

Chemical Factsheet

Diuron

General Information

- Product Names:
 - Topsite** (BASF) formulated with Imazapyr
 - Sahara** (BASF) formulated with Imazapyr
 - Krovar** (Dupont) formulated with [Bromacil](#)
 - Velpar** (Dupont) Formulated with [Hexazinone](#)
 - Troysan** (Troy)
 - Preventol** (Lanxess)
- Chemical Class: Dimethylurea herbicide (also mildewcide and algaecide)
- Uses: Agriculture, ornamentals, ponds, aquariums, paints
- Alternatives: [Organic agriculture](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Known/likely (1, 2)
- Endocrine Disruption: Yes (3)
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Not documented
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Yes (1) [carcinomas]
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (4)
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (1)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (5)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision](#) (RED) signed(9/2003)
- Supporting information:
 - [Extoxnet Pesticide Factsheet](#) (Extension Toxicology Network)
 - [PAN Pesticides Database](#): (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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