



Sunscreen Composition & Safe, Effective Alternatives

NAS study - Environmental Impact of Currently Marketed Sunscreens
and Potential Human Impacts of Changes in Sunscreen Usage

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Introductions

Autumn Blum

- Award winning cosmetic chemist
- Ocean advocate & technical diver
- Entrepreneur: founder of Stream2Sea, Organix-South, Scuba Girls

“ *I noticed a sunscreen ‘oil slick’ when diving in Palau a few years back and knew we could do better.* ”





FDA Revoked GRASE, 2019

Proposed GRASE Status for Sunscreen Active Ingredients



GRASE* for use in sunscreens	Not GRASE** for use in sunscreens	***Insufficient data for use in sunscreens
Zinc oxide and titanium dioxide	Aminobenzoic acid (PABA) and trolamine salicylate	Cinoxate, dioxybenzone, ensulizole, homosalate, meradimate, octinoxate, octisalate, octocrylene, padimate O, sulisobenzene, oxybenzone, avobenzone

*GRASE= Generally Recognized as Safe and Effective **These ingredients are not currently marketed. ***For those ingredients in the "insufficient data" category, FDA proposes that it needs additional data to determine that sunscreens with these ingredients would be GRASE.



Our reefs need our protection, but at what cost?

Climate change driving skin cancer

WHO estimates that just a **10% reduction** in the **ozone layer**
could generate

300,000

additional **skin cancer cases** in any one year*

[*https://www.who.int/uv/faq/skincancer/en/index1.html](https://www.who.int/uv/faq/skincancer/en/index1.html)



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Sunscreens: Organic vs. Mineral

Q: What is the efficacy of different active ingredients (organic and mineral UV filters available in the United States), and application methods for protecting human health?



Sunscreens: Organic vs. Mineral



Mineral UV Filters are comprised of “nature identical minerals” obtained by transformation of inorganic compounds mined from the earth and then processed to obtain clean and safe UV filters

Mineral / Inorganics

- ✓ Minerals are coated and dispersed to improve performance and aesthetics
- ✓ Extensively used in products marketed as reef/coral safe and formulations for sensitive skin due to no skin penetration / irritation
- ✓ Approved for use at levels up to 25% globally
- ✓ Achieve high SPF on their own

Chemical / Organics

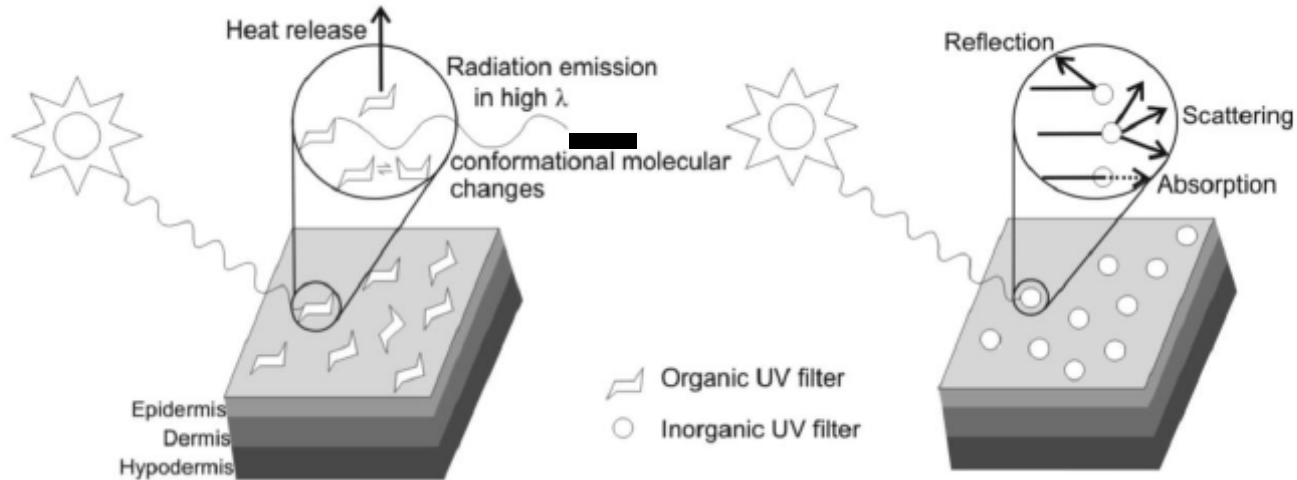
- fossil derived in origin and are entirely synthetic chemical compounds
- Questions over environmental impact (Hawaii ban) and skin penetration (FDA)
- Permitted use levels are limited to 4 - 10% depending on regulations
- Cocktails required for high SPF

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Sunscreens: Chemical Vs. Mineral

Mode of action of organic (left) and inorganic (right) UV filters



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UV Absorption

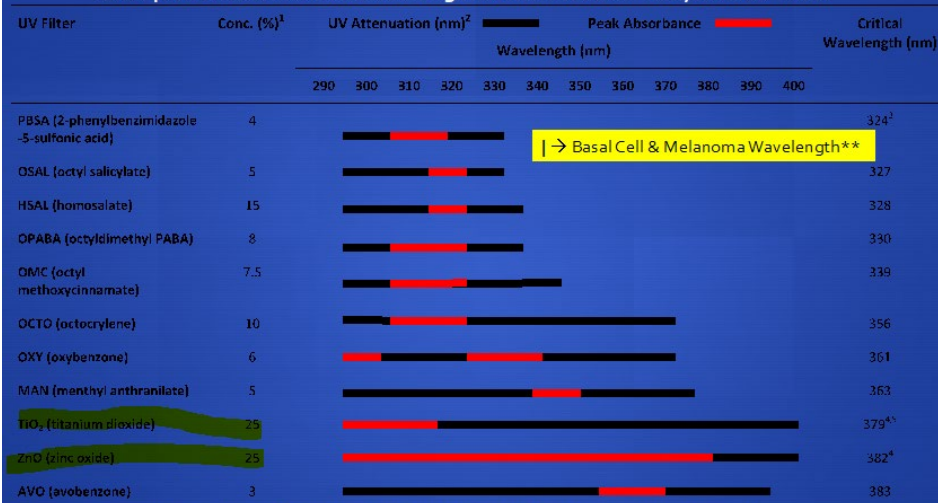
FDA Monograph Sunscreen Ingredients	Amount of Ray Protection		Chemical (C) or Physical (P)
	UVA	UVB	
Aminobenzoic acid (PABA)	○	●	C
Avobenzone	●	☉	C
Cinoxate	☉	●	C
Dioxybenzone	☉	●	C
Ecamsule	●	☉	C
Homosalate	○	●	C
Menthyl anthranilate	☉	●	C
Octocrylene	☉	●	C
Octyl methoxycinnamate	☉	●	C
Octyl salicylate	○	●	C
Oxybenzone	☉	●	C
Padimate O	○	●	C
Phenylbenzimidazole	○	●	C
Sulisobenzene	☉	●	C
Titanium dioxide	☉	●	P
Trolamine salicylate	○	●	C
Zinc Oxide	●	●	P

Protection Level: ● = extensive ☉ = considerable ☉ = limited ○ = minimal

For the most up-to-date information on approved sunscreen ingredients, visit the FDA Web site at <www.fda.gov>.

Offers **broad-spectrum** protection?

Absorption bands and critical wavelength for the most commonly used UV filters*



*The maximum concentration established in the Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph
¹The UV attenuation is based on substrate spectrophotometry determinations. Filters were prepared in a representative oil in water emulsion.
²Determined at 2% o/w emulsion.
³Determined at 15% o/w emulsion.
⁴Shape of the UV attenuation spectra varies with particle size.

*Diffey et al J Am Acad Dermatol. 2000; 43:1024-35 & **McDaniel et al, J Cosmet Dermatol 2018; 17:124-137



Drug Facts, 3-5 Actives up to 35%



Drug Facts

Active Ingredients

Avobenzone 3%
Homosalate 10%
Octyl methoxycinnamate 7.5%

Purpose

Sunscreen

Uses

- helps prevent sunburn
- if used as directed with other sun protection measures (see **Directions**), decreases the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging caused by the sun

Warnings

For external use only

Do not use on damaged or broken skin

When using this product keep out of eyes. Rinse with water to remove.

Stop use and ask a doctor if rash occurs

Keep out of reach of children. If product is swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

Directions

- apply liberally 15 minutes before sun exposure
- reapply:
 - after 40 minutes of swimming or sweating
 - immediately after towel drying
 - at least every 2 hours
- **Sun Protection Measures.** Spending time in the sun increases your risk of skin cancer and early skin aging. To decrease this risk, regularly use a sunscreen with a broad spectrum SPF of 15 or higher and other sun protection measures including:
 - limit time in the sun, especially from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - wear long-sleeve shirts, pants, hats, and sunglasses
 - children under 6 months: Ask a doctor

Inactive ingredients

aloe extract, barium sulfate, benzyl alcohol, carbomer, dimethicone, disodium EDTA, jojoba oil, methylparaben, octadecene/MA copolymer, polyglyceryl-3 distearate, phenethyl alcohol, propylparaben, sorbitan isostearate, sorbitol, stearic acid, tocopherol (vitamin E), triethanolamine, water

Other information

- protect this product from excessive heat and direct sun

Questions or comments?

Call toll free 1-800-XXX-XXXX

Drug Facts

Active ingredients

Avobenzone 3%	Sunscreen
Homosalate 5%	Sunscreen
Octisalate 5%	Sunscreen
Octocrylene 7%	Sunscreen
Oxybenzone 6%	Sunscreen

Purpose

Uses • helps prevent sunburn • if used as directed with other sun

combines it with Dry-Touch technology for a lightweight, clean feel.

Drug Facts

Active ingredients

Avobenzone 3%, Homosalate 15%, Octisalate 5%,
Octocrylene 4.5%, Oxybenzone 6%

Purpose

Sunscreen

Uses • helps prevent sunburn • if used as directed with other



Drug Facts



Drug Facts

Active Ingredients

8.8% Titanium Dioxide (Non-Nano).....

Purpose

Sunscreen

Uses ■ Helps prevent sunburn

Warnings ■ For external use only ■ Do not use on damaged or broken skin.

DRUG FACTS

Active Ingredients

Titanium Dioxide, 6.0%.....

Zinc Oxide, 6.0%.....

Purpose

Sunscreen

Sunscreen

Uses: Helps prevent sunburn. If used as directed



Sunscreen Application & Types

BOTH Chemical and Mineral Sunscreens:

How much sunscreen should I use?



1 BODY



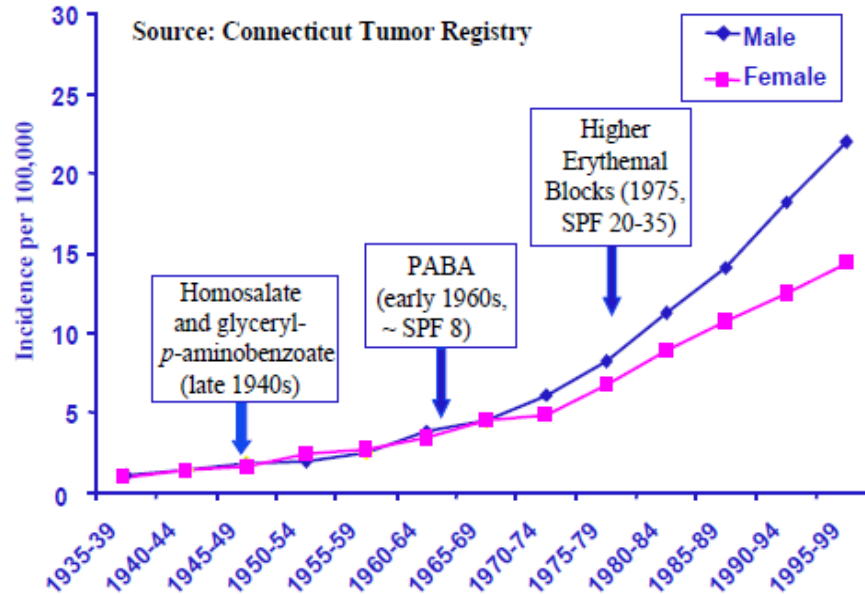
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Sunscreen usage is on the rise

Dates of introduction of suntan lotions and sunscreens
and age-adjusted melanoma incidence rates per 100,000





UV Degredation



Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A:
Chemistry

Volume 332, 1 January 2017, Pages 241-250



Photo-stability and photo-sensitizing characterization of selected sunscreens' ingredients

- [Oxybenzone](#) (OXB) is found to be a very stable UV filter.
- [Avobenzone](#) (AVOB) is known to be rather unstable UV sunscreen and it photodegrades with time of irradiation.
- Ecamsule (ECAM) is also found to be very photounstable sunscreen and photodegraded with irradiation of UV light.




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Identification of avobenzone by-products formed by various disinfectants in different types of swimming pool waters

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Octocrylene Degrades into Carcinogen

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Benzophenone Accumulates over Time from the Degradation of Octocrylene in Commercial Sunscreen Products

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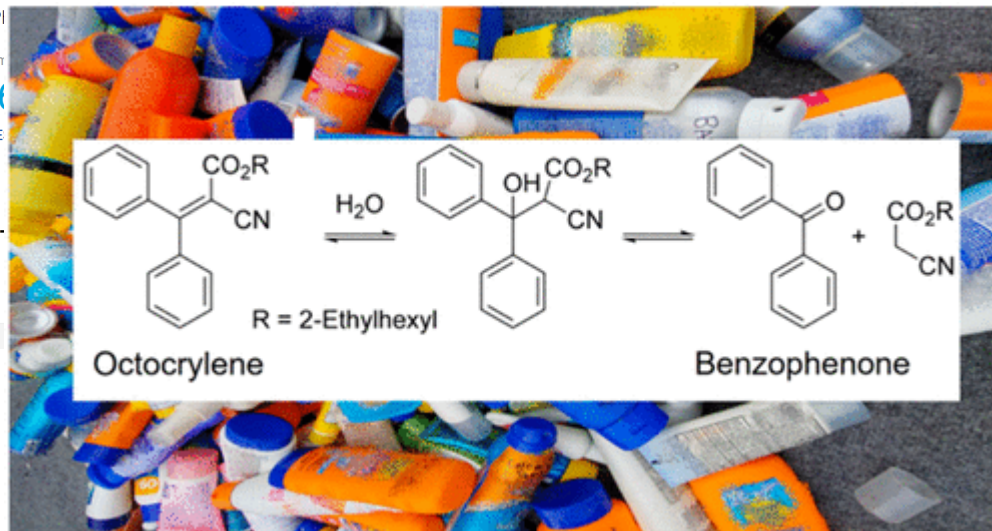
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SUBJECT





2019 & 2020 Study Leading to Change

Preliminary Communication

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May 6, 2019

Effect of Sunscreen Application Under Maximal Use Conditions on Plasma Concentration of Sunscreen Active Ingredients

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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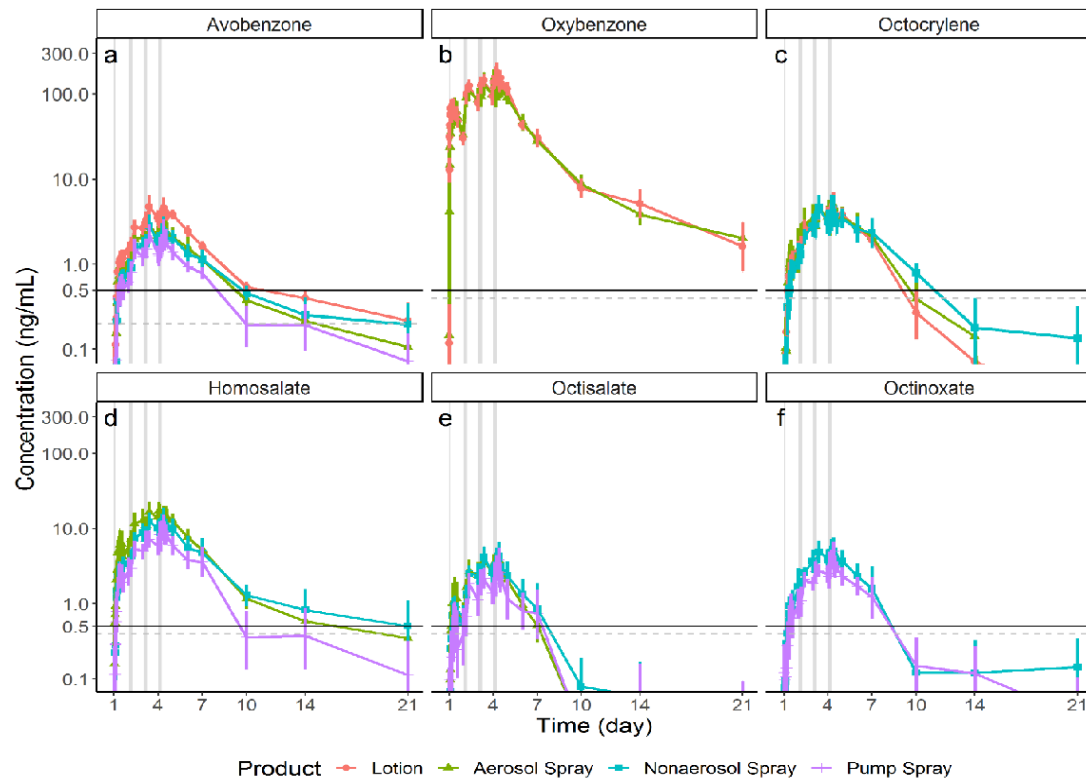
Study Results

Results showed that all four tested ingredients were absorbed into the body at amounts exceeding the FDA threshold of 0.5 nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL), for potentially waiving some additional studies for sunscreens. ² This threshold for testing the safety of sunscreen active ingredients is based on the principle that the approximate cancer risk



FDA Maximum Usage Trial (MUSt)

Matta data
from 2020
paper: 4
applications
a day for 4
days ... no
applications
made
between
day 5 and
21.





Do we need more safety testing?

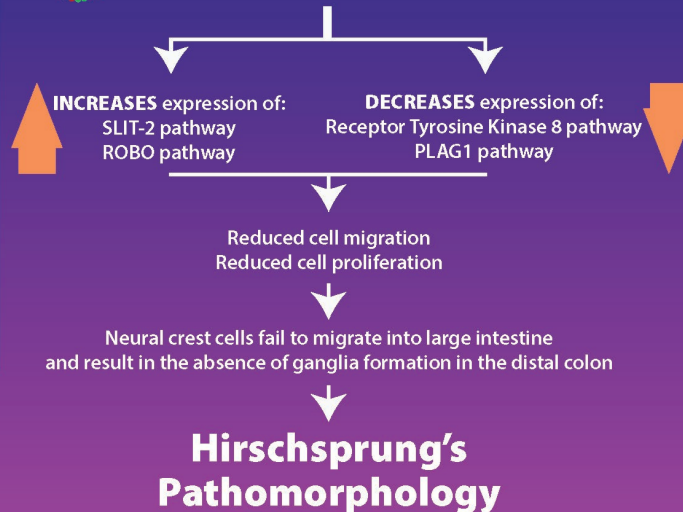
Pathopoiesis of Hirschsprung's Disease (congenital megacolon) by Oxybenzone



Pregnancy exposure to Oxybenzone

miRNA-218

Dose-dependent
Oxybenzone exposure
Increases miRNA-218 levels





CARES Act Makes and Delays Change

- Delayed increasing UVA with increasing SPF
- SPF Towlettes, shampoos are out
- 12 organic actives are allowed to stay on the market

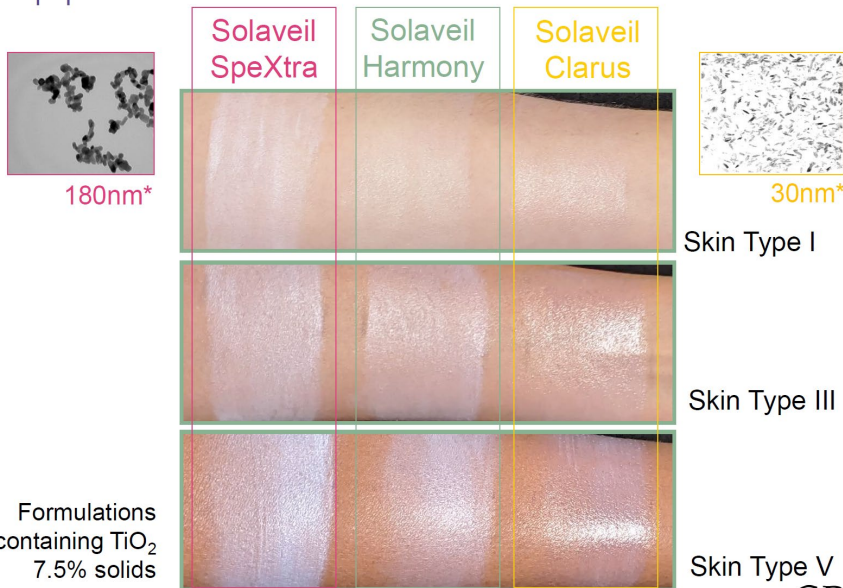
It is now up to industry to prove otherwise – or regulatory to change the monograph.





Increasing Trends – Improved aesthetics

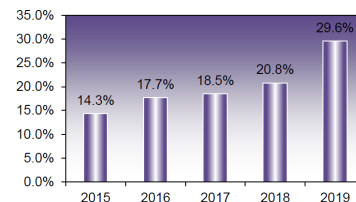
Appearance on Skin and Particle Size



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*Mean size by X-Ray Disc Centrifuge

Percentage of launches (sun care – sun protection) using TiO_2 and/or ZnO , but no organic sunscreens (2015-2019)



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UV Filters in the Environment

Question: What are the chemical properties of the UV filters that may affect their fate in the environment?



1000s of studies show that oxybenzone and/or avobenzone/octocrylene are not safe

Toxicopathological Effects of the Sunscreen UV Filter, Oxybenzone (Benzophenone-3), on Coral Planulae and Cultured Primary Cells and Its Environmental Contamination in Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands

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The Washington Post

Energy and Environment

How we are all contributing to the destruction of coral reefs: Sunscreen

In Vitro and in Vivo Estrogenicity of UV Screens

Margret Schlumpf, Beata Cotton, Marianne Conscience, Vreni Haller, Beatrice...

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Chemicals In Sunscreen Are Harming Coral Reefs, Says New Study

OCTOBER 20, 2015 3:18 PM ET

Toxicological effects of the sunscreen UV filter, benzophenone-2, on planulae and in vitro cells of the *Stylophora pistillata*

C. A. Downs · Esti Kramarsky-Winter · Omri Bronstein · Rina Jeger · Paul Pennington



Natl Toxicol Program Tech Rep Ser. 2006 Feb;(533):1-264.

Toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of benzophenone (CAS No. 119-61-9) in F344/N rats and B6C3F1 mice (feed studies).

ENVIRONMENTAL Science & Technology

Joint Effects of Multiple UV Filters on Zebrafish Embryo Development

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Neurotoxic effect of active ingredients in sunscreen products, a



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Sunscreen Products as Emerging Pollutants to Coastal Waters

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Unsustainable Tourism





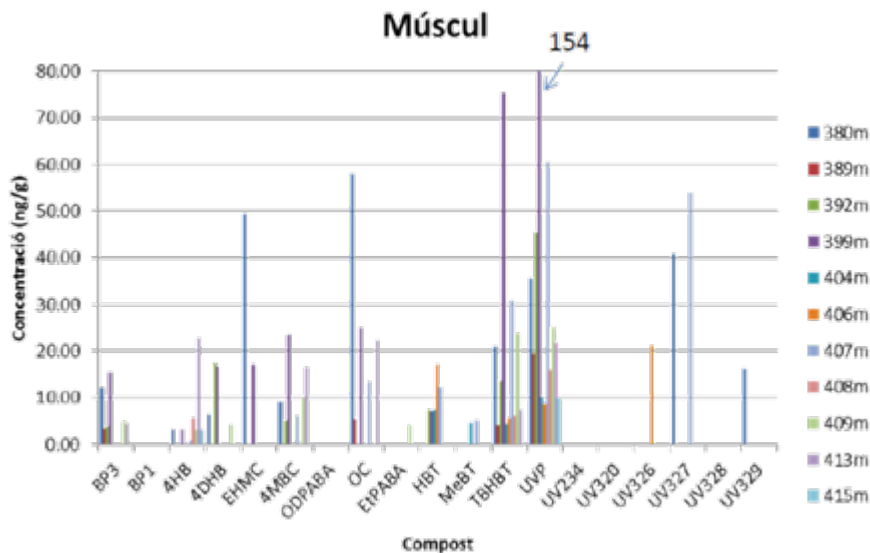
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Bioaccumulation of UV Filters in Fish

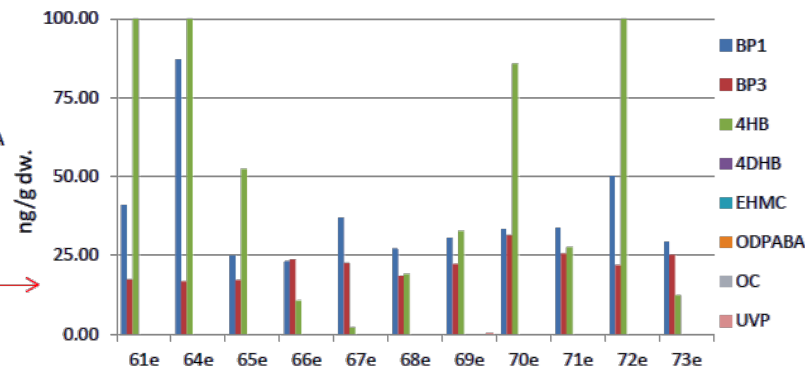
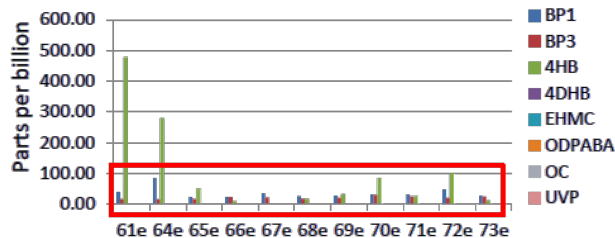
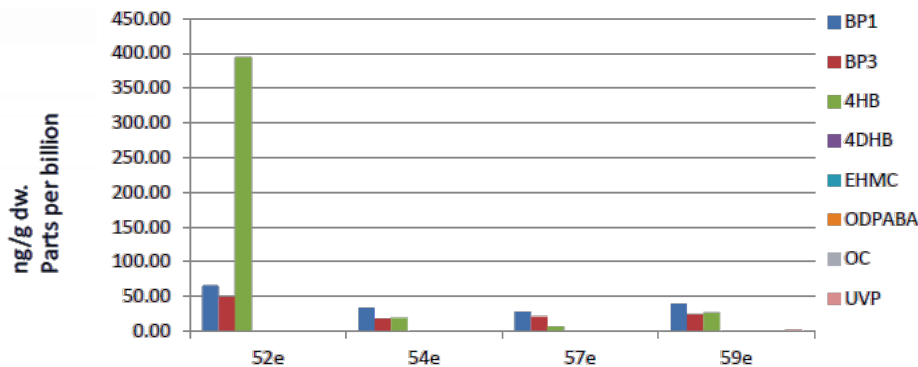
Muscle Analysis



BP3 = oxybenzone
BP1, 4HB, & 4DHB = metabolites of oxybenzone
OC = octocrylene
EHMC = methoxycinnamate



UV Filters in Eggs of Birds from a Preserved Natural Area





Sea Turtle Nests





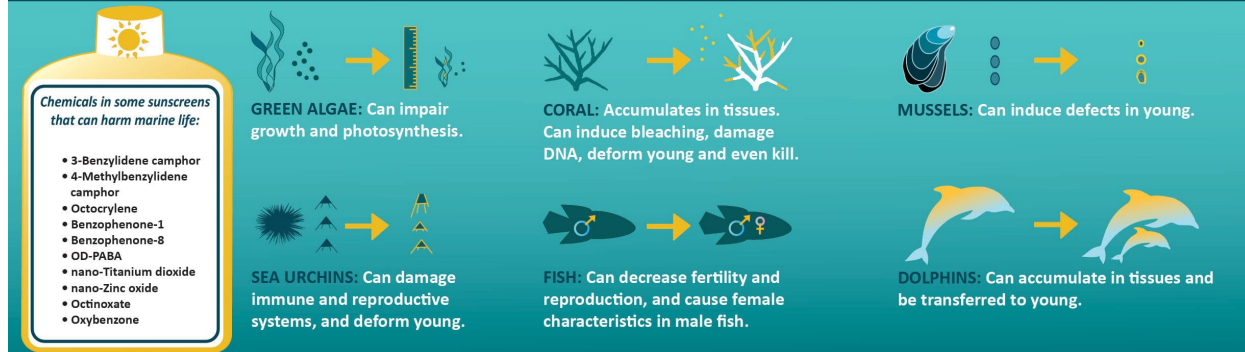
UV Filters in the Environment

SUNSCREEN CHEMICALS AND MARINE LIFE

How **sunscreen chemicals** enter our environment:



How **sunscreen chemicals** can affect marine life:



Here are a few ways to **protect ourselves and marine life:**

Consider sunscreen without chemicals that can harm marine life, seek shade between 10 am & 2 pm, and use Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) sunwear.



Seek shade



Umbrella



Sun hat



Sunscreen



UV Sun glasses



Sun shirt



Leggings





Waterproof?

Question: What is the expected waterproof efficacy and rinse off rate of sunscreen actives?

Guidance for Industry

**Labeling and Effectiveness Testing:
Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-
The-Counter Human Use — Small
Entity Compliance Guide**

For sunscreen drug products that provide 40 or 80 minutes of **water** resistance according to the test in 21 CFR 201.327(i)(7):

“Water Resistant ([insert length of time drug product is proven to be water resistant, either 40 minutes or 80 minutes, according to 21 CFR 201.327(i)(7)])”



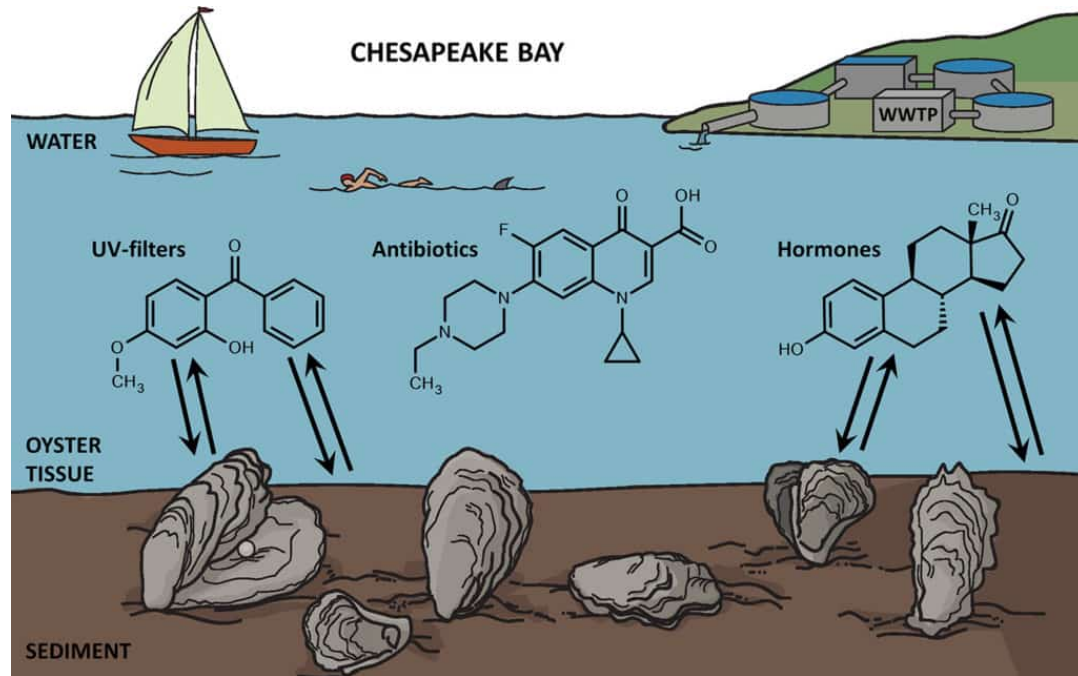
Sewage



- 30 minutes after application, detect in urine
- Residue on skin, wash off in shower



Chesapeake Bay



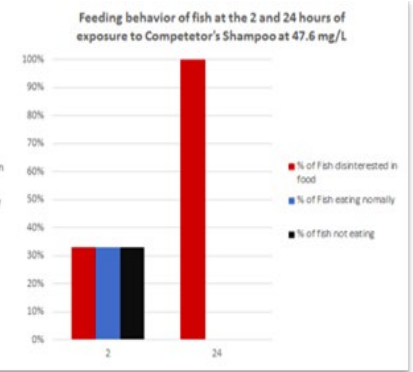
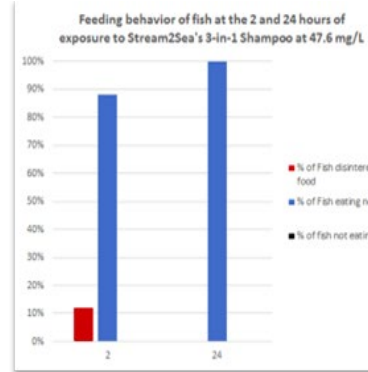
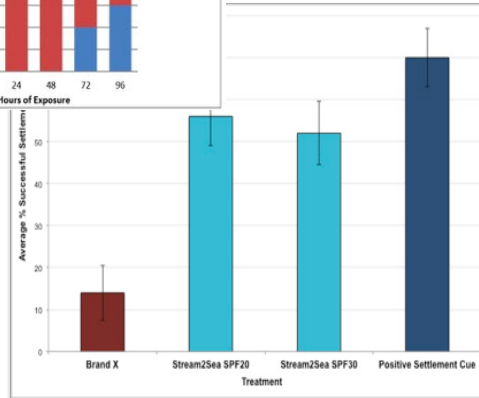
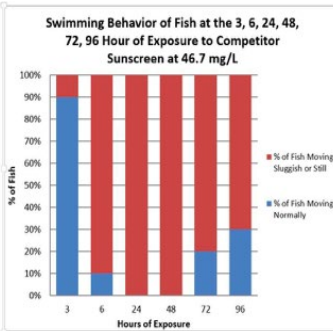
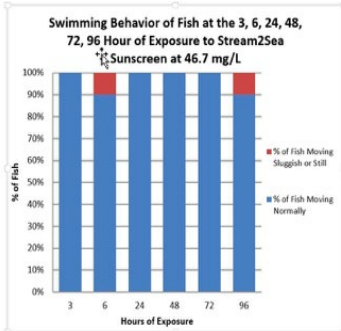
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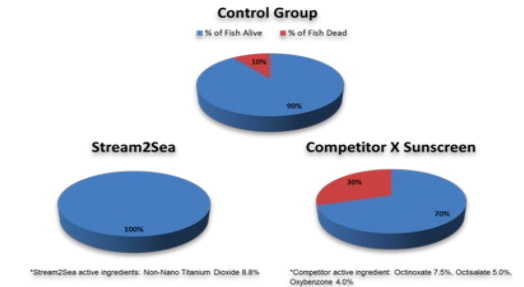


Test Results – What is reef safe?

Removing banned ingredients
does NOT mean a product is
REEF SAFE



Mortality over the course of 96 hours of testing





Our reefs need our protection!



*Photo on the left of Autumn taken by Frazier Nivens in 2016.
On the right taken 5 months later. It is just rubble on the bottom of the ocean today.*



Sunscreen Legislation

Hawaii

January 2021: ban of oxybenzone and octinoxate

Key West

January 2021: ban of oxybenzone and octinoxate

Bonaire

2021: ban of reef-killing sunscreens

Aruba

2020: ban of oxybenzone and octinoxate

Palau

Ban of sunscreen with any of 13 toxic ingredients, enforces fines for vendors

Mexico

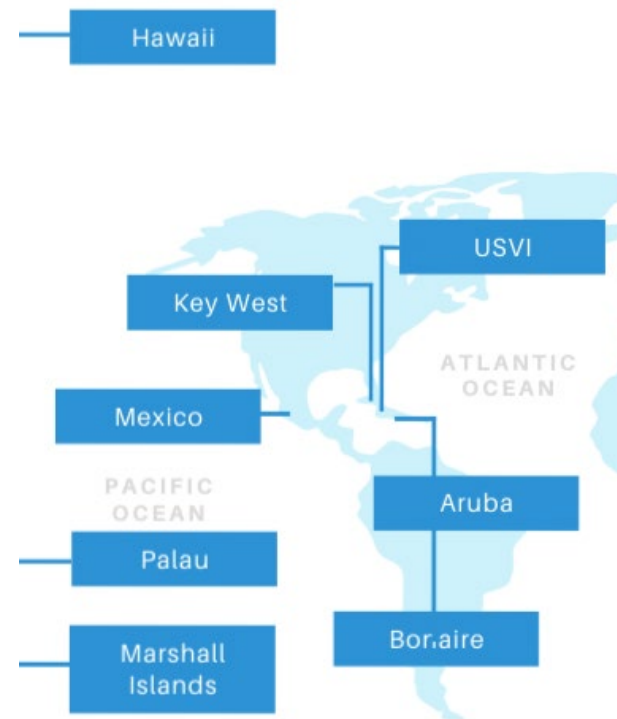
Ecotourism preserves and natural water parks are asking visitors to use only biodegradable sunscreens

USVI

In effect: ban of oxybenzone, octinoxate and octocrylene

Marshall Islands

In effect: ban of 28 toxic ingredients & 10 Preservatives, fines enforced for vendors and tourists





Together, we can do better!

“Government must be more effective in protecting the environment, and industry must be its top partner.”

- President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
Republic of Palau



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