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Pesticide Fact Handbook by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Noyes Data Corp., Park Ridge, NJ, 1985, ISBN 0-8155-11450, 827 pp., US\$96.

In the foreword, the publishers write:

"This book contains 130 Pesticide Fact Sheets issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency... These Pesticide Fact Sheets include a description of the chemical use patterns and formulations, scientific findings, a summary of the Agency's regulatory position rationale, and a summary of major data gaps. The Fact Sheets cover more than 550 trade-named pesticides".

Other published data include common (trade) names, general (chemical) names, Chemical Abstract numbers, chemical family, U.S. and foreign producers, chemical and physical characteristics (properties) and toxicology characteristics.

GARY F. BENNETT

Chemical Information Manual, Directorate of Technical Support, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration, Government Institutes, Rockville, MD, 1988, ISBN 0-86587-746-7, 265 pp., US\$49.

The *Chemical Information Manual* presents, in concise form, data on a large number of chemical substances that may be encountered in industrial hygiene investigations.

The heart of the book is chapter 2, which gives the following information (and more) for a large number of substances:

1. Identification — synonym, Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number, US DOT regulations.
2. Exposure — OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL); ACIGH-TLV Reports of Toxic Effects.
3. Physical Property Description — molecular weight, vapor pressure, boiling point, flash point, molecular formula, upper explosivity limits, specific gravity.
4. Carcinogenic status.
5. Health Effects and Toxicology — symptoms, organs affected, principal effect of exposure, health code.
6. Sampling and analysis.

Chapter 3 contains much of the same data for chemicals without documented sampling and analysis methods.