
THE 65 WATER QUALITY CRITERIA POLLUTANTS AND POLLUTANT CLASSES

ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Acenaphthene
Acrolein
Acrylonitrile
Benzene
Benzidine
Carbon Tetrachloride
Chlorinated Benzenes*
Chlorinated Ethanes*
Chlorinated Naphthalene
Chlorinated Phenols*
Chloroalkyl Ethers*
Chloroform
2-Chlorophenol
Dichlorobenzenes*
Dichlorobenzidine
Dichloroethylenes*
2,4-Dichlorophenol
Dichloropropane and
Dichloropropenes*
2,4-Dimethylphenol
2,4-Dinitrophenol
2,4-Dinitrotoluene*
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine
Ethylbenzene
Fluoranthene
Haloethers*
Halomethanes*
Hexachlorobutadiene
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
Isophorone
Naphthalene
Nitrobenzene
Nitrophenols*
Nitrosamines*
Pentachlorophenol
Phenol
Phthalate Esters*

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)*
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons*
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)
Tetrachloroethylenes
Toluene
Trichloroethylenes
Vinyl Chloride

PESTICIDES

Aldrin/Dieldrin
Chlordane
DDT*
Endosulfan*
Endrin*
Heptachlor*
Hexachlorocyclohexane*

METALS

Antimony
Arsenic
Beryllium
Cadmium
Chromium
Copper
Lead
Mercury
Nickel
Selenium
Silver
Thallium
Zinc

OTHER

Asbestos
Cyanide

* For purposes of regulating industrial discharges under the Clean Water Act, these compound classes were broken down into specific substances, resulting in a final list of 126 compounds, commonly known as "priority" pollutants.