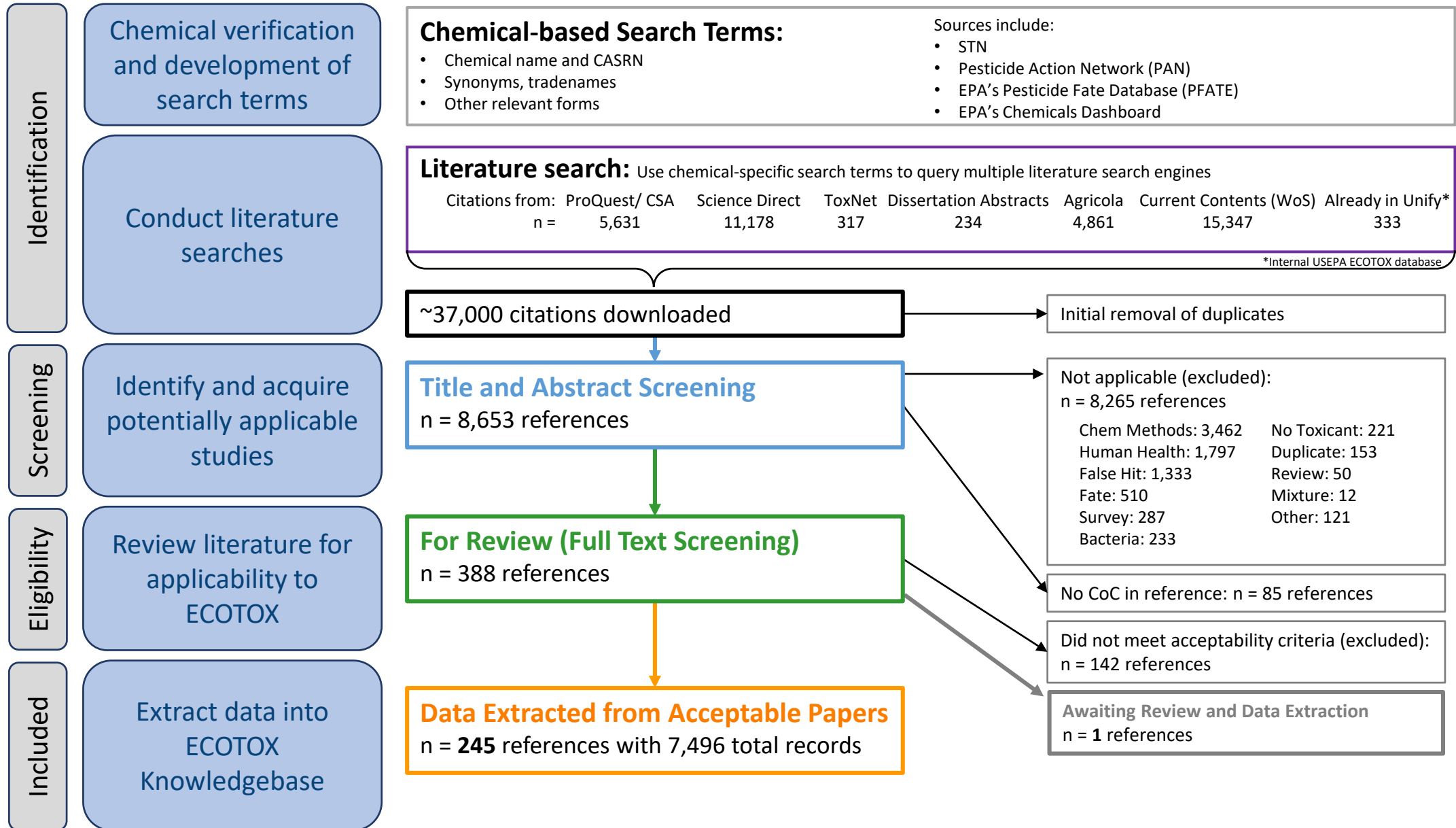
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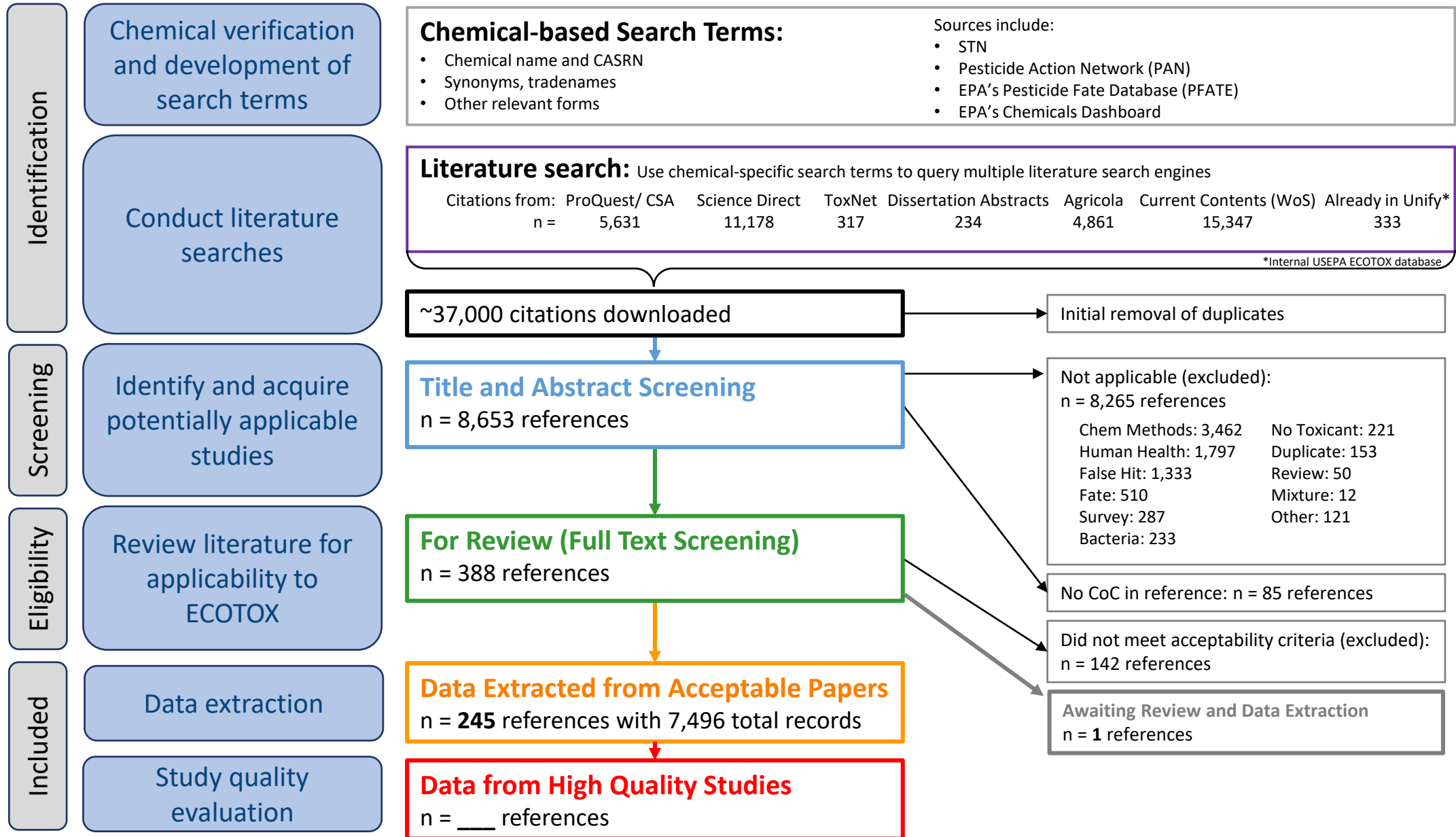
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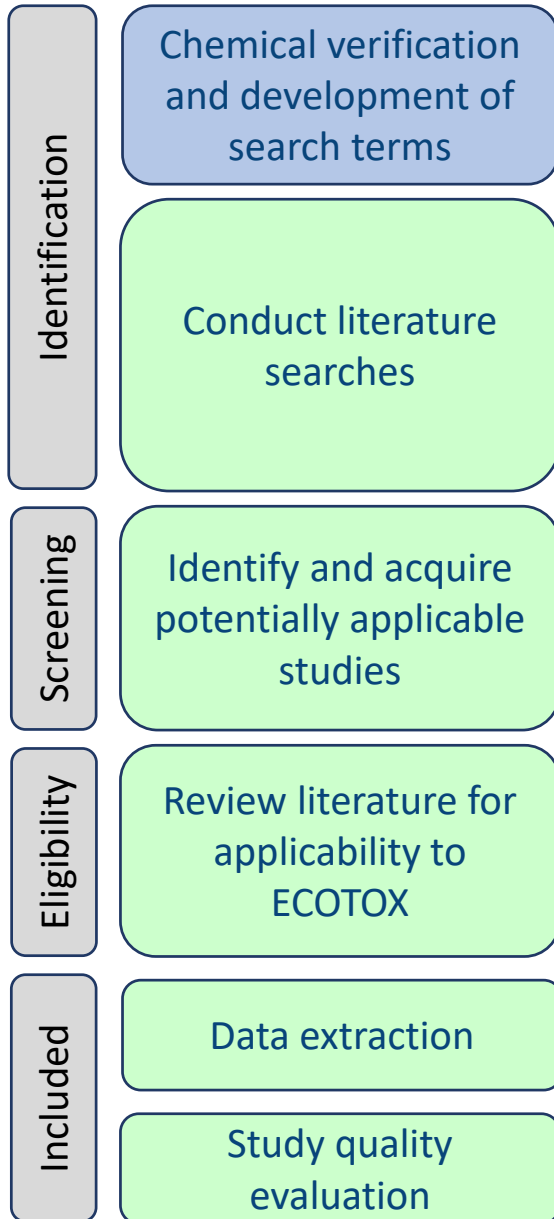
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# Chemical Search Terms: ID, Test and QA



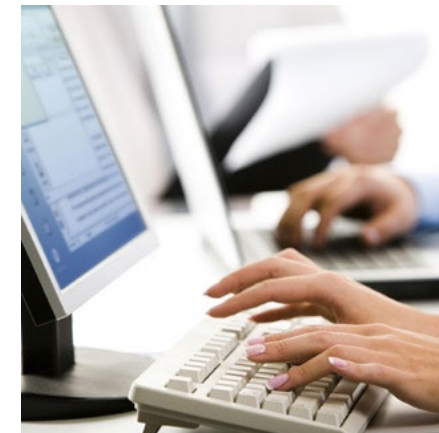
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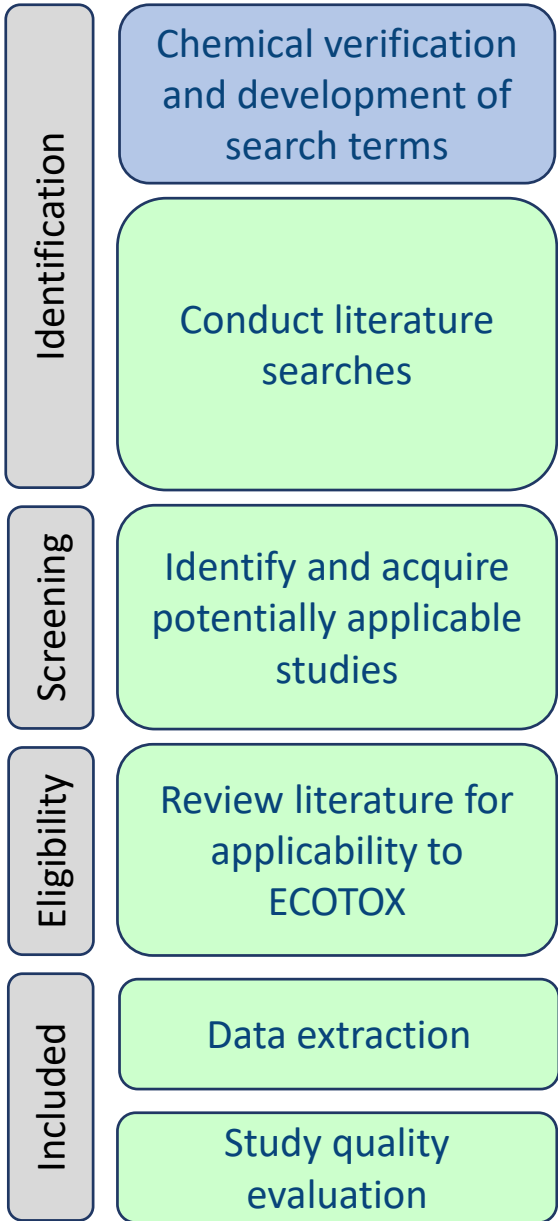


Couple hour process

Enter chemical terms into template for abstracting databases



# Chemical Search Terms: ID, Test and QA



Web-based tool to identify and document relevant search terms

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PAN Results for search: fluoxastrobin

Name	Substitute	Synonyms	Link for Details
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Benzeneacetamide, 2,6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl	HEC 5725 AMIDE (Metabolite of Fluoxastrobin)		<a href="http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114687">http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114687</a>
Benzeneacetic acid, 2,6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl	HEC-5725-carboxylic acid (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)		<a href="http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114697">http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114697</a>
Fluoxastrobin	Fluoxastrobin	(1E)-[2-[[6-(2-Chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl]oxy]phenyl][5,6-dihydro-1,4,2-dioxazin-3-yl]-methanone, O-Methylloxime, :028869 [US EPA PC Code, Text ] ; 05915 (CA DPR Chem Code Text ) ; 193740-76-0 (CAS number) ; 193740760 (CAS number without hyphens) ; 28869 [US EPA PC Code, Numeric ] ; 361377-29-9 (CAS number) ; 361377299 (CAS number without hyphens) ; 5915 (CA DPR Chem Code) ; AGI (PDP Code) ; Fluoxastrobin ; fluoxastrobin ; HEC 5725 ; Methanone, 2-[6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl]-Methanone, [2-[6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl]oxy]phenyl] (5,6-dihydro-1,4,2-dioxazin-3-yl)-, O-methylloxime, (1E) ; Methanone, [2-[6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl]oxy]phenyl] (5,6-dihydro-1,4,2-dioxazin-3-yl)-, O-methylloxime (CAS NA	<a href="http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR13321">http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR13321</a>
CAS	Relation/Reason	Chemical Name	Chem Use Type
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207515-50-2	Related Sa	2,6-(2-Chlorohydroxyphenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl	Breakdown product
340168-32-3	Related Sa	Benzeneacetamide, 2,6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl	Breakdown product
	Related Sa	Benzeneacetic acid, 2,6-(2-chlorophenoxy)-5-fluoro-4-pyrimidinyl	Breakdown product
	Related Sa	HEC 5725-deschlorophenyl (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)	Breakdown product
	Related Sa	HEC 5725-oxazepine (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)	Breakdown product
519002-09-6	Related Sa	HEC 5725-phenoxy-hydroxypyrimidine (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)	Breakdown product
HEC 5725-deschlorophenyl (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)		HEC 5725-deschlorophenyl (metabolite of fluoxastrobin)	<a href="http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114726">http://www.pesticideinfo.org/Detail_Chemical.jsp?Rec_Id=PR114726</a>

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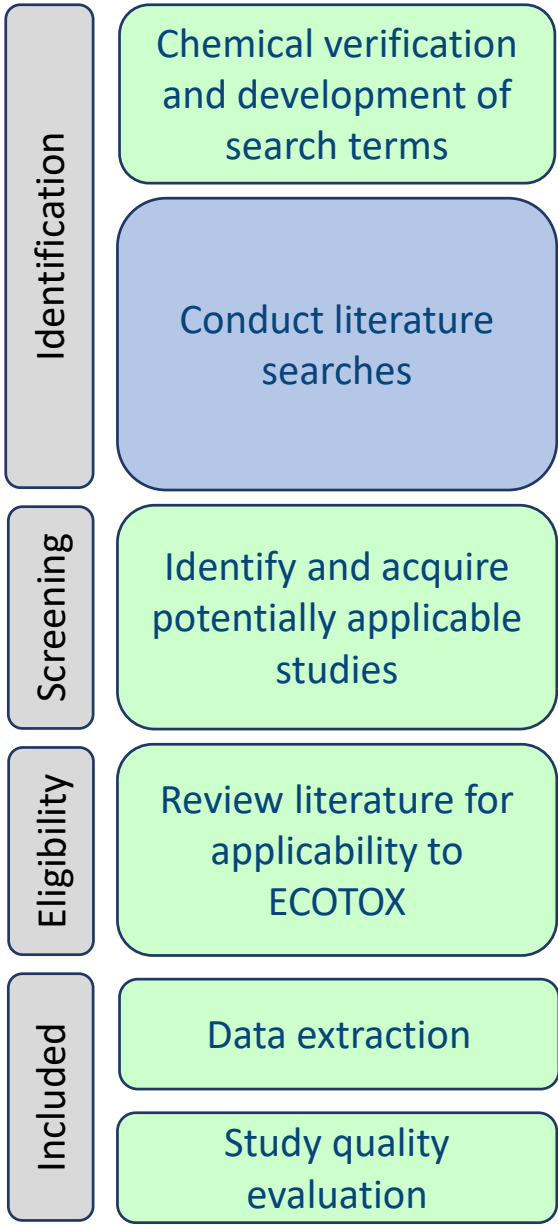




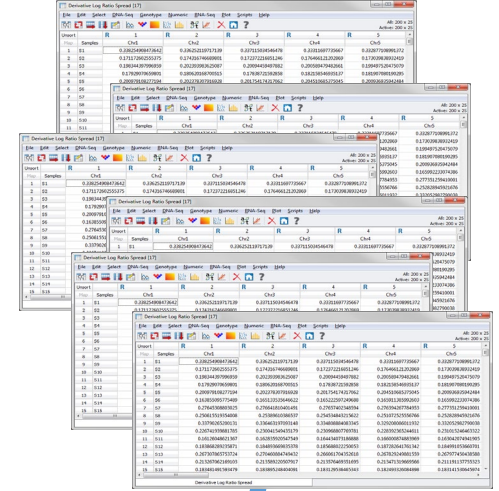
# Literature Searches

## Search Engines

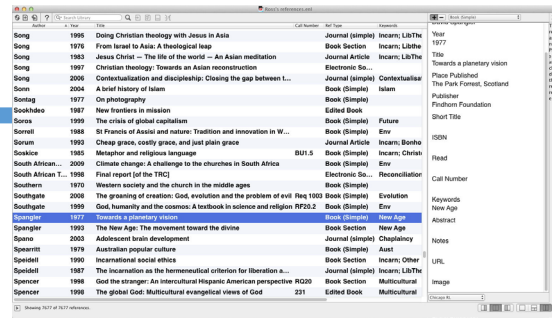
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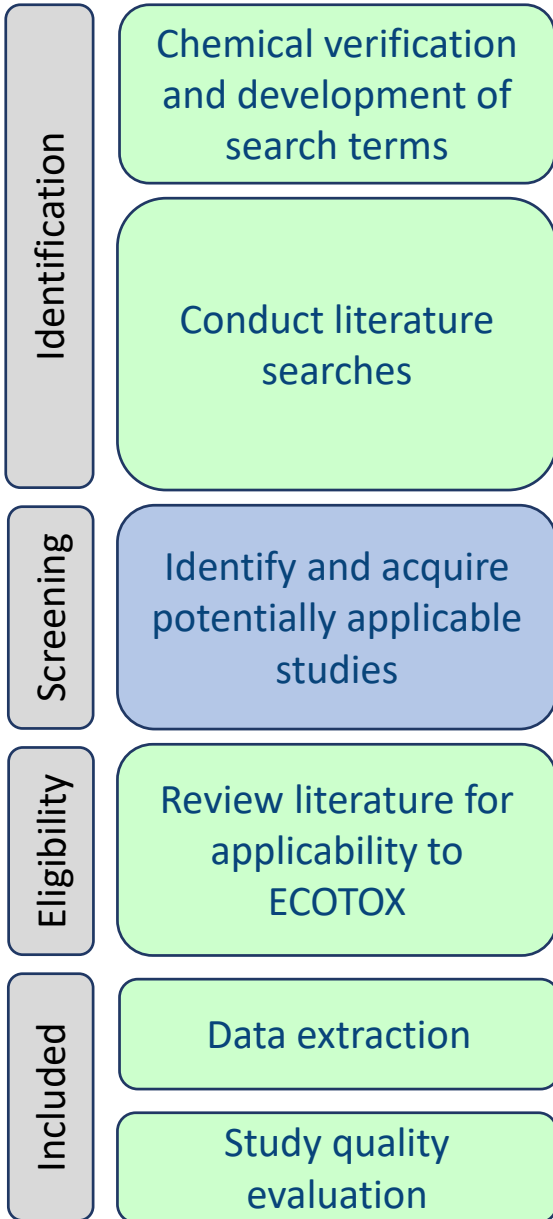


In 2020: 208,000 references were manually skimmed for applicability



Collate data and remove duplicates

# Skimming for Applicability: Title and Abstract



**Skim titles and abstracts, use exclusion criteria to eliminate non-applicable**

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Sulfur Dust Bag: A Novel Technique for Ectoparasite Control in Poultry Systems. Murillo AC(1), Mullens BA(2).

Author information:  
(1)Department of Entomology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521 (alock001@ucr.edu; bradley.mullens@ucr.edu) alock001@ucr.edu, (2)Department of Entomology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521 (alock001@ucr.edu; bradley.mullens@ucr.edu).

Animal welfare-driven legislation and consumer demand are changing how laying chickens are housed, thus creating challenges for ectoparasite control. Hens housed in suspended wire cages (battery cages) are usually treated with high-pressure pesticides. This application type is difficult in enriched-cage or cage-free production. Alternatives to pesticide sprays are needed in enriched-cage or cage-free systems. In this study, we tested the efficacy of sulfur dust deployed in "dust bags" for control against the northern fowl mite (*Ornithonyssus sylviarum*), which causes host stress, decreased egg production, and reduced feed conversion efficiency. Dust bags were hung from the tops of cages or were clipped to the inside front of cages. We also tested permethrin-impregnated plastic strips, marketed for ectoparasite control in caged or cage-free commercial and backyard flocks. Previous work has shown sulfur to be very active against poultry ectoparasites; however, we found that the placement of bags was important for mite control. Sulfur in hanging bags reduced mites on treatment birds by 95 or 97% (depending on trial) within one week of being deployed, and mite counts on these birds were zero after 2 wk. Clipped sulfur bags acted more slowly and did not significantly reduce mites in one trial, but reduced mite counts to zero after 4 wk in trial 2. Permethrin strips had no effect on mite populations. This may have been due to mite resistance, even though this mite population had not been exposed to pyrethroids for several years. Sulfur bags should be effective in caged or cage-free systems.

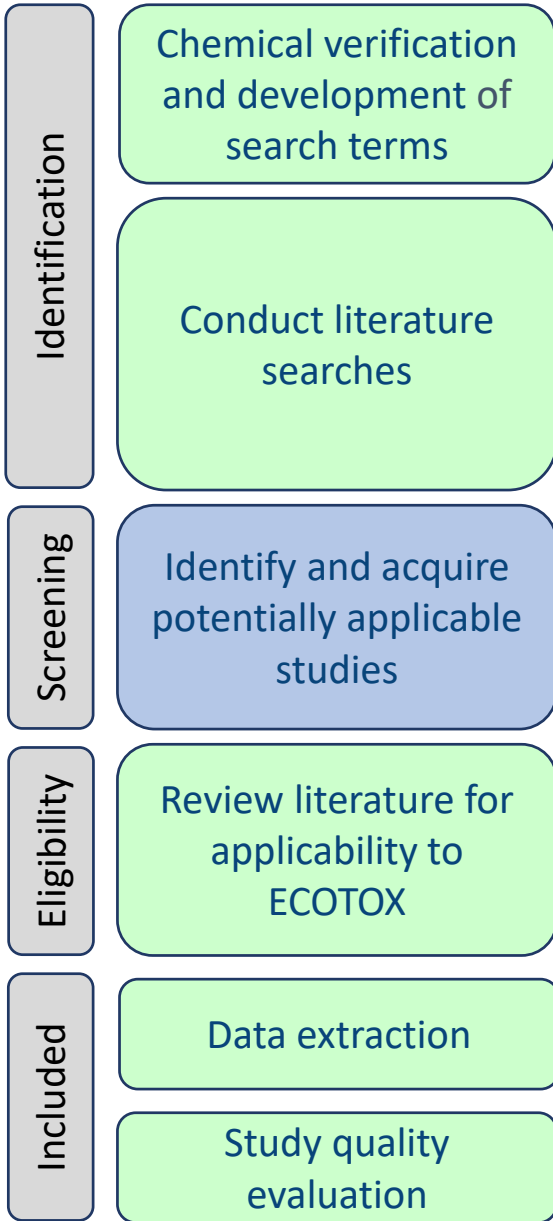
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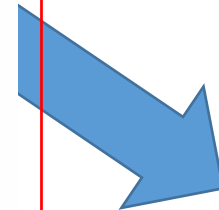
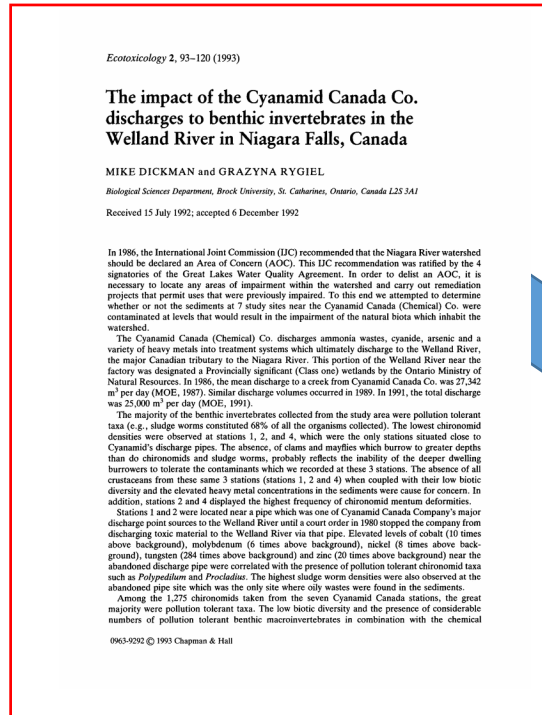
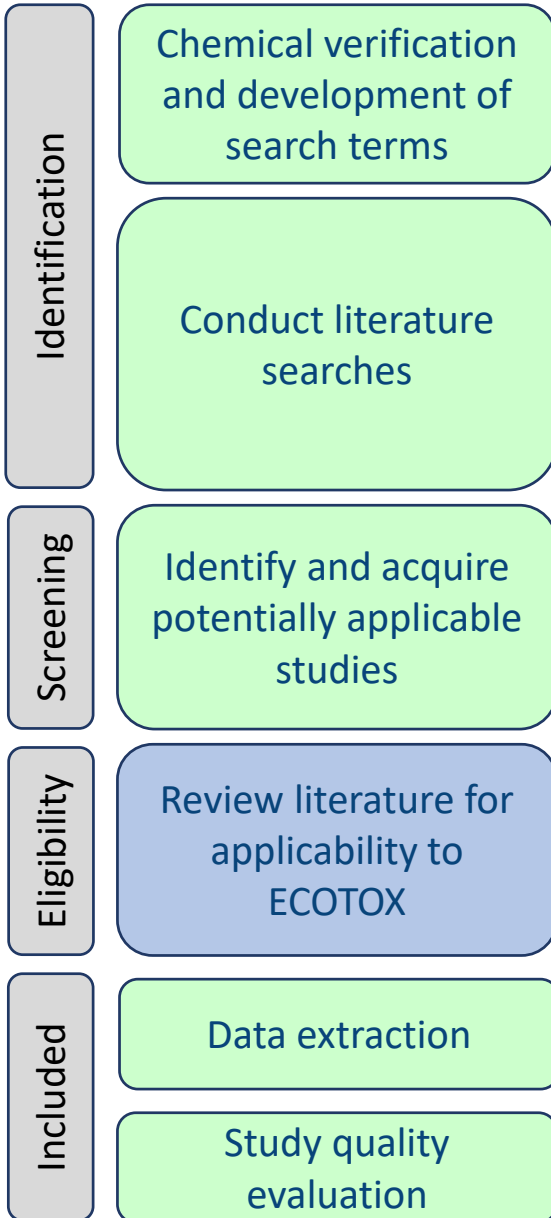
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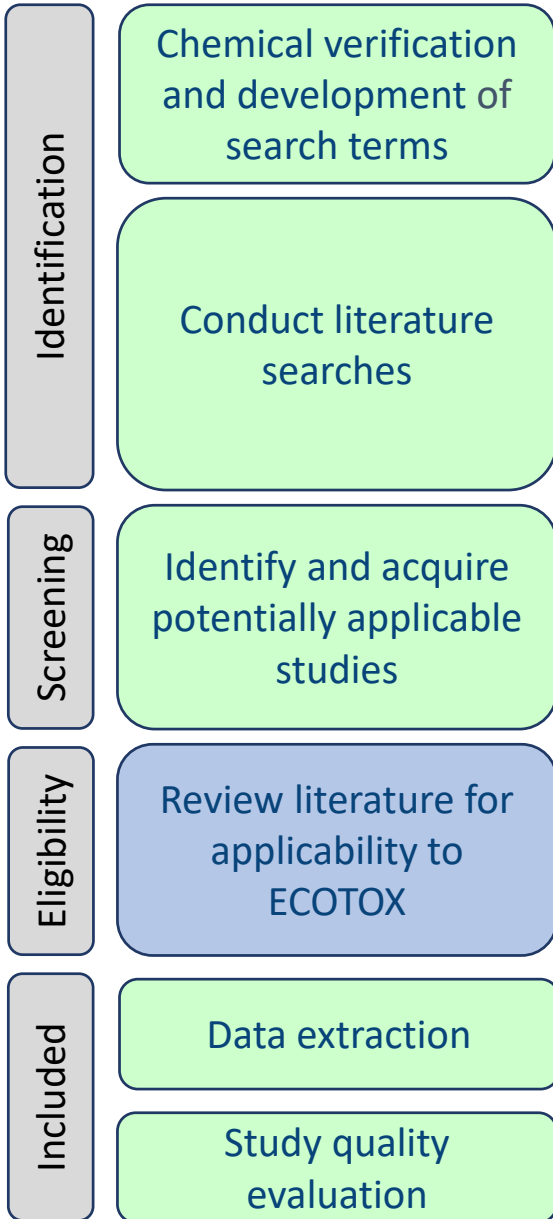


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Exploring options for data mining and extraction of information from a variety of sources



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**Research**  
**Nestin and CD133: valuable stem cell-specific markers for determining clinical outcome of glioma patients**  
 Mingyu Zhang, Tao Song, Liang Yang, Ruokun Chen, Lei Wu, Zhuanyi Yang and Huiheng Fang\*

**Journal of Clinical Epidemiology**  
 Volume 62, Issue 5, May 2009, Pages 506-510

**Choice of data extraction tools for systematic reviews depends on resources and review complexity**  
 Mohamed B. Elamin<sup>1</sup>, David N. Flynn<sup>2</sup>, Dirk Basler<sup>3</sup>, Matthias Briel<sup>4,5</sup>, Pablo Alonso-Coello<sup>6,7</sup>, Paul Latkiewicz<sup>8</sup>, Gordon H. Guyatt<sup>9</sup>, German Malaga<sup>8</sup>, Toshiki A. Furukawa<sup>9</sup>, Regina Kunz<sup>10</sup>, Murad<sup>1</sup>, Corrado Barbui<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Cipriani<sup>1</sup>, Victor M.

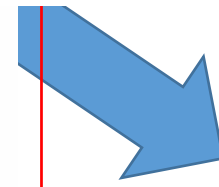
**4. Drag and drop text from document:**

- The user can select text from the document and can start dragging the text out of the document to the outcome database.
- During the dragging action, the user can view the text being dragged. This feature facilitates accurate data extraction.

**5. Extract and parse information from tables:**

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- The user must enter the number of rows selected.
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- The selected rows are copied to the clipboard. Then, they can be pasted into the outcomes database.

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# ECOTOX Applicability Criteria

- Paper must meet these criteria

- Single chemical exposure
- Ecologically-relevant species
- Must be able to verify CAS registry numbers
- Must be able to verify taxonomic information for test species
- Exposure to live organism, viable tissue or cells
- Report concurrent exposure concentration, dose or application rate
- Report duration of exposure
- Must have a control treatment
- Primary source of the data
- Study must be a full article in English

Review literature for  
applicability to ECOTOX



- The following studies are excluded

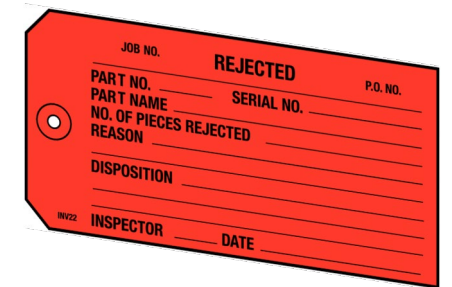
- Air pollution studies related to CO2 and ozone
- Studies on humans, monkeys, bacteria, viruses and yeast
- Review and summary articles
- Terrestrial studies with an inhalation route of exposure
- Non-English publications and abstracts



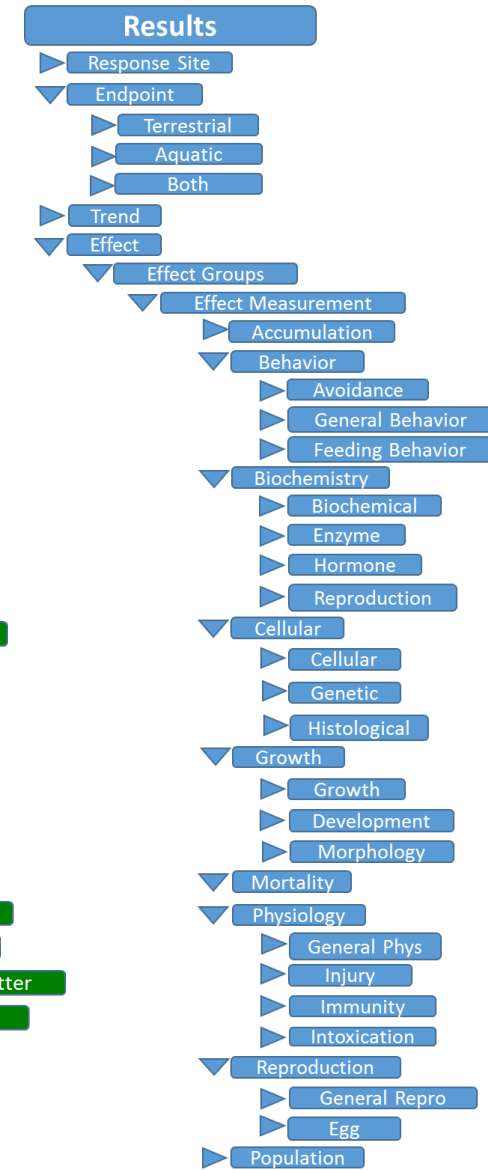
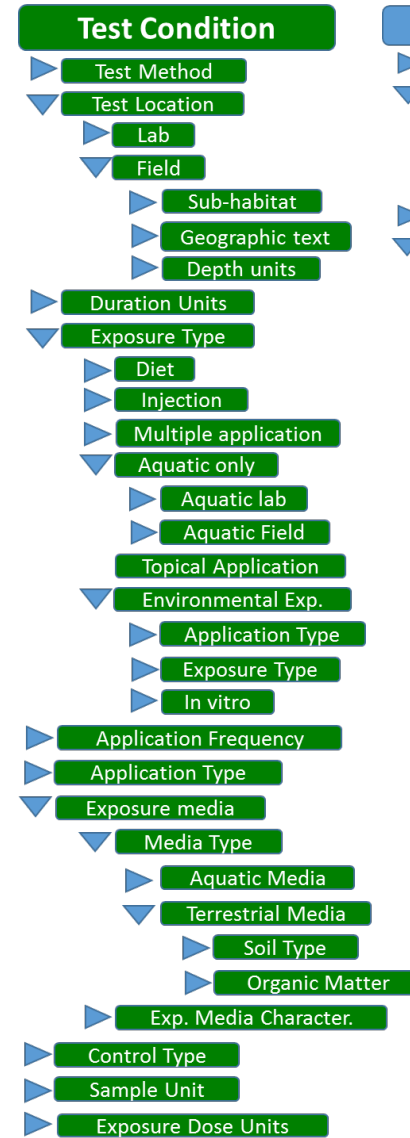
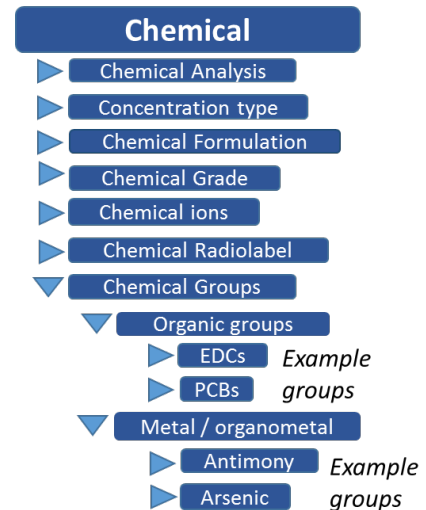
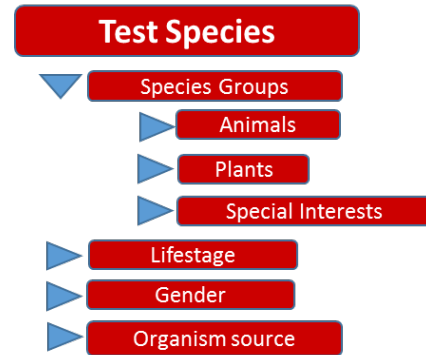
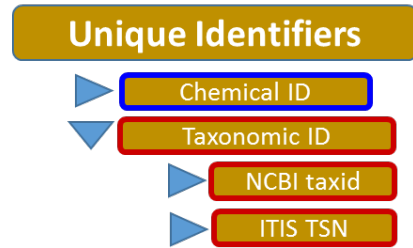
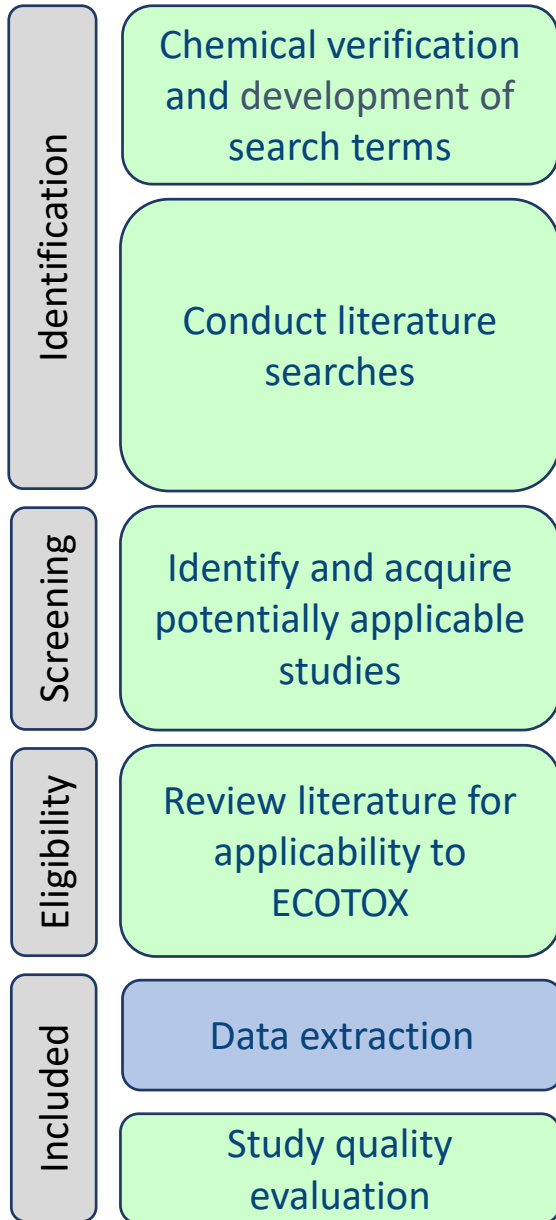
# ECOTOX Applicability Criteria

All Excluded and Non-Applicable studies are Tagged with the reason for rejection

- Abstract – published as an abstract
- Bacteria – only test organism is a bacteria
- CAS # Unavailable – could not verify/locate chemical CAS Registry number
- Chemical method – description of chemical analysis procedures
- Fate – only report chemical distribution in media
- Human Health – data on human subjects of surrogate animal subjects for human health risk assessment
- Incident – reports death of animal by poison, but does not provide concentration/duration of exposure
- Method – paper only reports methods for conducting a toxicity test or other aspect of an experiment
- Mixture – paper reports results from mixture of chemicals; no single chemical exposure results
- Modeling – results of the development of a model; no primary data available
- No Conc – the authors report a response in an organism but do not provide conc/dose/app rate
- No Duration – duration of exposure is not presented
- No Effect – paper does not report observed responses adverse of otherwise
- No Toxicant (ozone, CO2)
- Non-English
- Nutrient – in situ chemical tested as nutrient
- PUBL AS – duplicate data published elsewhere
- Retracted – paper retracted by Journal
- Review – primary data published elsewhere
- Sediment – only sediment concentration presented
- Survey – chemical measured in organism, but lack quantification of exposure (dose/duration)
- Virus – virus is only test organism
- Yeast – yeast is only test organism



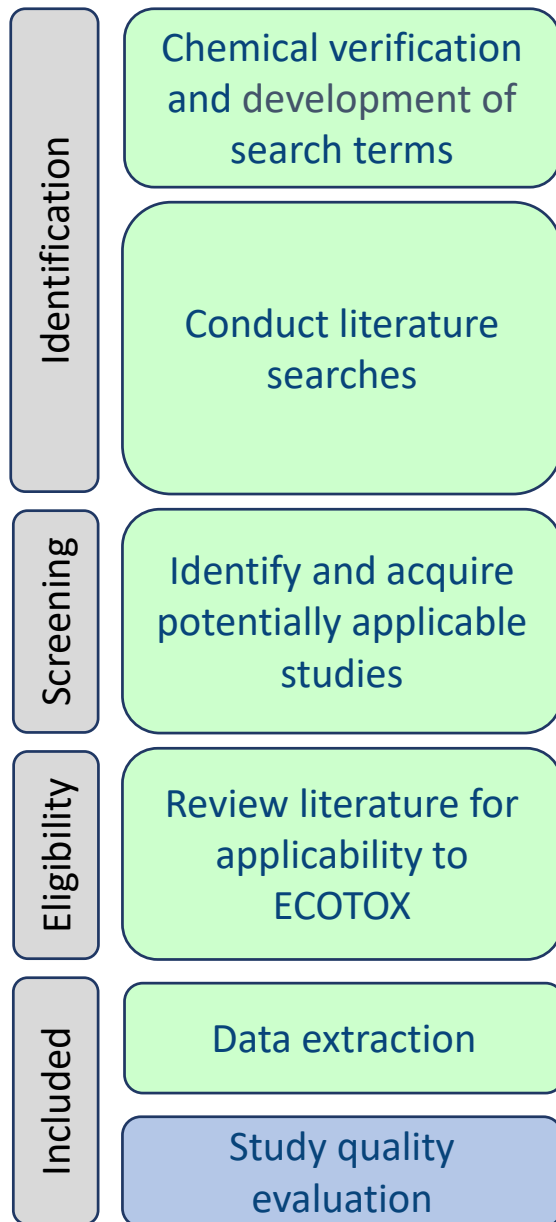
# Data Extraction





# Study Quality Evaluation

- Many fields in ECOTOX can inform study evaluation



Category	Select study evaluation questions with relevant ECOTOX field(s)
<b>Chemical</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is test substance identified? <b>Required for inclusion in ECOTOX inclusion</b></li> <li>• Is the purity of test substance reported? <b>Chemical Purity</b></li> <li>• Were chemical concentrations verified? <b>Chemical Analysis</b> (e.g., nominal versus measured concentrations)</li> </ul>
<b>Species</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the species given? <b>Verifiable species (Scientific Name, etc.) required for inclusion in ECOTOX</b></li> <li>• Are the organisms well described? <b>Organism Source, Lifestage, Age, Gender, Initial</b> and <b>Final Weight</b></li> </ul>
<b>Test Conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are appropriate controls performed? <b>A control is required for inclusion in ECOTOX</b>, type described in <b>Control</b></li> <li>• Is a guideline method (e.g., OECD) used? <b>Test Method</b></li> <li>• Are the experimental conditions appropriate and acceptable for the test substance and organism? <b>Test Method, Media Type, Test Location, Experimental Design</b>, Physical and Chemical Soil and Water Parameters (e.g., <b>pH, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Test Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are the reported effects and endpoints appropriate for the purpose, test substance and organism? <b>Effect Measurement, Endpoint</b></li> <li>• Is the response/effect statistically significant? <b>Statistical Significance, Significance Level</b></li> </ul>

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Clothianidin  
DCNA

Dicamba  
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Nitrates, Nitrites

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Subst...  
Thiamethoxam

Total in database

12,272  
Chemicals

13,455  
Species

51,441  
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The ECOTOXicology knowledgebase (ECOTOX) is a comprehensive, publicly available knowledgebase providing single chemical environmental toxicity data on aquatic life, terrestrial plants and wildlife.



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- Use [Search](#) if you know exact parameters or search terms (chemical, species, etc.)
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## Literature Search Dates

806 results

Targeted literature searches are conducted using chemical names, synonyms, and CASRNs in multiple search engines (e.g., Web of Science, Agricola, ToxNet, ProQuest, etc). Chemicals listed below had targeted searches corresponding to the date indicated in the second column. Each search is identified in the table by the requested chemical or chemical group, with some searches including multiple chemicals/CASRNs. Citations from these searches are reviewed. Studies meeting inclusionary criteria added to ECOTOX; toxicity data results may take 6 months or longer to appear on-line. There may be more recent publications in ECOTOX for a chemical due to related chemical literature searches.

CHEMICAL	DATE
2-Phenylphenol	December 2020
Chlorflurenol	November 2020
Dodine	October 2020
PFAS (Quarterly Update April 2020)	October 2020
Chlorthal-dimethyl	October 2020
Thiamethoxam	September 2020

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1915



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Enter each author and/or reference number on separate lines.

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#### Any Independently Compiled Data

- EPA: Fathead Minnow Acute Toxicity Database (MED-Duluth)
- EPA: Office of Pesticides Program Database
- Dutch Dataset
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## 23 Effect Groups

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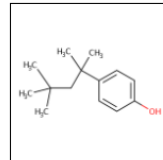
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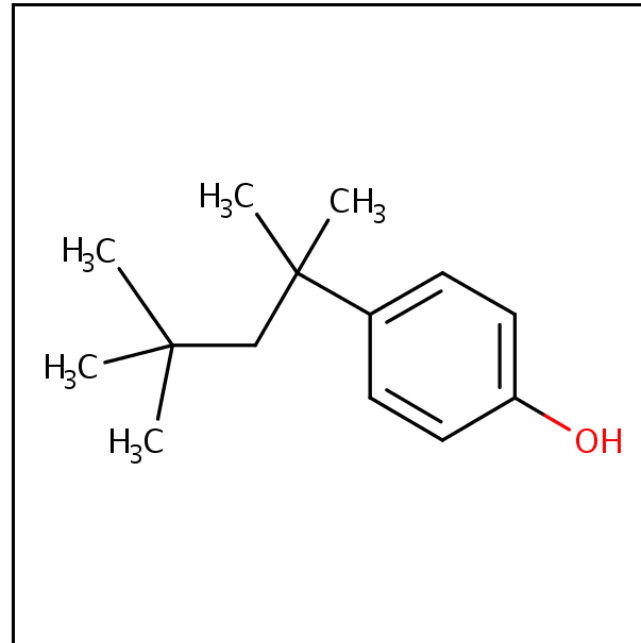
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## 4-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl)phenol

140-66-9 | DTXSID9022360

Searched by DSSTox Substance Id.

### DETAILS

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### Quality Control Notes

### Intrinsic Properties

Molecular Formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O Mol File Find All Chemicals

Average Mass: 206.329 g/mol Isotope Mass Distribution

Monoisotopic Mass: 206.167065 g/mol

### Structural Identifiers

### Linked Substances

### Presence in Lists

### Record Information

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### Warning

You have unapplied changes to your query parameters. Be sure to update your search.



Customize Output Fields

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*Journal of Herpetology*, Vol. 44, No. 4, pp. 591-600, 2010  
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### Effects of an Insecticide and Potential Predators on Green Frogs and Northern Cricket Frogs

CATHERINE M. ADE, MICHELLE D. BOONE,<sup>1</sup> AND HOLLY J. PUGLIS

212 Pearson Hall, Department of Zoology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056 USA

**ABSTRACT.**—Worldwide amphibian population declines have occurred in the last few decades and have been attributed to a range of factors including introduced species and chemical contamination. Anuran species may differ in their susceptibility to declines based on life-history characteristics, leading to different probabilities of decline and conservation statuses. In this experiment, we looked at two anuran species, Northern Cricket Frogs (*Acris crepitans*) and Green Frogs (*Rana clamitans*), reared in mesocosms containing a common invasive or introduced potential predator (Rusty Crayfish, Bluegill Sunfish, or triploid Grass Carp) and imidacloprid, a common insecticide. We found that anurans differed in their sensitivity to these factors. Cricket Frog survival was significantly reduced with imidacloprid exposure, whereas Green Frogs were not. Abundance of both amphibian species was reduced in the presence of predators, particularly the fish. Our study suggests that Cricket Frogs may be especially sensitive to the insecticide imidacloprid, as well as fish predators, and that these factors could contribute to their population declines.



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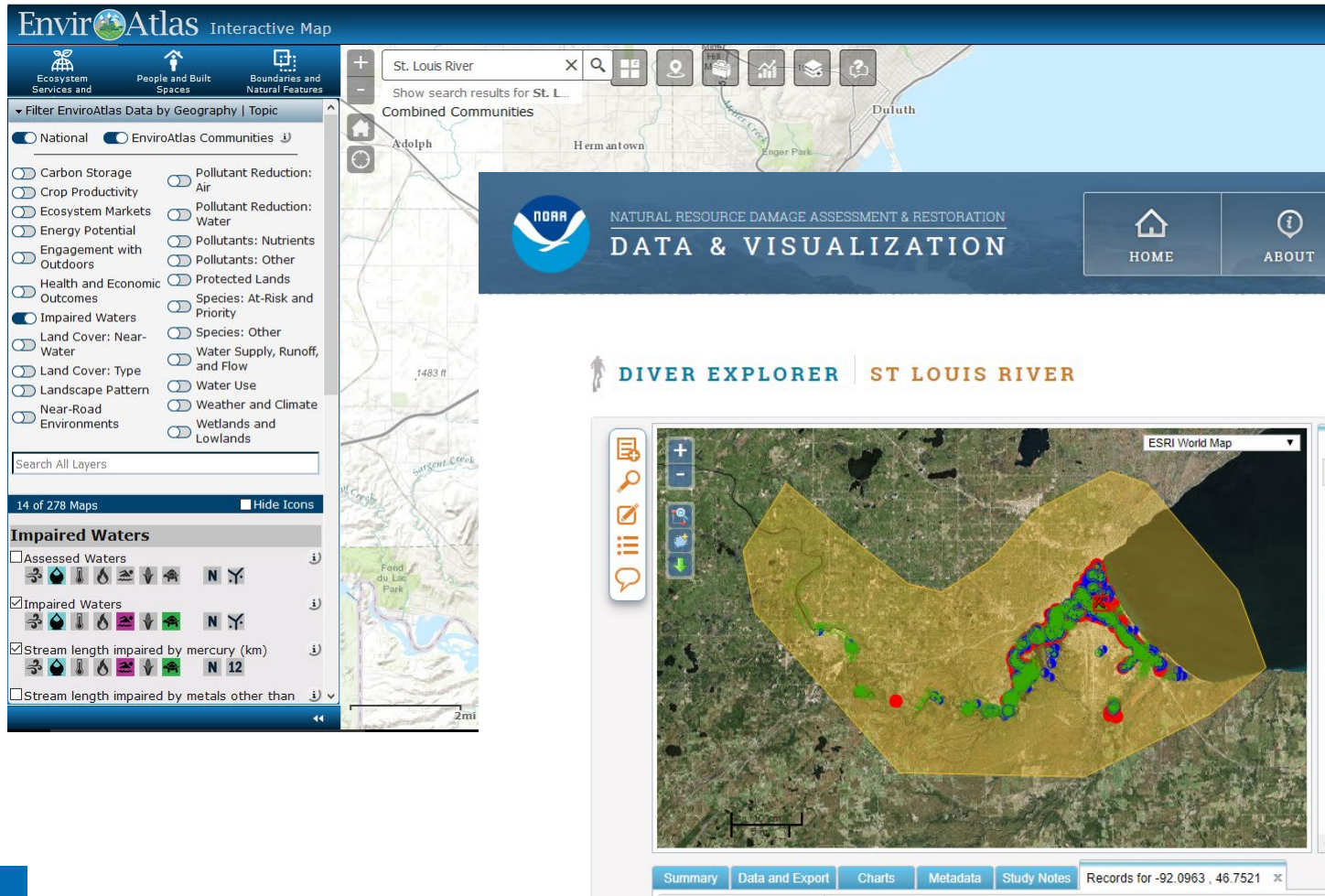
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- **Examples of Environmental Contaminant Databases**



EnviroAtlas Interactive Map

Search: St. Louis River

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- EnviroAtlas Communities

Carbon Storage, Crop Productivity, Ecosystem Markets, Energy Potential, Engagement with Outdoors, Health and Economic Outcomes, Impaired Waters, Land Cover: Near-Water, Land Cover: Type, Landscape Pattern, Near-Road Environments, Pollutant Reduction: Air, Pollutant Reduction: Water, Pollutants: Nutrients, Pollutants: Other, Protected Lands, Species: At-Risk and Priority, Species: Other, Water Supply, Runoff, and Flow, Water Use, Weather and Climate, Wetlands and Lowlands

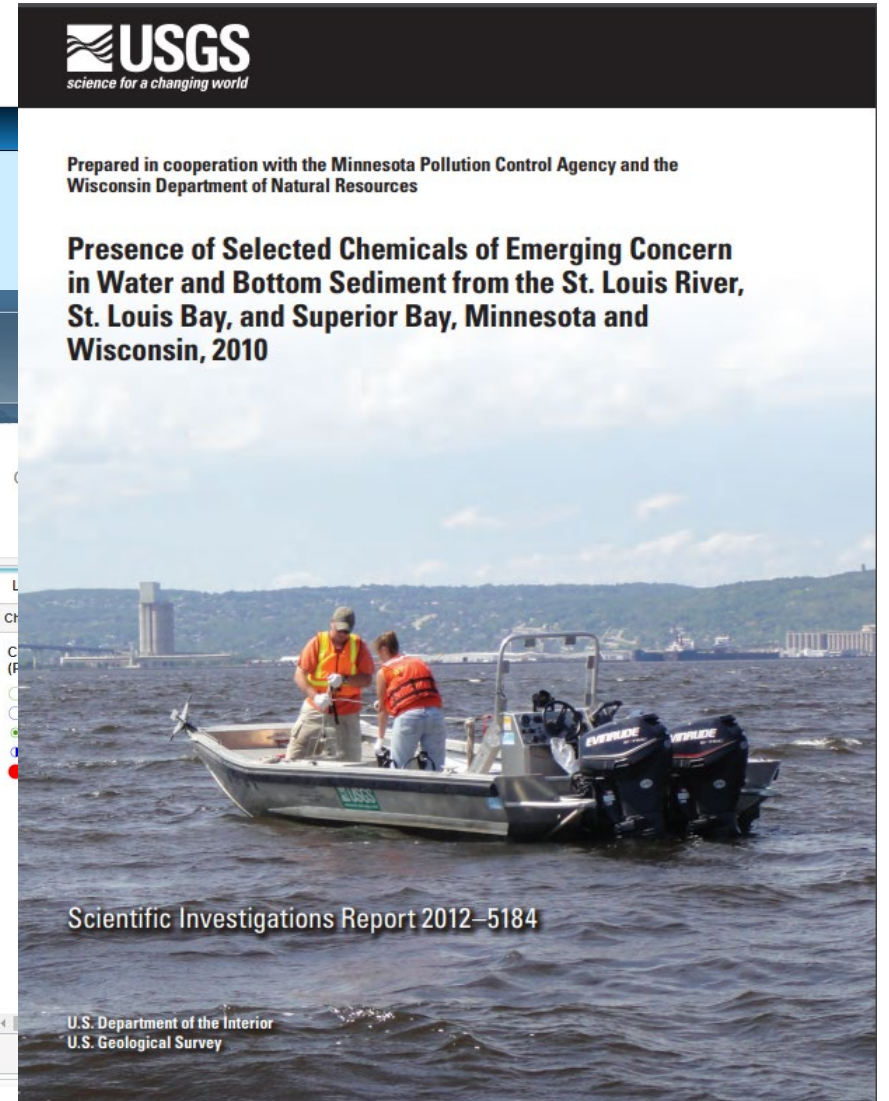
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Impaired Waters

- Assessed Waters
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- Stream length impaired by mercury (km)
- Stream length impaired by metals other than

DIVER EXPLORER | ST LOUIS RIVER

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Prepared in cooperation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

**Presence of Selected Chemicals of Emerging Concern in Water and Bottom Sediment from the St. Louis River, St. Louis Bay, and Superior Bay, Minnesota and Wisconsin, 2010**

Scientific Investigations Report 2012-5184

U.S. Department of the Interior  
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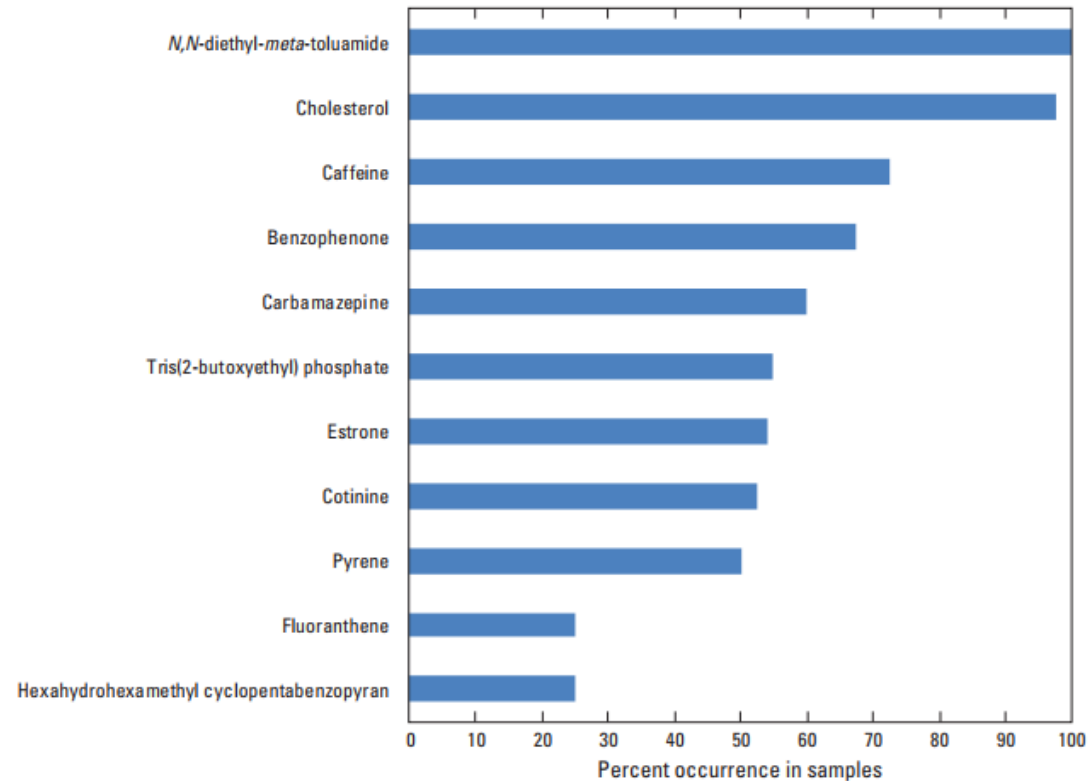
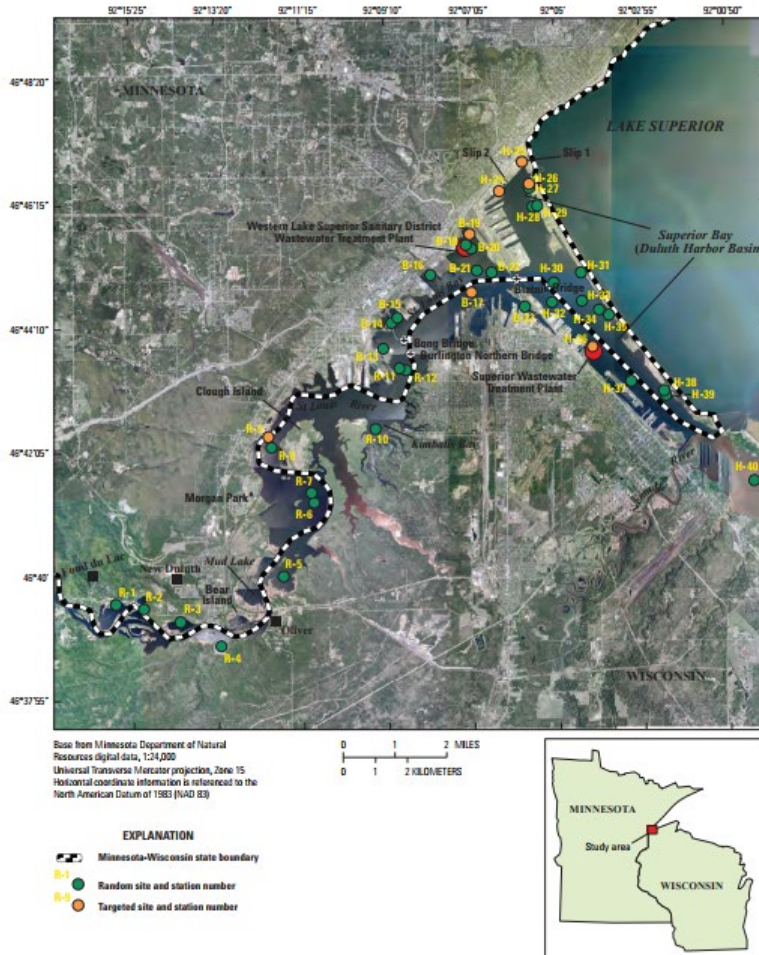


Figure 2. St. Louis River, St. Louis Bay, and Superior Bay study area and sampling sites, Minnesota and Wisconsin.



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Class (9)

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## 1 Chemicals

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Chemicals are ordered by **CAS Number**.

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### 11 Chemicals

Chemicals are ordered by

Showing all 11 chemicals

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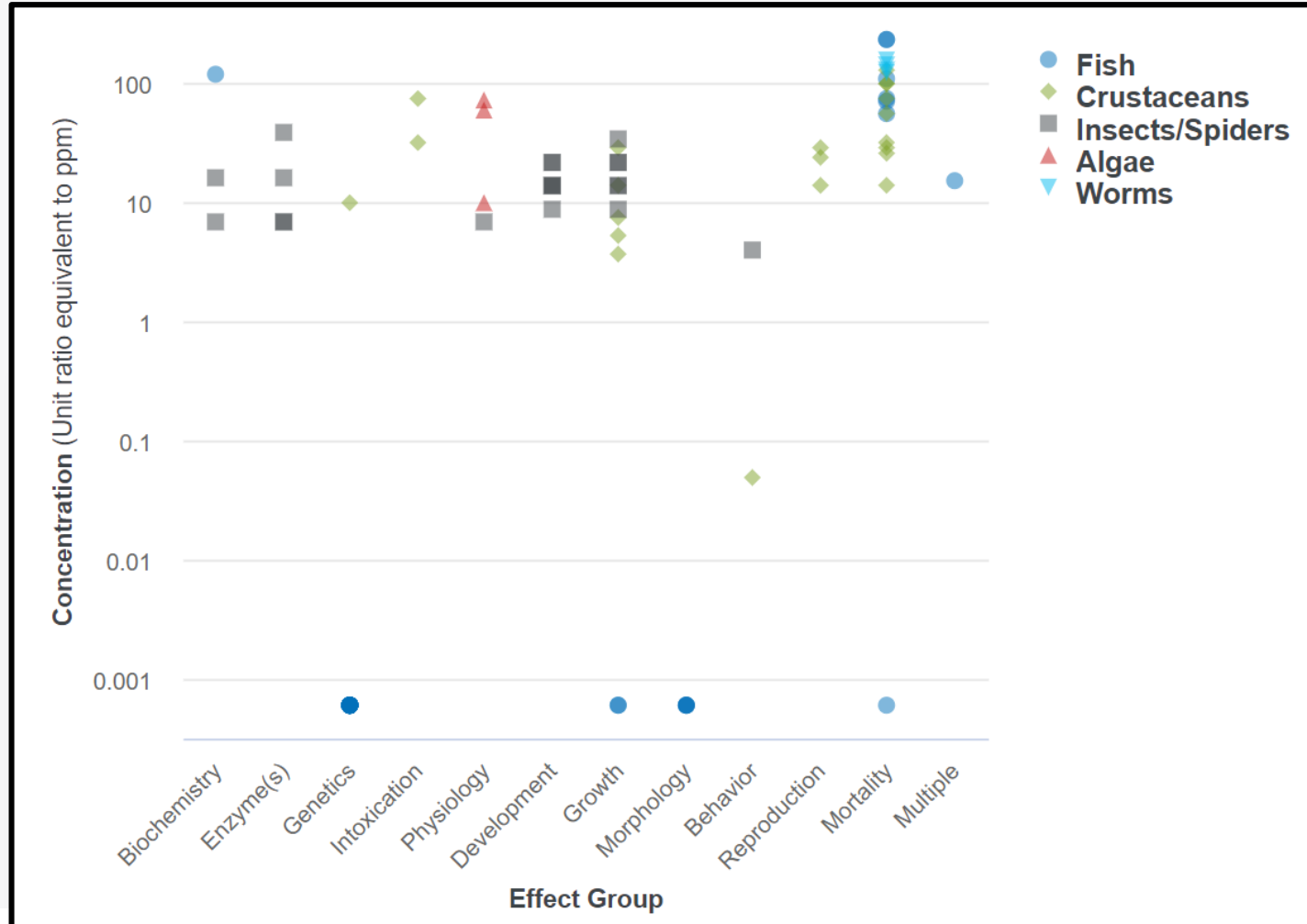
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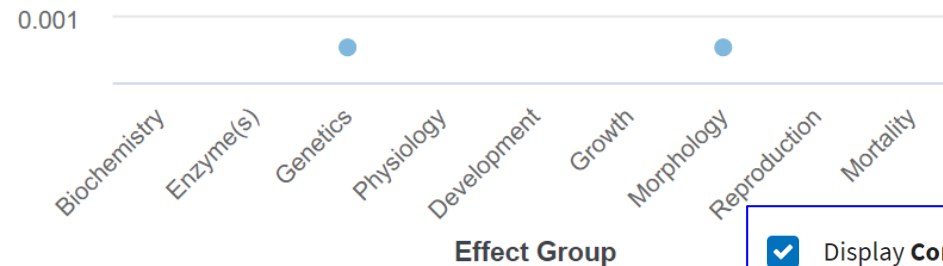
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0.0015 ppm = 10 x 0.15 µg/L



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# Summary

- Systematic and transparent procedures to identify and curate ecological toxicity data
- Standard Operating Procedures for all components of the curation pipeline
- Strive for comprehensive review of toxicity data
  - Continual review to increase comprehensiveness and identify most applicable sources
- Immense amount of data captured quarterly
- Curated data on public website ([www.epa.gov/ecotox](http://www.epa.gov/ecotox)), readily available for exploration, querying, and export for risk assessments, risk management and research

# Summary

- 30 year plus history, with major recent updates and evolution in the near future
  - Maintain comprehensive and quality review of toxicity data
  - Enhance ease of data access and clarity
  - Meet the demands for increased pace of chemical assessments
  - Expand to reflect shifts in toxicity testing paradigm
- Continually looking for ways to increase efficiencies within the bounds of available resources
  - Automate processes
  - State-of-the-science in text mining



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