

# Halosulfuron-methyl

## HERBICIDE FACT SHEET

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This fact sheet is one of a series issued by the Bonneville Power Administration for their workers and the general public. It provides information on forest and land management uses, environmental and human health effects, and safety precautions. A list of definitions is included in Section VIII of this fact sheet.

### I. BASIC INFORMATION

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**COMMON NAME:** halosulfuron-methyl

**CHEMICAL NAME:** Methyl 5-[[[(4,6-dimethoxy-2pyrimidinyl)amino]carbonylamino]sulfonyl]-3-chloro-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate

CAS No. 100784-20-1

**CHEMICAL TYPE:** Sulfonyl Urea

**PESTICIDE CLASSIFICATION:** Herbicide

**REGISTERED USE STATUS:** "General Use."

**FORMULATIONS:** Commercial herbicide products generally contain one or more ingredients. An inert ingredient is anything added to the product other than an active ingredient. Because of concern for human health and the environment, EPA announced its policy on toxic inert ingredients in the Federal Register on April 22, 1987 (52FR13305). This policy focuses on the regulation of inert ingredients. EPA's strategy for implementing this policy included the development of four lists of inerts, based on toxicological concerns. Inerts of toxicological concern were placed on List 1. Potentially toxic inerts/high priority for testing were placed on List 2. Inerts of unknown toxicity were placed on List 3, and inerts of minimal concern were placed on List 4.

The inert ingredients of the Manage<sup>®</sup> formulation are not classified by the USEPA as inert ingredients of toxicological concerns to humans or the environment.

The contents of the halosulfuron-methyl formulation is listed below:

Manage <sup>®</sup> Turf Herbicide	
Halosulfuron-methyl	75%
Inert	25%

**RESIDUE ANALYTICAL METHODS:** Analytical Method AG-500B

## II. HERBICIDE USES

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**REGISTERED FORESTRY, RANGELAND AND RIGHT-OF-WAY USES:** Manage<sup>®</sup> is registered for commercial and non-commercial application to established lawns, ornamental turfgrass, and established woody ornamentals in numerous places, including public areas.

### OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

**TARGET PLANTS:** Halosulfuron-methyl is a selective herbicide for post-emergence control of sedges and other weeds in turf.

**MODE OF ACTION:** Halosulfuron-methyl interferes with acetolactate synthase enzyme, resulting in a rapid cessation of cell division and plant growth in both roots and shoots.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION:** Halosulfuron-methyl (as Manage<sup>®</sup>) is applied (ground methods only) to established turf grasses, etc., at an application rate of 0.66 to 1.66 ounces per acre. A second treatment may be necessary.

### SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

**TIMING OF APPLICATION:** Halosulfuron-methyl is a post-emergence weed herbicide and is applied after emergence of target weeds.

**DRIFT CONTROL:** Halosulfuron-methyl is applied mixed with water/surfactant. Care should be exercised not to overspray or apply the herbicide to adjacent non-target areas. Drift control is achieved by following label and sprayer instructions.

**RESTRICTIONS/WARNINGS/LIMITATIONS:** Groundwater advisory. Do not apply within 4 hours of precipitation. Do not apply through any irrigation system. Do not apply by air.

## III. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS/FATE

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### SOIL:

**RESIDUAL SOIL ACTIVITY:** The half-life of halosulfuron-methyl is 55 days.

**ADSORPTION:** The K(oc) of halosulfuron-methyl is 75.

**PERSISTENCE AND AGENTS OF DEGRADATION:** The manufacturer has not conducted environmental toxicity studies with this product.

**METABOLITES/DEGRADATION PRODUCTS AND POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The manufacturer has not conducted environmental toxicity studies with this product.

### WATER:

**SOLUBILITY:** 15 ppm at pH 5; 1630 ppm at pH 7

**POTENTIAL FOR LEACHING INTO SURFACE AND GROUND WATER:** The product has high potential to leach into surface and ground water when applied to normal to basic soils (greater than pH 7).

### AIR:

**VOLATILIZATION:** Halosulfuron-methyl is slightly volatile.

**POTENTIAL FOR BYPRODUCTS FROM BURNING OF TREATED VEGETATION:** No information is available.

## IV. ECOLOGICAL TOXICITY EFFECTS ON NON-TARGET SPECIES

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### MICROORGANISMS:

ACUTE CONTACT TOXICITY: LD<sub>50</sub> (honey bee contact) >100 µg/bee

**OVERALL TOXICITY: Practically Non-Toxic**

**PLANTS:** Contact will injure or kill target and non-target plants.

### AQUATIC VERTEBRATES:

ACUTE TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (rainbow trout 96-hour) >131 mg/l

ACUTE TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (bluegill sunfish 96-hour) >118 mg/l

**OVERALL TOXICITY: Practically Non-Toxic**

### AQUATIC FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES:

ACUTE TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (*Daphnia magna* 48-hour) >107 mg/l

**OVERALL TOXICITY: Practically Non-Toxic**

### AQUATIC ESTUARINE/MARINE INVERTEBRATES:

ACUTE TOXICITY: EC<sub>50</sub> (Eastern oyster larvae 48-hour)

ACUTE TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (grass shrimp 96-hour)

**OVERALL TOXICITY:**

### TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS:

AVIAN ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY: LD<sub>50</sub> (bobwhite quail)

AVIAN ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY: LD<sub>50</sub> (mallard duck)

AVIAN SUBACUTE DIETARY TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (bobwhite quail)

AVIAN SUBACUTE DIETARY TOXICITY: LC<sub>50</sub> (mallard duck)

MAMMAL ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY: LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) 1287 mg/kg

**OVERALL TOXICITY: Slightly Toxic**

### BIOACCUMULATION POTENTIAL: Slight Potential

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Federally listed terrestrial and aquatic plants may be adversely affected if the product is applied directly to the plants, or indirectly as the result of drift or leaching.

## V. TOXICOLOGICAL DATA

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### ACUTE TOXICITY:

**ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY:** LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) >1287 mg/kg

**ACUTE DERMAL TOXICITY:** LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) >5000 mg/kg

**PRIMARY SKIN IRRITATION:** Rabbit – Slightly Irritating

**PRIMARY EYE IRRITATION:** Rabbit – Moderately Irritating

**ACUTE INHALATION:** LC<sub>50</sub> (rat 4 hour) >5.7 mg/l.

**OVERALL TOXICITY: Category III – Caution – Slightly Toxic**

### CHRONIC TOXICITY:

**CARCINOGENICITY:** No effects.

**DEVELOPMENTAL:** Slight developmental toxicity.

**REPRODUCTIVE:** No effects.

**MUTAGENICITY:** No effects.

**HAZARD:** EPA has concluded that potential levels of halosulfuron-methyl or metabolites in soil and water do not appear to have significant toxicological effects on humans or animals and presents a negligible risk [63FR29401].

## VI. HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS

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### ACUTE TOXICITY (POISONING):

**REPORTED EFFECTS:** In sulfite-sensitive individuals, skin reactions have been reported following dermal exposure.

### CHRONIC TOXICITY:

**REPORTED EFFECTS:** None reported.

**POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM CONTACTING OR CONSUMING TREATED VEGETATION, WATER OR ANIMALS:** None reported.

**POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM INERT INGREDIENTS CONTAINED IN THE FORMULATED PRODUCTS:** Inhalation of both silica gel and kaolin dust may cause coughing, sneezing and nasal irritation.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO FORMULATED PRODUCTS:** There have been no reported effects on workers manufacturing the products.

**HEALTH EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONTAMINANTS:** None reported.

**HEALTH EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER FORMULATIONS:** None reported.

**HEALTH RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES:** See Section VII.

## VII. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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### **SIGNAL WORD AND DEFINITION:**

HALOSULFURON-METHYL - **CAUTION** – AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES AND CLOTHING. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED.

**PROTECTIVE PRECAUTIONS FOR WORKERS:** Wear eye protection. Wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks.

### **MEDICAL TREATMENT PROCEDURES (ANTIDOTES):**

**EYES:** Flush eyes with water; call physician.

**SKIN:** Wash all exposed areas with soap and water. Wash all contaminated clothing prior to reuse. Call a physician if irritation develops.

**INGESTION:** Remove visible particles from mouth and rinse with water. Swallow water to dilute. Immediately transport to a medical care facility.

**INHALATION:** Remove individual to fresh air. If breathing difficulty occurs, provide CPR assistance and seek immediate medical attention.

**HANDLING, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL:** Keep dry (below 120° F) and store away from food, feed or other material to be used or consumed by humans or animals. Do not contaminate water. Dispose of only in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

**EMERGENCY SPILL PROCEDURES AND HAZARDS:** Contain and sweep up material of small spills and dispose as waste. Large spills should be reported to CHEMTREC (800-424-9300) for assistance. Prevent runoff. Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

## VIII. DEFINITIONS

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**adsorption** – the process of attaching to a surface

**avian** – of, or related to, birds

**CAEPA** – California Environmental Protection Agency

**carcinogenicity** – ability to cause cancer

**CHEMTREC** – Chemical Transportation Emergency Center

**dermal** – of, or related to, the skin

**EC<sub>50</sub>** - median effective concentration during a bioassay

**ecotoxicological** – related to the effects of environmental toxicants on populations of organisms originating, being produced, growing or living naturally in a particular region or environment

**FIFRA** – Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

**formulation** – the form in which the pesticide is supplied by the manufacturer for use

**half-life** – the time required for half the amount of a substance to be reduced by natural processes

**herbicide** – a substance used to destroy plants or to slow down their growth

**Hg** – chemical symbol for mercury

**IARC** – International Agency for Research on Cancer

**K(oc)** – the tendency of a chemical to be adsorbed by soil, expressed as:  $K(oc) = \text{conc. adsorbed}/\text{conc. dissolved}/\% \text{ organic carbon in soil}$

**LC<sub>50</sub>** – the concentration in air, water, or food that will kill approximately 50% of the subjects

**LD<sub>50</sub>** – the dose that will kill approximately 50% of the subjects

**leach** – to dissolve out by the action of water

**mg/kg** – weight ratio expressed as milligrams per kilogram

**mg/l** – weight-to-liquid ratio expressed as milligrams per liter

**microorganisms** – living things too small to be seen without a microscope

**mPa** – milli-Pascal (unit of pressure)

**mutagenicity** – ability to cause genetic changes

**NFPA** – National Fire Protection Association

**NIOSH** - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**NOEL** - no observable effect level

**non-target** – animals or plants other than the ones that the pesticide is intended to kill or control

**OSHA** - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Pa – Pascal (unit of pressure)**

**persistence** – tendency of a pesticide to remain to remain in the environment after it is applied

**pesticides** – substances including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fumigants, repellents, growth regulators, etc., regulated under FIFRA

**PPE** – personal protective equipment

**ppm** – weight ratio expressed as parts per million

**residual activity** – the remaining amount of activity as a pesticide

**T&E** – Threatened and Endangered Species (from the Endangered Species Act)

**µg** – micrograms

**volatility** – the tendency to become a vapor at standard temperatures and pressures

## IX. INFORMATION SOURCES

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## X. TOXICITY CATEGORY TABLES

TABLE I: HUMAN HAZARDS

Category	Signal Word	Route of Administration			Hazard	
		Acute Oral LD <sub>50</sub> (mg/kg)	Acute Dermal LD <sub>50</sub> (mg/kg)	Acute Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub> (mg/l)	Eye irritation	Skin irritation
<b>I (Highly Toxic)</b>	<b>DANGER (poison)</b>	0-50	0-200	0-0.2	corrosive: corneal opacity not reversible within 7 days	corrosive
<b>II (Moderately Toxic)</b>	<b>WARNING</b>	>50-500	>200-2000	>0.2-2	corneal opacity reversible within 7 days; irritation persisting for 7 days	severe irritation at 72 hours
<b>III (Slightly Toxic)</b>	<b>CAUTION</b>	>500-5000	>2000-20.000	>2-20	no corneal opacity; irritation reversible within 7 days	moderate irritation at 72 hours
<b>IV (Practically Non-toxic)</b>	<b>NONE</b>	>5000	>20,000	>20	no irritation	moderate irritation at 72 hours

After *Pesticide User's Guide*, Ohio State University, Extension Bull. No. 745, 1998.

TABLE II: ECOTOXICOLOGICAL RISKS TO WILDLIFE (TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC)

Risk Category	Mammals (Acute Oral LD <sub>50</sub> mg/kg)	Avian (Acute Oral LD <sub>50</sub> mg/kg)	Avian LC <sub>50</sub> (mg/kg)	Fish or Aquatic Invertebrates LC <sub>50</sub> (mg/l)
<b>Very Highly Toxic</b>	<10	<10	<50	<0.1
<b>Highly Toxic</b>	10-50	10-50	50-500	0.1 – 1
<b>Moderately Toxic</b>	51-500	51-500	501-1,000	>1 – 10
<b>Slightly Toxic</b>	501-2,000	501-2,000	1,001-5,000	>10 – 100
<b>Practically Non-toxic</b>	>2,000	>2,000	>5,000	>100

Table II created from information contained in *Pesticides and Wildlife*, Whitford, Fred, et al., Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service PPP-30, 1998.

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