

# Environmental contaminants

## Exhibit 11-1 Toxic Chemicals in Foods

### NATURAL

- normal components of natural food products
- natural contaminants of natural food products
  - microbiological origin: toxins
  - nonmicrobiological origin: toxicants (e.g., Hg, Se) consumed in feeds by animals used as food sources

### MAN-MADE

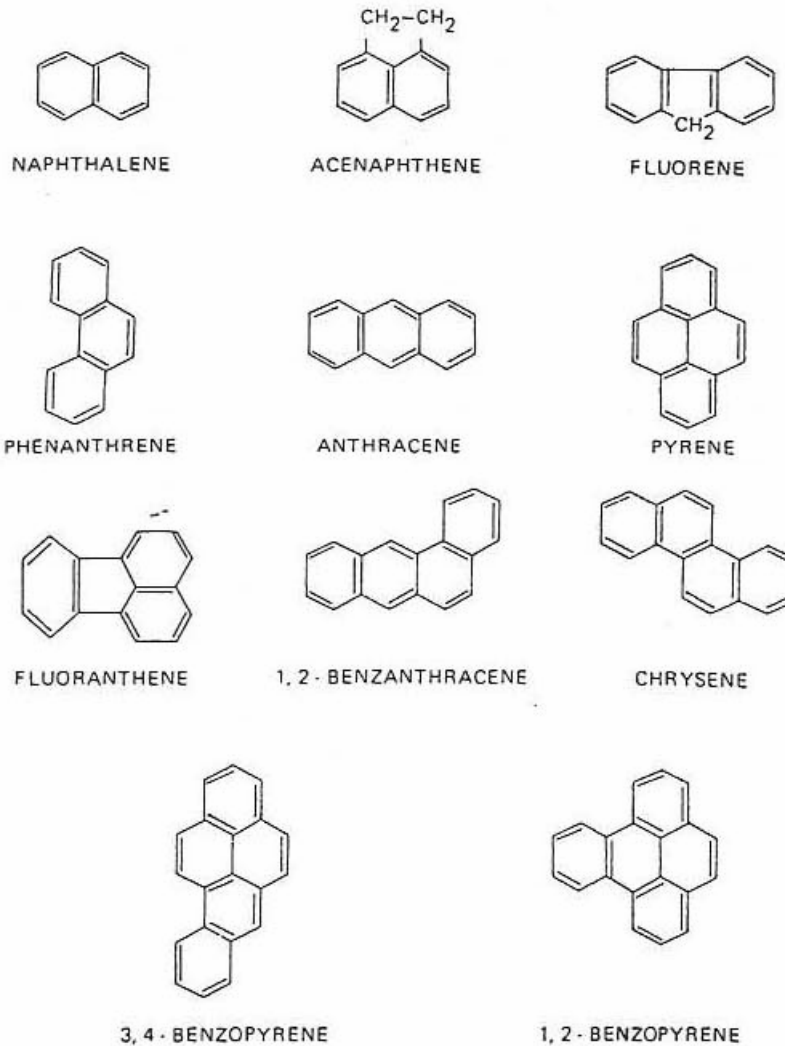
- agricultural chemicals (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers)

- food additives
- chemicals derived from food packaging materials
- chemicals produced in processing of foods (e.g., by heat, ionizing radiation, smoking)
- inadvertent or accidental contaminants
  - food preparation accidents or mistakes
  - contamination from food utensils
  - environmental pollution
  - contamination during storage or transport

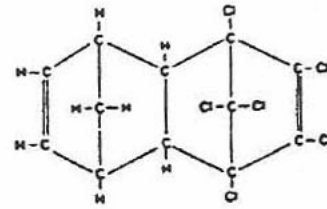


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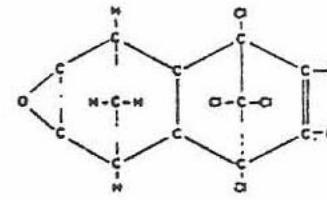
- PAH
- Pesticides
- PCBs
- Dioxin
- Mercury



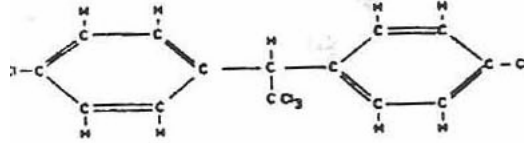
**Figure 11-15** Chemical Structure of Some Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons



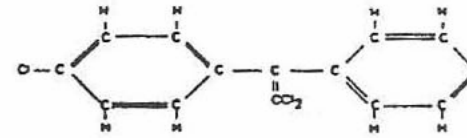
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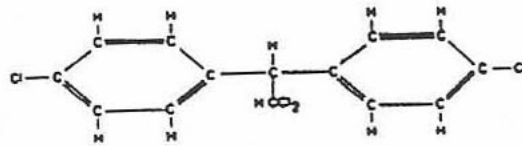
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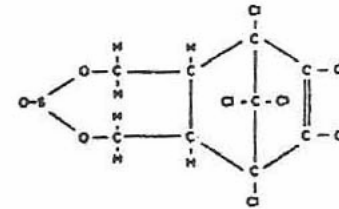
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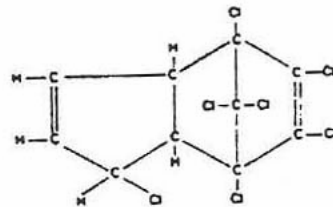
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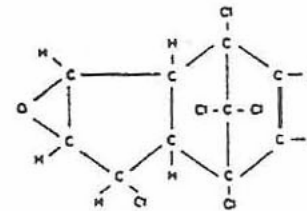
TDE (RHOTHANE)



ENDOSULFAN



HEPTACHLOR



HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE

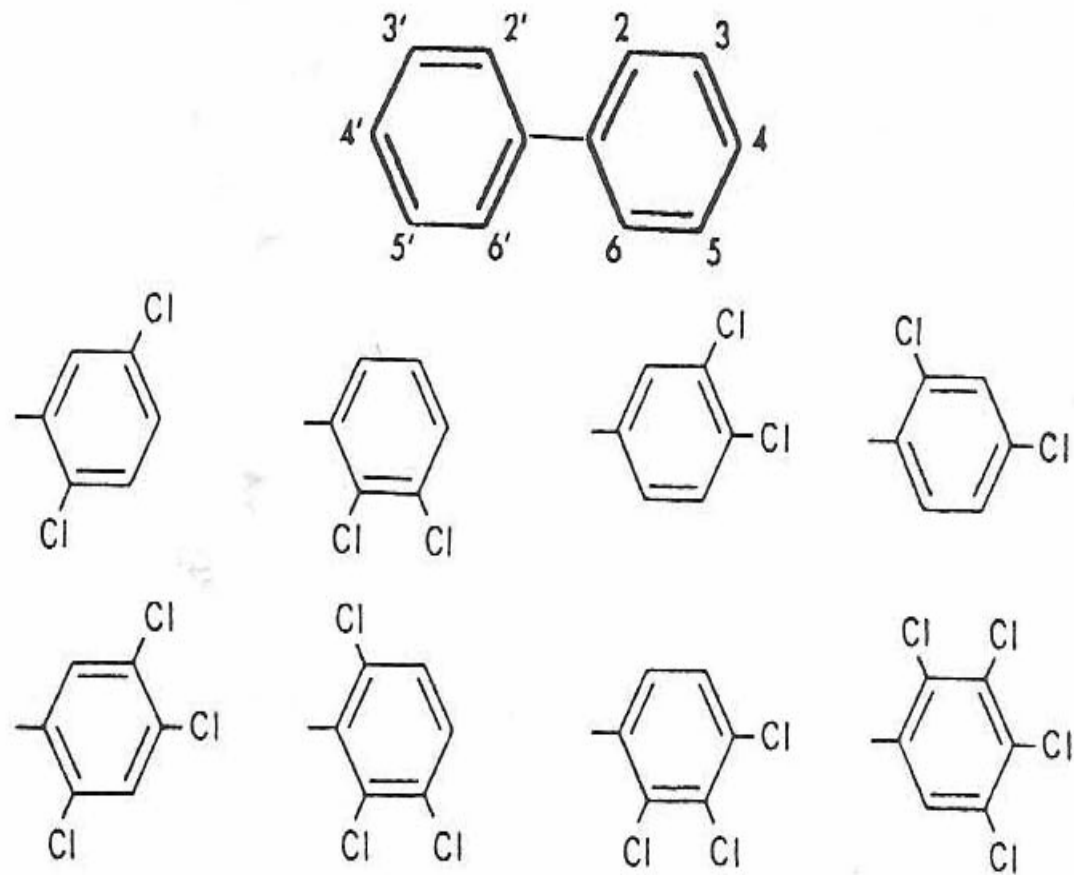
Figure 11-7 Structure of Some Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides

**Table 11-7** Dietary Intake of Pesticide Chemicals

<i>Pesticide Chemical</i>	<i>Milligrams/Kilogram Body Weight/Day</i>		
	<i>WHO-FAO Acceptable Daily Intake</i>	<i>Average 1965-1969</i>	<i>Range</i>
Aldrin-dieldrin	0.0001	0.00008	(0.00006-0.00013)
Carbaryl	0.02	0.0005	(None-0.0021)
DDT, DDE, TDE	0.01 (0.005) <sup>1</sup>	0.0008	(0.0005-0.0010)
Lindane	0.012	0.00005	(0.00002-0.00007)
Heptachlor-heptachlor epoxide	0.0005	0.00003	(0.00002-0.00005)
Malathion	0.02	0.0001	(0.0001-0.0004)
Parathion	0.005	0.00001	(0.000001-0.00001)
Diazinon	0.002	0.00001	(0.000001-0.00002)
All chlorinated organics		0.001	(0.0008-0.0016)
All organophosphates		0.0002	(0.00007-0.00025)
All herbicides		0.0001	(0.00005-0.0001)

<sup>1</sup>Current value accepted 1969 Meeting

*Source:* From J.R. Wessel, Pesticide Residues in Foods, in *Environmental Contaminants in Foods*, Special Report No. 9, 1972, Cornell University.

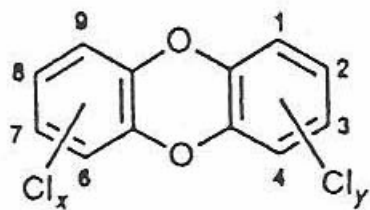


**Figure 11-13** The Numbering System Used in PCBs and the Prevalent Substitution Pattern of Chlorine

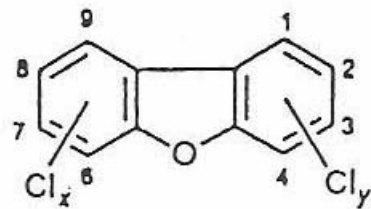


**Table 11-8** Information on Aroclor Preparations

<i>Aroclor</i>	<i>% Cl</i>	<i>Average Number of Cl per Molecule</i>	<i>Average Molecular Weight</i>
Aroclor 1221	21	1.15	192
Aroclor 1232	32	2.04	221
Aroclor 1242	42	3.10	261
Aroclor 1248	48	3.90	288
Aroclor 1254	54	4.96	327
Aroclor 1260	60	6.30	372
Aroclor 1262	62	6.80	389
Aroclor 1268	68	8.70	453

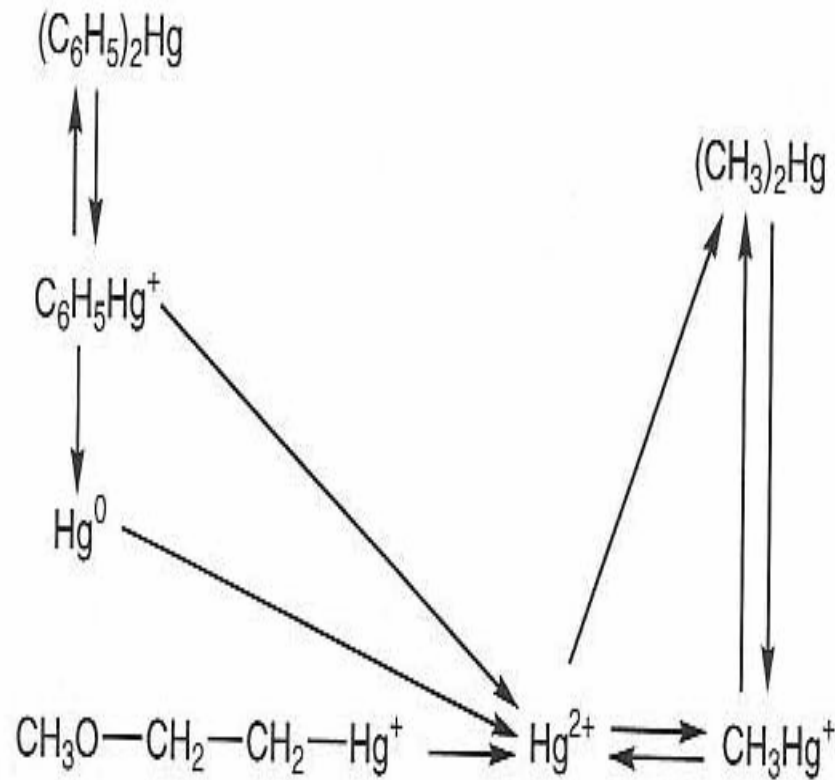


PCDD



PCDF

**Figure 11-12** Chemical Structure of Polychlorinated Dibenzop-dioxins (PCDD) and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans (PCDF)



**Figure 11-14** Conversion of Inorganic Mercury and Some Mercury-Containing Compounds to Methyl Mercury. *Source:* From N. Nelson, Hazards of Mercury, *Environmental Res.*, Vol. 4, pp. 41-50, 1971, Academic Press.