

## Litet utsläpp av klorbensen i vattendrag från en kemikaliefabrik.

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Ett utsläpp om mellan 1 och 2 liter klorbensen från en kemikaliefabrik nådde floden Main via kylvattensledningar. Mätningar genomförda av statlig miljömyndighet konstaterade att koncentrationerna låg under der mätbara.

### Inblandade ämnen och mängder

	CAS Nr.	Mängd
klorbensen	108-90-7	2 kg

### Skador:

Människor:	Inga.
Materiella:	Inga.
Miljö/ekologi:	Mellan 1 och 2 liter klorbensen släpptes ut i närliggande flod. Enligt uppgifter från miljömyndigheter i huvudstaden var mängderna för små för att vara mätbara.
Infrastruktur:	Inga.

**Erfarenheter redovisade (Ja/Nej): Nej**

## Report Profile

### Identification of Report:

country: FA ident key: 1986\_001\_01

reported under Seveso I directive as major accident reports: SHORT+FULL

### Date of Major Occurrence: Time of Major Occurrence

start: 1986-11-12 start:

finish: finish:

### Establishment:

name:

address:

industry: 2001 general chemicals manufacture

Organic Chemical

Seveso II status: not applicable: Yes art. 6 (notification): No

art. 7 (MAPP): No

art. 9 (safety report): No

### Date of Report:

short: full:

### Authority Reporting:

name:

address:

### Authority Contact:

rep\_cont\_name:

rep\_cont\_phone:

rep\_cont\_fax:

**Additional Comments:**

a) - not applicable -

b) - not applicable -

c) - not applicable -

d) - not applicable -

e) - not applicable -

## Short Report

country: FA ident key: 1986\_001\_01

**Accident Types:**

release: Yes explosion: No

water contamination: Yes other: No

fire: No

description:

ACCIDENT CASE HISTORY DESCRIPTION:... see Appendix Short Report / description of accident types

**Substance(s) Directly Involved:**

toxic: Yes explosive: Yes

ecotoxic: No other: No

flammable: Yes

description:

- Chlorobenzene (C.A.S. CODE: 108-90-7): amount involved =2 kg.

**Immediate Sources of Accident:**

storage: No transfer: No

process: Yes other: No

description:

The accident occurred during normal operation of the cooling water system of an organic chemical industry.

**Suspected Causes:**

plant or equipment: No environmental: No

human: No other: Yes

description:

CAUSES:

When the Original Report was prepared the causes of the accident were still under investigation.

**Immediate Effects:**

material loss: No

human deaths: No

human injuries: No community disruption: No

other: No

**ecological harm:** Yes

**national heritage loss:** No

**description:**

ECOLOGICAL HARM:... see Appendix Short Report / description of immediate effects

### **Emergency Measures taken:**

**on-site systems:** No **decontamination:** No

**external services:** No **restoration:** No

**sheltering:** No **other:** No

**evacuation:** No

**description:**

No emergency measures were necessary, neither on-site nor off-site.

### **Immediate Lessons Learned:**

**prevention:** No **other:** No

**mitigation:** No

**description:**

## **A Occurrence Full Report**

**country:** FA **ident key:** 1986\_001\_01

### **1 Type of Accident**

**remarks:** A release of about 1<sup>2</sup> litres of chlorobenzene (code 1103) occurred from the

Hoechst Works of Hoechst AG and entered, via a cooling water drain, the

Main river flowing close to the factory. According to information supplied

by the Federal H... see Appendix Full Report A / type of accident

### **2 Dangerous Substances**

**remarks:** The total establishment and the potential directly involved inventories of

chlorobenzene refer to the amount released during the accident (1<sup>2</sup> litres).

From the Original Report it is not fully clear if chlorobenzene is a

starting material o... see Appendix Full Report A / dangerous substances

### **3 Source of Accident**

**illustration:** - not applicable -

**remarks:** The accident occurred during normal operation of the cooling water system

(code 3104) of an organic chemical industry (code 2001). No information are

available about the component involved in the release.

### **4 Meteorological Conditions**

**precipitation none: fog: rain: hail: snow:**

No No No No No

**wind speed (m/s):**

**direction (from):**

**stability (Pasquill):**

**ambient temperature (∞C):**

**remarks:** - not applicable -

## 5 Causes of Major Occurrence

**main causes**

**technical / physical** 5501 other: not identified

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

**human / organizational** - not applicable -

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

- not applicable -

**remarks:** When the Original Report was prepared the causes of the accident were still under investigation (code 5501).

## 6 Discussion about the Occurrence

- not applicable -

**Type of Accident** country: FA ident key: 1986\_001\_01

**event:**

**major occurrence** 1103 release: fluid release to water

**initiating event** 1103 release: fluid release to water

**associated event** - not applicable -

## Dangerous substances

country: FA ident key: 1986\_001\_01

### a) total establishment inventory

**CAS number:** 108-90-7 **identity:** Chlorobenzene

**name from Seveso I Directive:** - not applicable -

**name from Seveso II Directive:** - not applicable -

**category from Seveso II:** - not applicable -

**other hazards (1):** - not applicable -

**other hazards (2):** - not applicable -

**maximum quantity (tonnes):** 0,002

**use of substance as:** NORMAL FINISHED PRODUCT

**b) substance belongs to relevant inventory directly involved:** Yes

**actual quantity:** 0,002 **potential quantity:** 0,002

**c) substance belongs to relevant inventory indirectly involved:** No

**actual quantity:** -1 **indir\_pot\_quant:** -1

**Source of Accident - Situation** country: FA ident key: 1986\_001\_01

## **situation**

### **industry**

**initiating event** 2001 general chemicals manufacture

**associated event** - not applicable -

### **activity/unit**

**major occurrence** 3104 process: physical operations (mixing, melting crystallizing, etc.)

**initiating event** 3104 process: physical operations (mixing, melting crystallizing, etc.)

**associated event** - not applicable -

### **component**

**major occurrence** - not applicable -

**initiating event** - not applicable -

**associated event** - not applicable -

## **B Consequences Full Report**

**country:** FA **ident key:** 1986\_001\_01

### **1 Area concerned**

#### **affected**

**extent of effects installation:** No

**establishment:** No

**off-site; local:** Yes

**off-site; regional:** No

**off-site; transboundary:** No

**illustration of effects** - not applicable -

**remarks** The Main and Rhine rivers were polluted with chlorobenzene but, according to inf... see Appendix

Full Report B / area concerned - remarks

### **2 People**

**establishment popul. emergency personnel off-site population**

**total at risk**

**immediate fatalities**

**subsequent fatalities**

**hospitalizing injuries**

**other serious injuries**

**health monitoring**

**remarks** No people were injured during the accident.

### **3 Ecological Harm**

**pollution/contamination/damage of:**

- residential area (covered by toxic cloud) Suspected

- common wild flora/fauna (death or elimination) Suspected

- rare or protected flora/fauna (death or elimination) Suspected

- **water catchment areas and supplies for consumption or recreation** Suspected

- **land (with known potential for long term ecological harm or** Suspected

**preventing human access or activities)**

- **marine or fresh water habitat** Suspected

- **areas of high conservation value or given special protection** Suspected

**remarks** The Main and Rhine rivers were polluted with chlorobenzene but, according to inf... see Appendix

Full Report B / ecological harm

#### **4 National Heritage Loss**

**effects on:**

- **historical sites** not applicable - **historic monuments** not applicable

- **historic buildings** not applicable - **art treasures** not applicable

**remarks** No data available.

#### **5 Material Loss**

**establishment losses off site losses**

**costs (direct costs to operator) (social costs)**

**in ECU ECU**

**material losses**

**response, clean up, restoration**

**remarks** No material losses occurred during the accident.

#### **6 Disruption of Community Life**

**establishment/plant evacuated disabled/unoccupiable destroyed**

- **nearby residences/hotels** No No No

- **nearby factories/offices/small shops** No No No

- **schools, hospitals, institutions** No No No

- **other places of public assembly** No No No

**interruption of utilities etc. no / yes duration**

- **gas** No

- **electricity** No

- **water** No

- **sewage treatment works** No

- **telecommunications** No

- **main roads** No

- **railways** No

- **waterways** No

- **air transport** No

**significant public concern none local level national level**

- **off site populations** Yes No No

- **media interest** No No No

- **political interest** No No No

**remarks** The Main and Rhine rivers were polluted with chlorobenzene but, according to inf... see Appendix

## 7 Discussion of Consequences

- not applicable -

## Ecological Components involved

**country:** FA **ident key:** 1986\_001\_01

**type:** 6203 freshwater: stream/tributary

**threatened:** not applicable **affected:** Yes

# C Response Full Report

**country:** FA **ident key:** 1986\_001\_01

## 1 Emergency Measures

**taken - on site** - not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- **off site** - not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

**still - on site** - not applicable - - not applicable -

**required**

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- **off site** - not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

- not applicable - - not applicable -

**continuing contamination or danger**

**-on site** not applicable

**-off site** not applicable

**remarks** - not applicable -

## 2 Seveso II Duties

**pre-accident evaluation**

**Article item not due yet not done done/submitted evaluated**

**6 notification** No No No No

**7 policy (MAPP)** No No No No

**9 safety report** No No No No

**9, 10, 11 update** No No No No

**11 internal plan** No No No No

**11 external plan** No No No No

13 informing public No No No No

9, 12 siting policy No No No No

post-accident evaluation

Seveso II duty was actual were actual compared with actual

contingency consequences consequences, the

addressed? addressed? predicted extent was?

Article item

7 policy (MAPP) not applicable not applicable not applicable

9 current safety report not applicable not applicable not applicable

11 internal plan not applicable not applicable not applicable

11 external plan not applicable not applicable not applicable

13 informing public not applicable not applicable not applicable

9, 12 siting policy not applicable not applicable not applicable

evaluation of safety organisation

organisational element element existed did element relate to actual circumstances of

yes / no no / partly / yes adequate?

- written policy objectives No

- specified management No

structure

- specified responsibilities No

- specified working procedures No

- specified procedures for No

assessment/auditing of

management system

- specified procedures for No

review and update of

management policy

- specified general training No

procedures

- specified emergency No

training procedures

evaluation of ecological impact control

organisational element element existed did element relate to actual circumstances of

yes / no no / partly / yes adequate?

- ecological status review No

before incident

- potential ecological No

consequences assessment

- ecological impact review No

after incident



- ecological restoration No

procedures

- subsequent review of No

restoration success

remarks - not applicable -

### 3 Official Action Taken

legal action

- not applicable -

other official action

- not applicable -

### 4 Lessons Learned

measures to prevent recurrence

- not applicable -

measures to mitigate consequences:

- not applicable -

useful references:

- not applicable -

### 5 Discussion about Response

- not applicable -

## Appendices for the FA / 1986\_001\_01 report

### Appendix Short Report / description of accident types:

ACCIDENT CASE HISTORY DESCRIPTION:

On November 12, 1986, a release of about 1<sup>2</sup> litres of chlorobenzene occurred from the Hoechst Works of Hoechst AG and entered, via a cooling water drain, the Main river flowing close to the factory. According to information supplied by the Federal Health Offices's Institute for Water, Soil and Air Hygiene of Berlin, the concentrations to be expected from the discharge into the water of the rivers (Main and Rhine) were far below the detection limit and the level of ecotoxicological relevance due to the very small quantity of chlorobenzene released. The occurrence was graded as trifling.

### Appendix Short Report / description of immediate effects:

ECOLOGICAL HARM:

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### Appendix Full Report A / dangerous substances:

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### Appendix Full Report B / area concerned - remarks:

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### Appendix Full Report B / ecological harm:

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## **Appendix Full Report B / disruption of community life:**

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