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# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS Hazards To Humans And Domestic Animals DANGER

Fatal if inhaled or swallowed. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Causes moderate eye irritation. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals. Do not breathe dust. Use a dust filtering respirator (MSHA/NIOSH) approval number prefix TC-21C). Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking or using tobacco. Remove contaminated clothing and wash clothing before reuse.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish. Fish kills are expected at recommended rates. Consult your State Fish and Game Agency before applying this product to public waters to determine if a permit is needed for such an application. Do not contaminate untreated water when disposing of equipment washwaters.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

STORAGE: Store only in original container, in a dry place inaccessible to children and pets.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Pesticide Wastes are acutely **hazardous**. improper disposal of excess pesticide. spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

CONTAINER DISPOSAL: Completely empty liner by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Then dispose of liner in a sanitary landfill or by incineration if allowed by State and local authorities. If drum is contaminated and cannot be reused, dispose of in the same manner.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

#### USE RESTRICTIONS

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Use against fish in lakes, ponds, reservoirs and streams immediately above lakes, ponds and reservoirs.

Cube Powder Fish Toxicant is registered for use by or under permit from, and after consultation with. State and Federal Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Since such factors as pH, temperature, depth and turbidity will change effectiveness, use this product only at locations, rates, and times authorized and approved by appropriate State and Federal Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Rates must be within the range specified on the label.

Properly dispose of dead fish and unused product. Do not use dead fish for food or feed. Do not use water treated with rotenone to irrigate crops or release within ½ mile upstream of a potable water or irrigation water intake in a standing body of water such as a lake, pond or reservoir.

## **RE-ENTRY STATEMENT**

Do not allow swimming in rotenone treated water until the application has been completed and all pesticide has been thoroughly mixed into the water according to labeling instructions.

## APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Treatment of Ponds, Lakes and Reservoirs:

The actual application rates and concentrations of rotenone needed to control fish will vary widely, depending on the type of use (e.g., selective treatment, normal pond use, etc.) and the factors listed above. The table below is a general guide for the proper rates and concentrations.

**COMPUTATION OF ACRE-FEET:** An acre-foot is a unit of volume of a body of water having the area of one acre and the depth of one foot. To determine acre-fect in a given body of water, make a series of transects across the body of water taking depths with a measured pole or weighted line. Add the soundings and divide by the number made to determine the average depth. Multiply this average depth by the total surface area in order to determine the acre-fect to be treated. If number of surface acres is unknown, contact your local Soil Conservation Service, which can determine this from aerial photographs.

AMOUNT OF PRODUCT NEEDED FOR TREATMENT: To determine the approximate number of pounds needed for treatment, find your "Type of Use" in the first column of the table below and then divide the corresponding numbers in the third column, "Number of Acre-Feet Covered by One Pound" into the number of acre-feet in your body of water. This will give you the number of pounds of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant containing 5% rotenone needed for treatment. To correct for the actual rotenone content of the Cube Powder Fish Toxicant, use the following formula:

# $P = \frac{N \times Actual Rotenone Content}{0.05}$

Where N = the number of pounds of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant containing 5% rotenone needed for treatment. P = number of pounds of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant (actual concentration) needed for treatment.

	Parts Per Million		Number of Acre-Feet	Pounds of Cube Powder Fish
			Covered by One Pound	Toxicant to Cover One Acre-
Type of Use	5% Rotenone	Active Rotenone	(based on 5% rotenone)	Foot (based on 5% rotenone)
Selective Treatment	0.10 to 0.13	0.005 to 0.007	3.7 to 2.8	0.25 to 0.36
Normal Pond Use	0.5 to 1.0	0.025 to 0.050	0.74 to 0.37	1.35 to 2.70
Remove Bullheads or Carp	1.0 to 2.0	0.050 to 0.100	0.37 to 0.185	2.70 to 5.41
Remove Bullheads or Carp in rich	2.0 to 4.0	0.100 to 0.200	0.185 to 0.093	5.41 to 10.75
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Preimpoundment treatment above dam	3.0 to 5.0	0.150 to 0.250	0.123 to 0.074	8.13 to 13.51
<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Kinney, Edward. 1965. Rotenone in Fish Pond Management. USDI Washington, D.C. Leaflet FL-576.				

## General Guide to the Application Rates and Concentrations of Rotenone Needed to Control Fish in Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs'

Pre-Mix and Method of Application: Pre-mix one pound Rotenone with 3 to 10 gallons of water. Uniformly apply over water surface or

**Detoxification:** Rotenone treated waters detoxify under natural conditions within one week to one month depending upon temperatures, alkalinity, etc. Rapid detoxification can be accomplished by adding chlorine or potassium permanganate to the water at the same rate as Rotenone in parts per million, plus enough additional to meet the chlorine demand of the untreated water.

**Removal of Taste and Odor:** Rotenone treated waters do not retain a detectable taste or odor for more than a few days to a maximum of one month. Taste and odor can be removed immediately by treatment with activated charcoal at a rate of 30 ppm for each 1 ppm Rotenone. (Note: As Rotenone detoxifies, less charcoal is required.)

Restocking After Treatment: Wait 2 to 4 weeks after treatment. Place a sample of fish to be stocked in wire cages in the coolest part of the treated waters. If the fish are not killed within 24 hours, the water may be restocked.

Use in Streams Immediately Above Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs: The purpose of treating streams immediately above lakes, ponds and reservoirs is to improve the effectiveness of lake, pond and reservoir treatments by preventing target fish from moving into the stream corridors, and not to control fish in streams per se. The term "immediately" means the first available site above the lake, pond or reservoir where treatment is practical, while still creating a sufficient barrier to prevent migration of target fish into the stream corridor.

In order to completely clear a fresh water aquatic habitat of target fish, the entire system above or between fish barriers must be treated. See the use directions for streams and rivers on this label for proper application instructions.

In order to treat a stream immediately above a lake, pond or reservoir, you must: (a) select the concentration of active rotenone, (b) compute the flow rate of the stream, (c) calculate the application rate, (d) select an exposure time, (e) estimate the amount of product needed, (f) follow the method of application. To prevent movement of fish from the pond, lake or reservoir, stream treatment should begin before and continue throughout treatment of pond, lake or reservoir until mixing has occurred.

- 1. Concentration of Active Rotenone: Select the concentration of active rotenone based on the type of use from those listed on the table. Example: If you select "normal pond use" you could select a concentration of 0.025 part per million.
- 2. Computation of Flow Rate for Stream: Select a cross section of the stream where the banks and bottom are relatively smooth and free of obstacles. Divide the surface width into 3 equal sections and determine the water depth and surface velocity at the center of each section. In slowly moving streams, determine the velocity by dropping a float attached to 5 feet of loose monofilament fishing line. Measure the time required for the float to move 5 feet. For fast-moving streams, use a longer distance. Take at least three readings at each point. To calculate the flow rate from the information obtained above, use the following formula:

$$F = \underline{Ws \times D \times L \times C}_{T}$$

where F = flow rate (cubic feet/second), Ws = surface width (feet), D = mean depth (feet), L = mean distance traveled by float (feet), C = constant (0.8 for rough bottoms and 0.9 for smooth bottoms), and T = mean time for float (sec.).

Calculation of Application Rate: In order to calculate the application rate (expressed as pounds/second), you convert the rate in the table (expressed as pounds/acre-feet), to gallons per cubic feet and multiply by the flow rate (expressed as cubic feet/second). Depending on the size of the stream and the type of equipment, the rate could be expressed in other units, such as ounces/hour.

The application rate for the stream is calculated as follows:

bubble through underwater lines.

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## $R_s = Rp \times C \times F$

where Rs = application rate for stream (pounds/second), Rp = application rate for pond (pounds/acre-feet), C = 1 acre-foot/43560 cubic feet, and F = flow rate of the stream (cubic feet/second).

- 4. Exposure Time: The exposure time would be the period of time (expressed in hours or minutes) during which Rotenone is applied to the stream in order to prevent target fish from escaping from the pond into the stream corridor.
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- Amount of Product: Calculate the amount of product for a stream by multiplying the application rate for streams by the exposure time.

# A = Rs X H

where A = the amount of product for the stream application. Rs = application rate for stream (pounds/second) and H = the exposure time expressed in seconds.

## WARRANTY STATEMENT

Our recommendations for the use of this product are based upon tests believed to be reliable. The use of this product being beyond the control of the manufacturer, no guarantee, expressed or implied, is made as to the effects of such or the results to be obtained if not used in accordance with directions or established safe practice. The buyer must assume all responsibility including injury or damage, resulting from its misuse as such, or in combination with other materials.

# CUBE POWDER FISH TOXICANT STREAM AND RIVER USE MONOGRAPH

## USE IN STREAMS AND RIVERS

The following use directions are to provide guidance on how to make applications of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant to streams and rivers. The unique nature of every application site could require minor adjustments to the method and rate of application. Should these unique conditions require major deviation from the use directions, a Special Local Need 24(c) registration should be obtained from the state.

Before applications of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant can be made to streams and rivers, authorization must be obtained from state or federal Fish and Wildlife agencies. Since local environmental conditions will vary, consult with the state Fish and Wildlife agency to ensure the method and rate of application are appropriate for that site.

Contact the local Water Department to determine if any water intakes are within one mile down flow of the section of stream, river or canal to be treated. If so, coordinate the application with the water department to make sure the intakes are closed during treatment and detoxification.

## Application Rates and Concentration of Rotenone

Slow Moving Rivers: Apply rotenone as a drip for 4 to 8 hours to the flowing portion of the stream. Multiple application sites are used along the length of the treated stream, spaced approximately 1/2 to 2 miles apart depending on the water flow travel time between sites. Multiple sites are used because rotenone is diluted and detoxified with distance. Application sites are spaced at no more than 2 hours or at no less than 1 hour travel time intervals. This assures that the treated stream remains lethal to fish for a minimum of 2 hours. A non-toxic dye such as Rhodamine-WT<sup>R</sup> or fluorescein can be used to determine travel times. Cages containing live fish placed immediately upstream of the downstream application sites can be used as sentinels to assure that lethal conditions exist between sites.

Apply rotenone at each application site at a concentration of 0.25 to 1.0 part per million of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant. The amount of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant needed at each site is dependent on stream flow (see Computation of Flow Rate for Stream).

## Application of Undiluted Material

Cube Powder Fish Toxicant can drain directly into the center of the stream at a rate of 0.85 to 2.4 cc per minute for each cubic foot per second of stream flow. Flow of undiluted Cube Powder Fish Toxicant into the stream should be checked at least hourly. This is equivalent to from 0.25 to 1.0 ppm Cube Powder Fish Toxicant, or from 0.012 to 0.050 ppm rotenone. Back-water, stagnant and spring areas of streams should be sprayed by hand with a 10% v/v solution of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant in water to assure a complete coverage.

Calculation of Application Rate:

## X = F(1.69 B)

X = cc per minute of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant applied to the stream, F = the flow rate (cu. ft./sec.) see <u>Computation of Flow Rate for Stream</u> section of the label, B = parts per million desired concentration of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant

Total Amount of Product Needed for Treatment: Streams should be treated for 4 to 8 hours in order to clear the treated section of stream of fish. To determine the total amount of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant required use the following equation:

## Y = X(0.0158 C)

Y = gallons of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant required for the stream treatment. X = cc per minute of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant applied to the stream, C = time in hours of the stream treatment.

## Application of Diluted Material

Alternatively, for stream flows up to 25 cubic feet per minute, continuous drip of diluted Cube Powder Fish Toxicant at 80 cc per minute can be used. Flow of diluted Cube Powder Fish Toxicant into the stream should be checked at least hourly. Use a 5 gallon reservoir over a 4 hour period, a 7.5 gallon reservoir over a 6 hour period, or a 10 gallon reservoir over an 8 hour period. The volume of the reservoir can be determined from the equation:

R = H \* 1.25

where R = the volume of the reservoir in gallons, and H = the duration of the application in hours.

The volume of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant diluted with water in the reservoir is determined from the equation:

X = Y(102 F)H

where X = the cc of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant diluted in the reservoir, Y = parts per million desired concentration of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant F = the flow rate (cubic feet/second), H = the duration of the application (hours).

For flows over 25 cubic feet per minute, additional reservoirs can be used concurrently. Back-water, stagnant and spring areas of streams should be sprayed by hand with a 10% v/v solution of Cube Powder Fish Toxicant in water to assure a complete coverage.

#### Detoxification

To limit effects downstream, detoxification with potassium permanganate can be used at the downstream limit of the treated area. Within 1/2 to 2 miles of the furthest downstream Cube Powder Fish Toxicant application site, the rotenone can be detoxified with a potassium permanganate solution at a resultant stream concentration of 2 to 4 parts per million, depending on rotenone concentration and permanganate demand of the water. A 2.5% (10 pounds potassium permanganate to 50 gallons of water) permanganate solution is dripped in at a continuous rate using the equation:

X = Y(70 F)

where X = cc of 2.5% permanganate solution per minute, Y = ppm of desired permanganate concentration, and F = cubic feet per second of stream flow.

Flow of permanganate should be checked at least hourly. Live fish in cages placed immediately above the permanganate application site will show signs of stress signaling the need for beginning detoxification. Detoxification can be terminated when replenished fish survive and show no signs of stress for at least four hours.

Detoxification of rotenone by permanganate requires between 15 to 30 minutes contact time (travel time). Cages containing live fish can be placed at these downstream intervals to judge the effectiveness of detoxification. At water temperature of less than  $50^{\circ}$  F detoxification may be retarded, requiring a longer contact time.

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