

# Collaboration and Communication in Risk Assessment Information

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# Many Chemicals, Limited Resources

- People are exposed to far more chemicals than current risk assessment efforts can address
- Many government agencies, companies and organizations evaluate chemical risks, but often are not aware of what others are doing
- Resources are wasted when the same work is done by multiple agencies or groups
- **SOLUTION** -- Increase communication and collaboration by sharing information widely

# Tools for Collaboration and Communication



**Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA)** - A collaborative effort among organizations for solving public health risk assessment issues



**ITER** - International Toxicity Estimates for Risk Database

**RiskIE** - Risk Information Exchange Database

# ***ARA* - Alliance for Risk Assessment**

**[www.allianceforrisk.org](http://www.allianceforrisk.org)**

- Collaborative effort of a group of organizations that work together on projects to improve the process, efficiency, and quality of risk assessment.
- Member Organizations include: *TERA*, National Library of Medicine, Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*) and Noblis, Inc.
- The *ARA* provides a unique venue for governmental, industrial, environmental, and non-profit organizations to collaborate to produce high quality risk assessment science.

# Examples of *ARA* Projects

Risk Document Development: Relative Source Contribution for RDX for U.S. Army

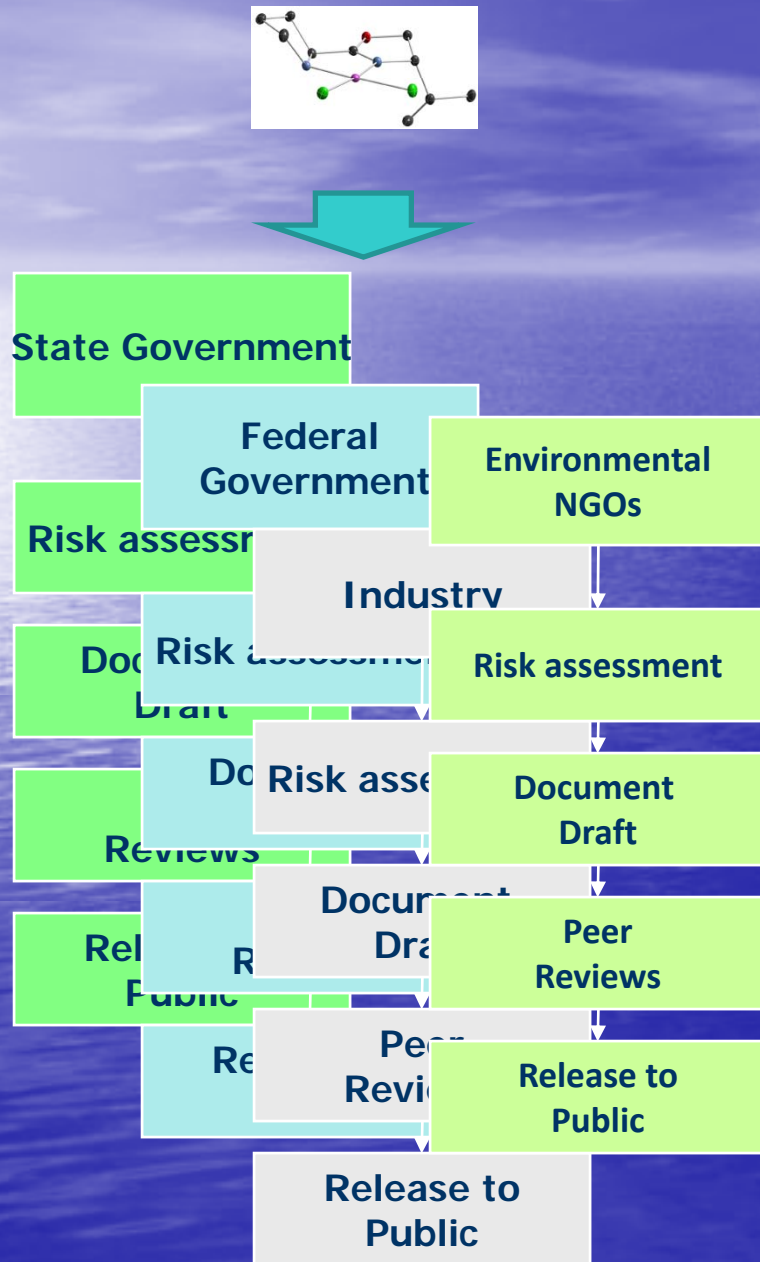
Training: Dose-Response Boot Camp

Research: Dietary arsenic exposure from soil for State of Texas and Hawaii Department of Health

Tools: *ITER* & RiskIE Databases

Peer Review: Review of 1,3-Butadiene Document Screening Level for State of Texas

## Traditional risk assessment process



## Alliance for Risk Assessment Process



# Global Risk Resources



*ITER* & RiskIE Databases

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# ***ITER***

## **International Toxicity Estimates for Risk**

On National Library of Medicine's TOXNET

- Risk value data in a side-by-side table format
- A synopsis that explains the underlying basis and rationale for each risk value and differences in risk values
- A link to each organization's website or source document
- A forum through which independent parties can share their peer reviewed risk values
- A resource to ensure that risk assessors and managers do not "miss" useful data





**TOXNET** - Databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases.

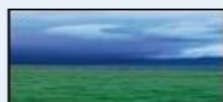
### Select Database

- [ChemIDplus](#)
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- [TOXMAP](#)

### Additional Resource

- [CPDB](#)

### Env. Health & Toxicology



Portal to  
environmental  
health and  
toxicology  
resources.

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### Support Pages

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### Search All Databases





(e.g. asthma air pollution, ibuprofen fever, vinyl chloride)

### References from Biomedical Literature

TOXLINE	Toxicology Literature Online	21524
DART	Developmental Toxicology Literature	623

### Chemical, Toxicological, and Environmental Health Data

ChemIDplus	Chemical Identification/Dictionary	1
HSDB	Hazardous Substances Data Bank	356
CCRIS	Chemical Carcinogenesis Information	5
CPDB	Carcinogenic Potency Database	0
GENETOX	Genetic Toxicology Data	4
IRIS	Integrated Risk Information	6
ITER	International Toxicity Estimates for Risk	13
LactMed	Drugs and Lactation Database	0
TRI	Toxics Release Inventory	422
TOXMAP	Environmental Health e-Maps	Map It
Haz-Map	Occupational Exposure/Toxicology	Show me
Household Products	Health & Safety Information on Household Products	Show me

# ITER - Summary Table for Arsenic, Inorganic

## ARSENIC, INORGANIC

CASRN: 7440-38-2

*For other data, click on the Table of Contents*

### Substance Identification/Summary Table:

### Risk Values - Summary Table:

Summary Risk Table for: <b>ARSENIC, INORGANIC</b>								
Risk Value Type \ Organization	<a href="#">ATSDR<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">Health Canada<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">IARC<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">IPRV<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">ITER PR<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">NSF Int<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">RIVM<sup>i</sup></a>	<a href="#">U.S.EPA<sup>i</sup></a>
<a href="#">Noncancer Oral</a>	✓	✓	--	--	✓	--	✓	✓
<a href="#">Cancer Oral</a>	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	--	✓
<a href="#">Noncancer Inhalation</a>	✓	✓	--	--	✓	--	✓	--
<a href="#">Cancer Inhalation</a>	✓	✓	✓	--	--	--	✓	✓

✓ = Chemical evaluated and ITER data online.

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## Arsenic, Inorganic – Noncancer Oral

### Risk Data - Noncancer Oral:

ITER Noncancer Oral Risk Table for: <b>ARSENIC</b> , INORGANIC								
Risk Value Parameter\ Organization	<a href="#"><u>ATSDR<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Health Canada<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>IARC<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>IPRV<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ITER PR<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>NSF Int<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>RIVM<sup>i</sup></u></a>	<a href="#"><u>U.S.EPA<sup>i</sup></u></a>
Risk Value Name	chronic MRL	NA	--	--	NA	--	TDI	RfD
Risk Value*	3E-4	NA	--	--	see below	--	1E-3	3E-4
Year	2007	1992	--	--	1999	--	2000	1993
Basis (Experimental)*	NOAEL 0.0008	NA	--	--	NA	--	NOAEL 0.0021	NOAEL 0.0008
Basis (Adjusted)*	NA	NA	--	--	NA	--	NA	NA
Uncertainty Factor	3	NA	--	--	NA	--	2	3
Critical Organ or Effect	skin	NA	--	--	NA	--	skin	skin
Species	human	NA	--	--	NA	--	human	human
Study	Tseng et al., 1968; Tseng, 1977	NA	--	--	NA	--	Health Council of The Netherlands, 1993	Tseng, 1977; Tseng et al., 1968
View Specifics:	<a href="#"><u>Click here</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Click here</u></a>	--	--	<a href="#"><u>Click here</u></a>	--	<a href="#"><u>Click here</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Click here</u></a>

\*In mg/kg body weight per day, unless otherwise specified.

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# Synopsis Describes Differences

## Synopsis:

ATSDR, Health Canada, RIVM, and U.S. EPA have evaluated the noncancer oral toxicity data for inorganic **arsenic**. Health Canada did not derive a risk estimate for noncancer toxicity since carcinogenicity is considered the critical endpoint. Both EPA and ATSDR risk values are based on the same study and use the same choice of critical effect, NOAEL and uncertainty factor.

RIVM derived a tolerable daily intake (TDI) of 0.001 mg/kg-day for critical effects on the skin in humans. This value is based on a NOAEL of 0.0021 mg/kg-day that was derived by Vermeire et al. (1991) from the World Health Organization provisional maximum tolerable weekly intake (PTWI) of organic **arsenic** of 15 mg/kg bw/week for adults of 70 kg of body weight. This PTWI was derived from a LOAEL of chronic intake of 100 ug **arsenic**/L in drinking water by humans, assuming a daily intake of drinking water of 1.5 L/day. RIVM used uncertainty factor of 2 to compensate for observation errors in an epidemiological study. Thus, the TDI is derived as follows:  $(100 \text{ ug } \text{arsenic}/\text{L} \times 1.5 \text{ L}/\text{day}) / (70 \text{ kg}) / (2) = 1 \text{ ug}/\text{kg}\text{-day}$  (0.001 mg/kg-day).

Elf Atochem North America, Inc. (under the ITER PR column) has evaluated the potential developmental effects of inorganic **arsenic**. An expert panel concluded that at the experimental oral and inhalation doses tested, which generated frank maternal toxicity and lethality, no prenatal structural effects were induced in laboratory animals. By the oral route (gavage and diet), developmental toxicity (post-implantation loss and/or decreased fetal weight) was seen only occasionally and at the highest dose level, which also induced maternal toxicity. An independent peer review panel, through the TERA ITER Peer Review program, has reviewed and reached consensus on the Elf Atochem work, thereby qualifying it for inclusion in this database.

# RiskIE

## Risk Information Exchange

[www.allianceforrisk.org/riskIE.htm](http://www.allianceforrisk.org/riskIE.htm)

- A Database to Communicate In-Progress Risk & Toxicity Assessments
- Includes over 5100 projects being conducted by more than 20 organizations representing 8 countries
- Scheduled to join NLM's TOXNET in 2008



A Collaborative Approach for Solving Public Health Risk Assessment Issues

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# RiskIE: Risk Information Exchange

- [Organizations Included on RiskIE](#)
- [Include your project on RiskIE](#)
- [RiskIE FAQ](#)
- [Link to ITER](#)

RiskIE			
Filter: ---- All ----	Add	Search	100 per page
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Chemical Name	CAS	Project Type	Project Description
(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy) acetic acid	94-75-7	Risk Document Development	Proposition 65
(3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl) trimethylammonium chloride	3327-22-8	Risk Document Development	OEL
(3-Methylbutoxy)Acetic Acid, 2-Propenyl Ester	67634-00-8	Risk Document Development	TAS
(Z)-octadec-9-enylamine	112-90-3	Risk Document Development	OEL

# RiskIE Example Entry

**Chemical:** Arsenic

**CAS:** 7440-38-2

**Project Type:** Research

**Status:** In progress

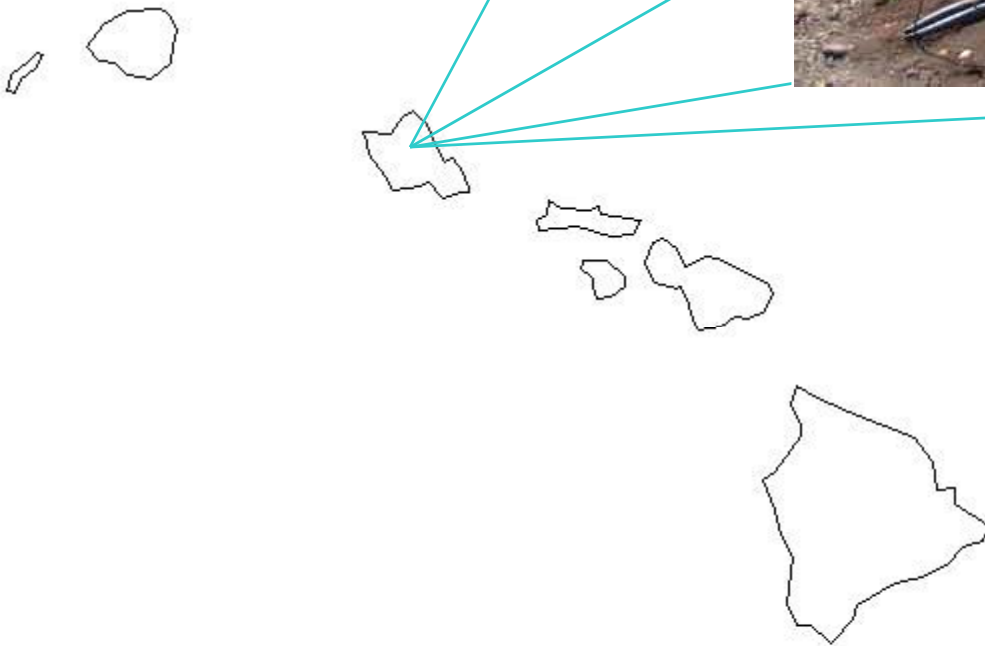
**Contact:** Roger Brewer

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**Project Description:** Compilation of information related to arsenic toxicity in the range of dietary exposure (e.g., up to 100 ug/day). Is there a threshold for arsenic toxicity? Are the published toxicity factors realistic at the range of typical dietary exposure, especially for Pacific Islander and Asian diets high in rice, chicken and seafood?

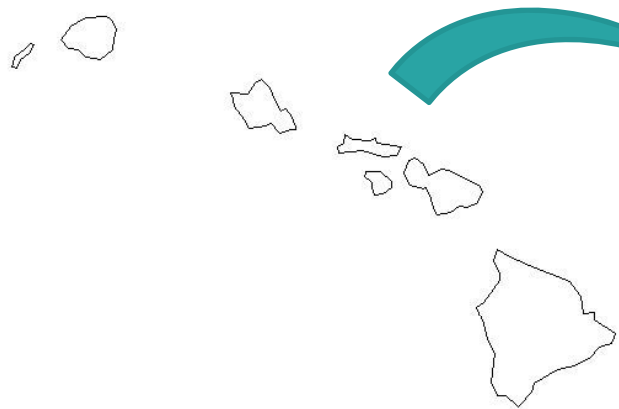
Case Study:

# Arsenic in Soil



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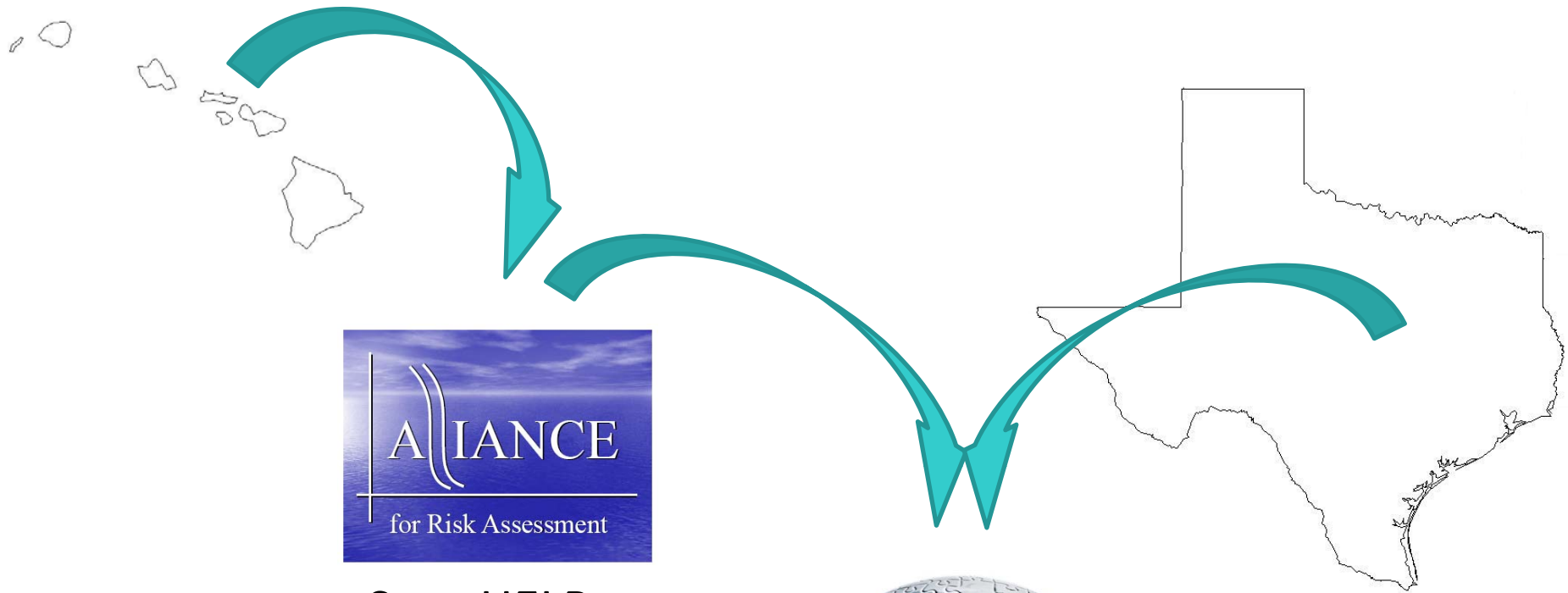
Meanwhile in Texas...



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# Questions?

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<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov>
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