Chemical Factsheet

Captan

General Information

- Fact Sheet: captan.pdf
- Product Names:
  Complete Rose Spray II (Bonide Products), formulated with Carbaryl, Methoxychlor, Malathion
  Insecticide Miticide Fungicide (Bonide Products), formulated with Carbaryl, Malathion
  Captan-50% WP Fruit and Ornamental Wettable Powder (Bonide Products)
  Ortho Home Orchard Spray (Solaris Group), formulated with Methoxychlor, Malathion, Magnesium carbonate, Kaolin clay, Amorphous silica (Diatomaceous silica)
  Rose RX Insect & Disease Control (Bonide Products), formulated with Carbaryl, Malathion
- Chemical Class: Chlorinated organosulfur fungicide
- Uses: Variety of terrestrial food/feed crops, greenhouse food crops, indoor food (fruit dips), indoor non-food (e.g., paints, adhesives, etc.), seed treatments and ornamental sites
- Alternatives: Organic agriculture, Organic lawn care
- Beyond Pesticides rating: Toxic

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (**1**)
- Endocrine Disruption: Not documented
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (**2**)
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Not documented
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (**2**)
- Birth/Developmental: Yes (**2**)
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Yes (**3**)
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (**4**)
- Toxic to Bees: Not documented

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
  - EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) signed (9/1999)
  - Beyond Pesticides' comments on cancer classification change.
- Supporting information:
  - Daily News Blog entries (Beyond Pesticides)
  - Extoxnet captan Factsheet (Extension Toxicology Network)
  - PAN Pesticides Database: Captan (Pesticide Action Network)
- Studies [compiled from the Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database]
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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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