



#### Properties of Phenol (cont.): Exposure Limits

- OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL) is 5 ppm (8-hour shift). Includes a "Skin" notation, which indicates that the cutaneous route of exposure (including mucous membranes and eyes) contributes to overall exposure.
- NIOSH has established a short-term exposure limit (STEL) of 15.6 ppm (not to exceed 15 minutes), and includes "Skin" notation.
- NIOSH IDLH (immediately dangerous to life or health) = 250 ppm

消毒劑	
消毒劑種類	消毒程度
戊乙醛(Glutaraldehyde)商品:Cidex	高
過醋酸(Peracetic acid)商品:Steris <sup>,</sup> Nu cidex	高
過氧化氫 (Hydrogen peroxide) 商品:雙氧水	高
氯化合物(Chlorine compounds)商品:漂白水	可高 可低
醇類(Alcohol)商品:酒精	中
酚類(Phenolic compounds)商品:Lysol	中
鄰苯二甲醛(Ortho-phthaladehyde)商品:CIDEX OPA	高
超氧化物(Peroxygen compounds)商品:Virkon	高
碘化合物(lodophors)商品:優碘	中
氯胍(Chlorhexidine gluconate)商品:Hibiscr	低



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## Accuracy of Exposure Phenol: is poisonous, corrosive, and flammable. is poisonous, corrosive, and flammable. affects the central nervous system and targets the liver and kidneys. is mutagenic and possibly teratogenic. Routes of exposure include: Inhalation Absorption Ingestion

- Eyes
  - Lyes
- Use of products containing phenol

#### Routes of Exposure: Inhalation

- Phenol is absorbed rapidly from the lungs into the bloodstream.
  - However, because of its low volatility, the inhalation hazard is limited.
- The odor threshold of phenol is about 100 times lower than the OSHA PEL.
- There is adequate warning when hazardous concentrations exist.
- Breathing vapor, dust or mist results in digestive disturbances (vomiting, difficulty in swallowing, diarrhea, loss of appetite).
- Causes irritation and possible burns to respiratory tract



#### Routes of Exposure: Absorption

- All forms of phenol cause irritation, and acute toxic effects of phenol most often occur by skin contact. Even dilute solutions (I to 2%) may cause severe burns if contact is prolonged.
- Due to its local anesthetizing properties, skin burns may be painless.
- Phenol vapor and liquid penetrate the skin readily.
- Absorption of phenol by the skin is enhanced when chloroform is also present (chloroform is volatile, phenol is not).





#### Routes of Exposure: Absorption (cont.)

- Systemic poisoning effects follow skin absorption.
- Discoloration and severe burns may occur, but may be disguised by a loss of pain sensation.

#### Routes of Exposure: Ingestion • As little as I gram has been lethal to humans. Symptoms may include burning pain in mouth and throat, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, muscular weakness, central nervous system effects, increase in heart rate, irregular breathing, coma, and possibly

death.







#### Protecting yourself: **Engineering Controls**

- Always use phenol in a properly functioning chemical fume hood
- Conduct all work at least 6" inside sash
- Keep sash as low as possible (even lower than the posted maximum operating sash height)
- Conduct all work in a plastic tray for spill containment



#### Protecting Yourself: Personal Protective Equipment

- Long pants and long-sleeve shirt with reasonably high neck (no low cut shirts)
- Closed-toe shoes or rubber boots
- Chemical resistant lab coat
- Splash goggles or face shield (in addition to fume hood sash)
- Gloves: Neoprene, butyl rubber, or laminate barrier (Silver Shield®)
- for phenol-chloroform mixtures, use Viton or heavyweight (>15 mil) nitrile.
- DO NOT USE LATEX!
- Additional PPE may be required, depending on the specific procedures used in your lab

#### Specific Lab Safety Practices

- Use caution when centrifuging phenol. Centrifugation produces aerosols enhancing exposure via inhalation. If you suspect a tube has broken or a rotor has failed, wait 10 minutes prior to opening the centrifuge and/or rotor lid. This allows aerosolized phenol to settle out. Open them in the fume hood if at all possible.
  - After centrifuging, always open bottles or tubes in a fume hood to prevent exposure to aerosols.
- Never heat or melt phenol in an incubator, microwave, drying oven or similar device.
- Have a phenol spill/exposure kit available (List at end of training module)



- Review your protocol prior to beginning the procedure (every time)
- Inspect your PPE for cracks, holes, signs of wear
- Clearly label ALL bottles (stocks and wastes)
- Use the smallest amount possible
- Make sure a copy of the MSDS is in the lab Chemical Hygiene Plan notebook
- Ensure unobstructed access to a functioning eye wash and safety shower



#### Storage of Phenol

- Keep in a tightly closed container
- Store in a cool, dry, ventilated area away from sources of heat or ignition
- Store separately from reactive chemicals, combustible materials, and bases.
- Keep out of direct sunlight
- Avoid dust formation and control ignition sources
- Store containers on shelves below eye level

#### Spills and Exposures

- Liquid spills not involving contact with a person (be sure to wear your PPE)
  - If you do not feel comfortable cleaning up the spill, call EHS for help (never put yourself at risk!)
  - Small liquid spills of 50 ml or less may be absorbed with sand, vermiculite or other noncombustible absorbent material. Pick up (use non-sparking tools and equipment; do not use combustible materials such as corn whisks or brooms) and place in a sealed container or double plastic bags for proper disposal as hazardous waste. Do not dump down the drain or into the trash.
  - If the spilled material is heated or is greater than 50 ml, remove ignition sources, evacuate the laboratory, close the doors, and call EHS at 974-5084. After hours, contact UT Police at 974-3111 or dial 911.

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Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water-do not flood.
Pick up spill (use non-sparking tools and equipment; do not use combustible materials such as corn whisks or brooms) and place in a sealed container or double plastic bags for proper disposal as hazardous waste. Do not dump down the drain or into a waste basket.

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#### Spills and Exposures: Skin

- If assisting the victim, the responder should don PPE (gloves, goggles, lab coat) to avoid being exposed themselves. Note: If victim's clothing is heavily soaked, off-gassing of vapors can contaminate the responder! Appropriate respiratory protection must be worn. Do not assist. Call 911.
- Remove contaminated clothing rapidly and begin decontamination as soon as possible
- Because dilution of phenol in water enhances dermal absorption of phenol, it has been recommended that polyethylene glycol, glycerol, or vegetable oil be used to remove dermal contamination with phenol
  - Do not use mineral oil

#### Spills and Exposures: Skin (cont.)

- After cleaning with glycerol or oil, skin should be washed with soap and water for at least 15 minutes
- Move victim to fresh air if safe to do so
- Double bag any contaminated clothing and dispose of as hazardous waste.
- A copy of the CDC exposure information should accompany victim to the emergency room (see Exposure Response Kit)

## Spills and Exposures: Ingestion

- If swallowed, immediately administer castor oil or other vegetable oil. Castor oil (or vegetable oil) dosage should be between 15 and 30 cc
- Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person
- A copy of the CDC exposure information should accompany victim to the emergency room (see Exposure Response Kit)

#### Spills and Exposures: Eye

- Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush eyes continuously with copious amounts of cool flowing water for at least 15 minutes
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids
- A copy of the CDC exposure information should accompany victim to the emergency room (in Exposure Response Kit)

#### Spills and Exposures: Inhalation

- Responder should immediately help victim to fresh air if it is safe to do so
- Call 911 and tell them you have an phenol exposure
- A copy of the CDC exposure information should accompany victim to the emergency room (in Exposure Response Kit)

#### Spills and Exposures

## • If you are ALONE... (which hopefully you won't)

- Remain calm...
- Remove contaminated clothing
- Begin using polyethylene glycol, glycerol, or vegetable oil to remove dermal contamination
- Wash yourself in the emergency shower or sink with soap and water for 15 minutes
- Use eyewash for eye exposures
- If ingested, administer castor oil or vegetable oil
- Call 911 and tell them you have been exposed to phenol, and give your exact location
- Take a copy of the CDC exposure information to the emergency room (in Exposure Response Kit)

#### Phenol Waste Disposal

- Pipet tips, gloves and other contaminated debris should be collected as hazardous waste.
- Bags are ok for dry solids, as long as the bags are sealed closed and labeled properly and there are no free-flowing liquids.
- Sharps (needles) must go in punctureresistant containers.
- Do not place dry solids cont. with chemicals in red or orange biohaz bags.
- If the waste is both chemically and biologically contaminated, please contact EHS or Office of Biosafety with questions.



Waste can be brought to the following locations for disposal:

- Walters Waste Room WLS M-209 Wednesdays I:00-2:00 p.m.
- SERF Waste Room @ loading dock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 p.m. Do not leave waste unattended!!!!

### Phenol Spill/Exposure Kit

- Sand, vermiculite or other noncombustible absorbent material
- 2 bags or ziplocks or clean container with lid for hazardous wastes
- 2 bags for contaminated clothing
- Hazardous waste labels for bags or containers
- Polyethylene glycol, glycerol, or vegetable oil (not mineral oil)
- Copy of CDC phenol exposure information give to emergency room nurse/treating physician: Obtain here:
  - http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/mhmi/mmg115.pdf



#### **Questions?**

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 Contact EHS at 974-5084 if you have any questions or concerns, or need assistance.



#### **Quiz** Time

To complete the Working Safely with Phenol Training Module, please click here for the quiz