12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 Chemical contaminants in drinking-water

Isoproturon

History of guideline development
The 1958 and 1963 WHO International Standards for Drinking-water did not refer to isoproturon, but the 1971 International Standards suggested that pesticide residues that may occur in community water supplies make only a minimal contribution to the total daily intake of pesticides for the population served. Isoproturon was not evaluated in the first edition of the Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality, published in 1984, but the 1993 Guidelines calculated a health-based guideline value of 0.009 mg/l for isoproturon in drinking-water. This guideline value was brought forward to the third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, and the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.