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	Tier	IMZM	OMZM	OMZA	Drink	Nondrink
Acenaphthene	I	38	19	15	1,200	2,700
Acenaphthylene		ID	ID	ID		
Acetonitrile (Methyl cyanide)	II	210,000	100,000	12,000		
Acetophenone		ID	ID	ID		
Acrolein					320	780
Acrylonitrile	II	1,300	650	78	0.59 ^c	6.6 ^c
Alachlor					2.0 ^a	
Aldicarb ¹					7.0 ^a	
Aldicarb sulfone					See Aldicarb	
Aldicarb sulfoxide					See Aldicarb	
Aldrin					0.0013 ^c	0.0014 ^c
2-Amino-4,6-dinitrotoluene	II	320	160	18		
4-Amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene	II	200	98	11		
Ammonia	I	Table 35-1				
Aniline	I,I,II	59	30	4.1		
Anthracene	II	0.35	0.18	0.020	9,600	110,000
Antimony	II	1,800	900	190	6.0 ^a	4,300
Arsenic - Diss	I	680	340	150	NA	
Arsenic - TR	I	680	340	150	10 ^a	
Asbestos (fibers/liter)					7,000,000 ^a	
Atrazine					3.0 ^a	
Barium	I,I,II	i	i	i	2,000 ^a	
Benzene	II	1,400	700	160	5.0 ^{a,c}	710 ^c

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Benzidine					0.0012 ^c	0.0054 ^c
Benzo(a)anthracene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Benzo(a)pyrene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Benzo(b)fluoranthene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene		ID	ID	ID		
Benzo(k)fluoranthene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Beryllium	II	g	g	g	4.0 ^a	280
Biphenyl	II	51	26	6.5		
Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether					0.31 ^c	14 ^c
Bis(2-chloroisopropyl)ether					1,400	170,000
Bis(2-chloromethyl)ether					0.0013 ^c	0.0078 ^c
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	II	2,100	1,100	8.4	6.0 ^{a,c}	59 ^c
Bismuth		ID	ID	ID		
Boron	I,I,II	65,000	33,000	3,900		
Bromate					10 ^a	
Bromine	II	4.8	2.4	0.26		
Bromochloromethane		ID	ID	ID		
Bromodichloromethane		ID	ID	ID	5.6 ^c	460 ^c
3-Bromofluorobenzene		ID	ID	ID		
4-Bromofluorobenzene		ID	ID	ID		
Bromoform (Tribromomethane)	II	2,200	1,100	230	43 ^c	3,600 ^c
Bromomethane	See Methyl bromide					
1,3-Butadiene		ID	ID	ID		

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2-Butanone (Methyl ethyl ketone)	II	400,000	200,000	22,000		
n-Butylbenzene		ID	ID	ID		
sec-Butylbenzene		ID	ID	ID		
tert-Butylbenzene		ID	ID	ID		
Butylbenzyl phthalate	II	260	130	23	3,000	5,200
Cadmium - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Cadmium - TR	I	Table 35-9			5.0 ^a	
Carbofuran					40 ^a	
Carbon disulfide	II	260	130	15		
Carbon tetrachloride	II	4,400	2,200	240	2.5 ^c	44 ^c
Chloramine					4,000 ^a	
Chlordane					0.021 ^c	0.022 ^c
Chlorides					250,000 ^a	
Chlorine (wwh,ewh, mwh,cwh) - TRes	I	38	19	11	4,000 ^a	
Chlorine (lrw) - TRes	I	38	19	NA	4,000 ^a	
Chlorine (ssh) - TRes	I	b	b	b	4,000 ^a	
Chlorine dioxide					800 ^a	
Chlorite					1,000 ^a	
Chloroacetic acid ²					60 ^a	
Chlorobenzene	II	850	420	47	100 ^a	21,000
Chlorodibromomethane	See Dibromochloromethane					
Chlorodibromopropane	See 1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane					

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Chloroform (Trichloromethane)	II	2,600	1,300	140	57 ^c	4,700 ^c
2-Chloronaphthalene					1,700	4,300
2-Chlorophenol	II	580	290	32	0.1 ^f	400
Chromium - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Chromium - TR	I	Table 35-9			100 ^a	
Chromium VI - Diss	I	31	16	11		
Chrysene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Cobalt	II	440	220	24		
Copper - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Copper - TR	I	Table 35-9				1,300
Cyanide - amenable to chlorination	See Cyanide - free					
Cyanide - free (wwh,ewh,mwh)	I	92	46	12	200 ^a	220,000
Cyanide - free (lwh)	I	92	46	NA	200 ^a	220,000
Cyanide - free (ssh,cwh)	I	45	22	5.2	200 ^a	220,000
2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophen- oxyacetic acid)					70 ^a	
Dalapon					200 ^a	
4,4'-DDD					0.0083 ^c	0.0084 ^c
4,4'-DDE					0.0059 ^c	0.0059 ^c
4,4'-DDT					0.0059 ^c	0.0059 ^c
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Dibenzofuran	II	71	36	4.0		

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Dibromochloromethane		ID	ID	ID	4.1 ^c	340 ^c
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane		ID	ID	ID	0.2 ^a	
1,2-Dibromoethane	See Ethylene dibromide					
Di-n-butyl phthalate					2,700	12,000
Dichloroacetic acid ²					60 ^a	
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	II	260	130	23	600 ^a	17,000
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	II	160	79	22	400	2,600
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	II	110	57	9.4	75 ^a	2,600
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine					0.40 ^c	0.77 ^c
Dichlorobromomethane	See Bromodichloromethane					
Dichlorodifluoromethane		ID	ID	ID		
1,1-Dichloroethane		ID	ID	ID		
1,2-Dichloroethane	II	19,000	9,600	2,000	3.8 ^c	990 ^c
1,1-Dichloroethylene	II	3,800	1,900	210	0.57 ^c	32 ^c
1,2-Dichloroethylene ³	II	18,000	8,800	970	See criteria for individual chemicals	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene		See 1,2-Dichloroethylene			70 ^a	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene		See 1,2-Dichloroethylene			100 ^a	140,000
Dichloromethane	See Methylene chloride					
2,4-Dichlorophenol	II	210	110	11	0.3 ^f	790
1,2-Dichloropropane	II	6,500	3,300	520	5.0 ^{a,c}	390 ^c
1,3-Dichloropropene	II	30	15	1.7	10	1,700
Dieldrin	I	0.47	0.24	0.056	0.0014 ^c	0.0014 ^c
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate					400 ^a	

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Diethyl phthalate	II	2,000	980	220	23,000	120,000
Difluorodichloromethane	See Dichlorodifluoromethane					
2,4-Dimethylphenol	II	280	140	15	540	2,300
Dimethyl phthalate	II	6,400	3,200	1,100	310,000	2,900,000
3,5-Dinitroaniline	II	430	210	70		
1,3-Dinitrobenzene	II	210	100	22		
4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol (4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol)					13	770
Dinitrophenols ⁴					70	14,000
2,3-Dinitrotoluene	II	41	21	2.3		
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	II	790	390	44	1.1 ^c	91 ^c
2,5-Dinitrotoluene	II	100	50	5.6		
2,6-Dinitrotoluene	II	1,500	730	81		
3,5-Dinitrotoluene	II	1,700	860	95		
Dinoseb					7.0 ^a	
1,4-Dioxane		ID	ID	ID	32 ^c	3,600 ^c
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine					0.40 ^c	5.4 ^c
Diquat					20 ^a	
Dissolved oxygen	I	Table 35-1				
Dissolved solids	I	ID	ID	1,500,000 ^d	750,000 ^{a,e} max. 500,000 ^{a,e} ave.	
Endosulfan ⁵					110	240
alpha-Endosulfan					See Endosulfan	
beta-Endosulfan					See Endosulfan	
Endosulfan sulfate					See Endosulfan	

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Endothall					100 ^a	
Endrin ⁶	I	0.17	0.086	0.036	0.76	0.81
Endrin aldehyde					See Endrin	
Ethylbenzene	II	1,100	550	61	700 ^a	29,000
Ethylene dibromide (EDB) (1,2-Dibromoethane)		ID	ID	ID	0.050 ^a	
Ethylene glycol	II	2,600,000	1,300,000	140,000		
Fluoranthene	II	7.4	3.7	0.80	300	370
Fluorene	I,I,II	220	110	19	1,300	14,000
Fluoride					4,000 ^a	
Fluorobenzene		ID	ID	ID		
2-Fluorobiphenyl		ID	ID	ID		
2-Fluorophenol		ID	ID	ID		
Glyphosate					700 ^a	
Halomethanes	See criteria for individual chemicals					
Heptachlor					0.0021 ^c	0.0021 ^c
Heptachlor epoxide					0.0010 ^c	0.0011 ^c
Hexachlorobenzene					0.0075 ^c	0.0077 ^c
Hexachlorobutadiene					4.4 ^c	500 ^c
alpha-Hexachlorocyclohexane					0.039 ^c	0.13 ^c
beta-Hexachlorocyclohexane					0.14 ^c	0.46 ^c
gamma-Hexachloro- cyclohexane (Lindane)	I,II	1.9	0.95	0.057	0.19 ^c	0.63 ^c

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Hexachlorocyclohexane (technical grade)					0.12 ^c	0.41 ^c
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene					50 ^a	17,000
Hexachloroethane					19 ^c	89 ^c
HMX (Octahydro-1,3,5,7-tetranitro-1,3,5,7-tetrazocine)	II	2,500	1,200	220		
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene		ID	ID	ID	0.044 ^c	0.49 ^c
Iron - Soluble					300 ^a	
Isophorone	II	15,000	7,500	920	360 ^c	26,000 ^c
Isopropylbenzene	II	86	43	4.8		
4-Isopropyltoluene	II	300	150	16		
Lead - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Lead - TR	I	Table 35-9			ID	ID
Lindane	See gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane					
Magnesium		Not available				
Manganese						
MBAS (foaming agents)	I		500 ^f			
Mercury - Diss	I	2.9	1.4	0.77	NA	
Mercury - TR	I	3.4	1.7	0.91	0.012	0.012
Methoxychlor					40 ^a	
Methyl bromide (Bromomethane)	II	75	38	16	48	4,000
Methyl cyanide	See Acetonitrile					
Methyl ethyl ketone	See 2-Butanone					
4-Methyl-2-pentanone		ID	ID	ID		

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Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)	II	22,000	11,000	1,900	5.0 ^c	16,000 ^c
2-Methylphenol	II	1,200	600	67		
3-Methylphenol	II	1,100	560	62		
4-Methylphenol	II	960	480	53		
Methyl tert-butyl ether	II	13,000	6,500	730		
Mirex					0.00011 ^c	0.00011 ^c
Molybdenum	II	370,000	190,000	20,000		
Naphthalene	II	340	170	21		
Nickel - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Nickel - TR	I	Table 35-9			610	4,600
Nitrate-N + Nitrite-N					10,000 ^a	
Nitrite-N					1,000 ^a	
Nitrobenzene	II	4,000	2,000	380	17	1,900
Nitrocellulose		ID	ID	ID		
Nitroglycerine	II	320	160	18		
Nitroguanidine		ID	ID	ID		
2-Nitrophenol	II	1,300	650	73		
Nitrosoamines ⁷					0.0080 ^c	12 ^c
N-Nitrosodibutylamine					0.064 ^c	5.9 ^c
N-Nitrosodiethylamine					0.0080 ^c	12 ^c
N-Nitrosodimethylamine					0.0069 ^c	81 ^c
N-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine					0.050 ^c	14 ^c
N-Nitrosodiphenylamine					50 ^c	160 ^c
N-Nitrosodipyrrolidine					0.16 ^c	920 ^c

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2-Nitrotoluene	II	1,300	640	71		
3-Nitrotoluene	II	760	380	42		
4-Nitrotoluene	II	820	410	46		
Oil & grease	I		10,000 ^f			
Oxamyl (Vydate)					200 ^a	
Parathion	I	0.13	0.065	0.013		
Pentachlorobenzene					3.5	4.1
Pentachlorophenol	I	Table 35-10			1.0 ^{a,c}	82 ^c
Peracetic acid	II	330	160			
Perchlorate	I	40,000	20,000	10,000	4.9	9,300
pH	I			Table 35-1		
Phenanthrene	II	61	31	2.3		
Phenol (wwh,ewh,mwh)	I,I,II	9,400	4,700	400	1.0 ^f	4,600,000
Phenol (lrw)	I,I,II	9,400	4,700	NA	1.0 ^f	4,600,000
Phenol (cwh,ssh)	I,I,II	9,100	4,600	160	1.0 ^f	4,600,000
Phenolics	See criteria for individual chemicals					
Phosphate	See Phosphorus					
Phosphorus	I	Table 37-1	ID	ID	Table 37-1	
Picloram					500 ^a	
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) ¹⁰					0.0017 ^c	0.0017 ^c
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	See criteria for individual chemicals					
n-Propyl benzene		ID	ID	ID		
Propylene glycol	II	1,300,000	640,000	71,000		

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Pyrene	II	83	42	4.6	960	11,000	
RDX (Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine)	II	1,000	520	79			
SAS-310	II	10	5.0	0.61			
Selenium - Diss	I			4.6	NA		
Selenium - TR	I			5.0	50 ^a	11,000	
Silver - Diss	I	h		ID	NA		
Silver (wwh,ewh,mwh)-TR	I	h		1.3	50		
Silver (lrw) - TR	I	h		NA	50		
Silver (ssh, cwh) - TR	I	h		0.06	50		
Silvex (2,4,5-TP; 2-[2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy]propionic acid)					10		
Simazine					4.0 ^a		
Strontium	I,I,II	j	j	j			
Styrene	II	570	290	32	100 ^a		
Sulfates					250,000 ^a		
Sulfide							
Temperature	I	Table 35-1					
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene					2.3	2.9	
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) ⁸					0.00000013 ^c	0.00000014 ^c	
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	II	1,500	770	85			
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	II	1,800	910	260	1.7 ^c	110 ^c	
Tetrachloroethylene	II	850	430	53	5.0 ^{a,c}	89 ^c	
Tetrahydrofuran	II	150,000	74,000	11,000			

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Tetryl		ID	ID	ID		
Thallium	II	160	79	17	1.7	
Tin	II	3,200	1,600	180		
Titanium		ID	ID	ID		
Toluene	II	1,100	560	62	1,000 ^a	200,000
Toxaphene					0.0073 ^c	0.0075 ^c
2-[2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy] propionic acid (2,4,5-TP)	See Silvex					
Tribromomethane	See Bromoform					
2,4,6-Tribromophenol	II	100	50	5.6		
Trichloroacetic acid ²					60 ^a	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene					70 ^a	940
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	II	1,400	690	76	200 ^a	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	II	6,600	3,300	740	5.0 ^{a,c}	420 ^c
Trichloroethylene	II	4,000	2,000	220	5.0 ^{a,c}	810 ^c
Trichloromethane	See Chloroform					
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol					2,600	9,800
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	II	79	39	4.9	21 ^c	65 ^c
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	II	280	140	15		
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	II	460	230	26	450	950
1,3,5-Trinitrobenzene	II	54	27	11		
2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene	II	230	120	13		
Urea	II	300,000	150,000	17,000		
Vanadium	II	300	150	44		
Vinyl chloride	II	17,000	8,400	930	2.0 ^{a,c}	5,300 ^c

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Vydate	See Oxamyl					
Xylenes ⁹	II	480	240	27	10,000 ^a	
Zinc - Diss	I	Table 35-9			NA	
Zinc - TR	I	Table 35-9			9,100	69,000
Zirconium		ID	ID	ID		

* Some of the aquatic life criteria in this table are listed in OAC 3745-1-35; the other aquatic life criteria have been developed pursuant to OAC 3745-1-40. Most of the human health criteria in this table are listed in OAC 3745-1-33 and 3745-1-34; the criteria based on protection against adverse aesthetic effects are listed in OAC 3745-1-37; the other human health criteria have been developed pursuant to OAC 3745-1-04(D) using USEPA guidelines.

Other water quality criteria:

Ohio River criteria - Additional criteria applicable to the Ohio River mainstem are in OAC 3745-1-32. Those criteria supersede the criteria in this table, where applicable.

Wildlife criteria for PCBs – Table 35-12

Agricultural Water Supply criteria - Table 33-3

Recreational (fecal coliform, E. coli) criteria - Table 37-2

Biological (IBI, Miwb, ICI) criteria - Table 7-1

Legend:

All criteria and values are expressed as total unless specified otherwise.

Diss = dissolved; TR = total recoverable; TRes = total residual.

Blank space = Criterion not calculated; contact the Standards & Technical Support section.

ID = Insufficient data available to calculate criterion.

NA = Not applicable.

IMZM = Inside Mixing Zone Maximum.

OMZM = Outside Mixing Zone Maximum.

OMZA = Outside Mixing Zone Average.

Drink = Human health criterion applicable to Public Water Supply streams (2-route exposure).

Nondrink = Human health criterion - non Public Water Supply (1-route exposure).

Footnotes:

¹ The Human Health criterion for aldicarb applies to the sum of aldicarb, aldicarb sulfone and aldicarb sulfoxide.

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- ² The Human Health criterion for this chemical applies to the sum of chloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid and trichloroacetic acid.
- ³ The Aquatic Life criteria for 1,2-dichloroethylene apply to the sum of cis-1,2-dichloroethylene and trans-1,2-dichloroethylene.
- ⁴ The Human Health criteria for dinitrophenols apply to the sum of the six dinitrophenol isomers.
- ⁵ The Human Health criteria for endosulfan apply to the sum of alpha-endosulfan, beta-endosulfan and endosulfan sulfate.
- ⁶ The Human Health criteria for endrin apply to the sum of endrin and endrin aldehyde.
- ⁷ The Human Health criteria for nitrosoamines apply to those nitrosoamines not specifically listed in this table.
- ⁸ Regulation of the additive effects of chlorinated dibenzo dioxins and chlorinated dibenzo furans is explained in OAC 3745-2-07.
- ⁹ The Aquatic Life and Human Health criteria for xylenes apply to the sum of m-xylene, o-xylene and p-xylene.
- ¹⁰ See OAC 3745-1-35 for the applicable wildlife criteria.
- ^a This criterion is the maximum contaminant level (MCL) developed under the “Safe Drinking Water Act”.
- ^b No chlorine is to be discharged.
- ^c This criterion is based on a carcinogenic endpoint.
- ^d Equivalent 25°C specific conductance value is 2400 micromhos/cm.
- ^e Equivalent 25°C specific conductance values are 1200 micromhos/cm as a maximum and 800 micromhos/cm as a thirty-day average.
- ^f This criterion is based on protection against adverse aesthetic effects.

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Beryllium	Form	Units	Equation	Criteria			
				100	200	300	400
IMZM	TR	ug/l	$e^{(1.609 [\ln H] - 2.181)}$	190	570	1100	1700
OMZM	TR	ug/l	$e^{(1.609 [\ln H] - 2.874)}$	93	280	540	870
OMZA	TR	ug/l	$e^{(1.609 [\ln H] - 5.017)}$	11	33	64	100

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Silver	Form	Units	Equation	Criteria			
				100	200	300	400
IMZM	Diss	ug/l	$e^{(1.720 [\ln H] - 6.922)}$	2.7	8.9	18	29
OMZM	Diss	ug/l	$e^{(1.720 [\ln H] - 7.615)}$	1.4	4.5	9.0	15
IMZM	TR	ug/l	$e^{(1.720 [\ln H] - 6.759)}$	3.2	11	21	35
OMZM	TR	ug/l	$e^{(1.720 [\ln H] - 7.452)}$	1.6	5.3	11	17

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Barium	Form	Units	Equation	Criteria					
				100	150	200	250	300	350*
IMZM	TR	mg/l	$e^{(0.8713 [\ln H] - 2.310)}$	5.5	7.8	10	12	14	16*
OMZM	TR	mg/l	$e^{(0.8713 [\ln H] - 3.003)}$	2.7	3.9	5.0	6.1	7.1	8.2*
OMZA	TR	mg/l	$e^{(0.8713 [\ln H] - 4.458)}$	0.64	0.91	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9*

*Barium criteria are capped at a water hardness of 350 mg/l

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Strontium	Form	Units	Equation	Criteria					
				100	150	200	250	300	350*
IMZM	TR	mg/l	$e^{(1.2999 [\ln H] - 1.279)}$	110	190	270	360	460	560*
OMZM	TR	mg/l	$e^{(1.2999 [\ln H] - 1.994)}$	54	92	130	180	230	280*
OMZA	TR	mg/l	$e^{(1.2999 [\ln H] - 2.945)}$	21	35	52	69	87	110*

*Strontium criteria are capped at a water hardness of 350 mg/l