**Study Report**

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of Cyanamide and Calcium cyanamide after fertilization with PERLKA® using FOCUSPEARL

*Simulations in apples*

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This study “*Predicted Environmental Concentrations in Groundwater of Cyanamide and Calcium cyanamide after fertilization with PERLKA® using FOCUSPEARL- Simulations in apples*” was conducted according to the procedures described herein. This report is a true and accurate record of the results obtained. There were no circumstances that may have adversely impacted the quality or integrity of the study.

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# Simulation model

The simulation model FOCUS-PEARL 4.4.4 was used for the calculation of the predicted environmental concentrations in groundwater (PECgw) of cyanamide and calcium cyanamide after application of PERLKA. Solute transport was calculated with the Convection-Dispersion-Equation (CDE). Non-linear sorption was implemented using a Freundlich isotherm. Depth-dependent sorption and transformation parameters were considered according to the common approach in FOCUS (2000) and FOCUS (2009).

# Scenarios

## Soil and climate scenarios of the FOCUS simulation models

The soil and climate scenarios defined by FOCUS 2000 were selected to represent a vulnerability approximating the 90th percentile for each scenario (realistic worst-case). Soils were selected by expert judgment whereas the weather data sets were obtained from the MARS meteorological database (MARS = Monitoring Agricultural ResourceS). The nine locations cover all climatic regions of agricultural relevance in Europe (Figure 1) and are briefly characterized in Table 1. For all scenarios, daily weather data are available for a period of 20 years.



Figure 1: Locations of the nine FOCUS groundwater scenarios

Table 1: Characteristics of the nine weather and soil scenarios created by FOCUS

| **Location** | **Soil type (USDA)** | **Organic Matter [%]** | **Annual average air temperature [°C]** | **Annual sum of precipitation [mm]** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| audun | silty clay loam | 2.4 | 11.3 | 648 + I\* |
| Châteaudun | silty clay loam | 2.4 | 11.3 | 648+ I\* |
| Hamburg | sandy loam | 2.6 | 9.0 | 786 |
| Jokioinen | loamy sand | 7.0 | 4.1 | 638 |
| Kremsmünster | loam/silt loam | 3.6 | 8.6 | 900 |
| Okehampton | loam | 3.8 | 10.2 | 1038 |
| Piacenza | loam | 2.2 | 13.2 | 857 + I\* |
| Porto | loam | 2.5 | 14.8 | 1150 |
| Sevilla | silt loam | 1.6 | 17.9 | 493 + I\* |
| Thiva | loam | 1.3 | 16.2 | 500 + I\* |

\*irrigation

## Crop scenarios

For the simulations a single variation (continuous cropping of apples) over a period of 26 years is taken into account according to the recommendations of FOCUS [FOCUS 2000].

# Physico-chemical and Degradation Data

PERLKA

The maximum concentration of calcium cyanamide in PERLKA is about 45%. In order to adequately simulate the slow release of cyanamide from PERLKA granules to soil, cyanamide was defined as a metabolite. According to EFSA the half-life of PERLKA (Ca CN2) in soil was set to 1.45 days at 12°C.

PERLKA granules cannot be dissolved in water without being transformed to cyanamide. In order to simulate the fate of PERLKA realistically the sorption constant in soil KOC was set to an artificial, high number (172400 L/kg). This should guarantee that within the model the granules remain at the applied location in soil and are only transformed to cyanamide without leaching to deeper soil layers. This can be considered a worst case selection of the formation of cyanamide.

Cyanamide

According to experimental data cyanamide is further transformed to urea. According to EFSA a half-live in soil of 2.9 days at 12°C is used for cyanamide.

For cyanamide an average (geometric mean) sorption constant of 4 L/kg was considered which was based on experimental sorption studies.

Cyanamide has a Henry’s law constant of 2.68 10-5 J/mol. However this value cannot be entered directly into FOCUS PEARL but will be internally calculated based on water solubility, vapour pressure and molecular mass.

Plant uptake was not considered since the granules are usually applied before emergence of the crop.

Calcium cyanamide

Molecular Mass: 80.11 g/mol

Vapour pressure: 0

Water solubility: 800 000 mg/L at 20 °C (value of cyanamide)

Adsorption 172400 L/kg (Koc) (artificial, to reflect immobility of granulated PERLKA)

100 000 L/kg (Kom)

Freundlich Exponent. 1 (worst case)

Diffusion coefficient in water: 4.3 10-5 m² d-1 (FOCUS default)

Diffusion coefficient in air: 0.43 m² d-1 (FOCUS default)

Degradation: DT50: 1.45 d at 12 °C (EFSA)

Application date: 14 days before the leaf emergence of the apples

Application mode: annual application

Application rate: Scenario 1: Apple, 300 kg/ha at the soil surface

Scenario 2: Apple, 500 kg/ ha, uniform incorporation over 10 cm

Scenario 3: Apple, 700 kg/ha at the soil surface

Plant uptake factor: 0.0 (worst case)

Cyanamide

Molecular Mass: 42.04 g/mol

Vapour pressure: 0.51 Pa   
Water solubility: 800 000 mg/L at 20 °C

Adsorption 4 L/kg (Koc)

2.32 L/kg (Kom)

Freundlich Exponent. 1 (worst case)

Diffusion coefficient in water: 4.3 10-5 m² d-1 (FOCUS default)

Diffusion coefficient in air: 0.43 m² d-1 (FOCUS default)

Degradation: DT50: 2.9 d at 12 °C (EFSA)

Formation fraction: 45%

Plant uptake factor: 0.0 (worst case)

# Results

The global maximum concentrations are summarised in the following tables. Three simulation for apple using different application patterns are performed:

* Scenario 1: Apple, 300 kg/ha at the soil surface
* Scenario 2: Apple, 500 kg/ ha, uniform incorp. 10 cm
* Scenario 3: Apple, 700 kg/ha at the soil surface

The highest concentrations of cyanamide in leachate in all scenarios are obtained in Jokioinen. The increase of application amount (scenario 1 versus 3) leads to approximately 2.3 times higher concentrations of cyanamide in leachate. The higher concentrations at Jokioinen could be caused by low degradation due to cold temperature conditions in Finland.

Table 2: 80th percentile of annual leaching concentration for PERLKA and cyanamide of scenario 1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Scenario 1 | Apple, 300 kg/ha at surface | |
| Location | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate |
| (µg Ca CN2/L) | (µg cyanamide/L) |
| CHATEAUDUN | 0 | 0.09872 |
| HAMBURG | 0 | 28.615236 |
| JOKIOINEN | 0 | 50.820806 |
| KREMSMUENSTER | 0 | 0.943201 |
| OKEHAMPTON | 0 | 9.69697 |
| PIACENZA | 0 | 7.223495 |
| PORTO | 0 | 11.482939 |
| SEVILLA | 0 | 0.123981 |
| THIVA | 0 | 0.108706 |

Table 3: 80th percentile of annual leaching concentration for PERLKA and cyanamide of scenario 2

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Scenario 2 | Apple, 500 kg/ ha, uniform incorp. 10 cm | |
| Location | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate |
| (µg Ca CN2/L) | (µg cyanamide/L) |
| CHATEAUDUN | 0 | 0.358304 |
| HAMBURG | 0 | 72.539544 |
| JOKIOINEN | 0 | 178.290595 |
| KREMSMUENSTER | 0 | 2.488344 |
| OKEHAMPTON | 0 | 22.52629 |
| PIACENZA | 0 | 17.394956 |
| PORTO | 0 | 28.026104 |
| SEVILLA | 0 | 0.285735 |
| THIVA | 0 | 0.355204 |

Table 4: 80th percentile of annual leaching concentration for PERLKA and cyanamide of scenario 3

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Scenario | Apple, 700 kg/ha at surface | |
| Location | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate | 80th percentile of concentration in leachate |
| (µg Ca CN2/L) | (µg cyanamide/L) |
| CHATEAUDUN | 0 | 0.230349 |
| HAMBURG | 0 | 66.768905 |
| JOKIOINEN | 0 | 118.58196 |
| KREMSMUENSTER | 0 | 2.200805 |
| OKEHAMPTON | 0 | 22.626217 |
| PIACENZA | 0 | 16.854828 |
| PORTO | 0 | 26.793526 |
| SEVILLA | 0 | 0.289304 |
| THIVA | 0 | 0.25365 |

# Conclusion

Three different scenarios are considered to calculate the concentration of calcium cyanamide as well as of the metabolite cyanamide in the leachate. It should be noted that the formulated PERLKA as such cannot leach to groundwater because the granules are immobile. In the model, this is reflected by the artificially high adsorption coefficient (KOC) of 172,400 L/kg, invariably resulting in groundwater concentrations of 0 µg/L for the product PERLKA. Instead, the key metabolite cyanamide, which is formed rapidly upon contact water/moisture, and in turn shows rapid biological degradation, may nevertheless reach groundwater by leaching (Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4).

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EFSA values for DT50 in soil?

# Appendix B: PEARL FOCUS Summary Output file

## Apple, 300 kg/ha at surface

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| RUN\_ID | RESULT\_TEXT | SUBSTANCE | PRLKA | CN2 | LOCATION | APPLICATION\_SCHEME | CROP\_CALENDAR | SOIL\_TYPE | METEO\_STATION | IRRIGATION\_SCHEME |
| 61 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.09872 | CHATEAUDUN | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | CHAT-APPLES | CHAT-S\_Soil | CHAT-M | FOCUS |
| 62 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 28.615236 | HAMBURG | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | HAMB-APPLES | HAMB-S\_Soil | HAMB-M | No |
| 63 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 50.820806 | JOKIOINEN | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | JOKI-APPLES | JOKI-S\_Soil | JOKI-M | No |
| 64 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.943201 | KREMSMUENSTER | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | KREM-APPLES | KREM-S\_Soil | KREM-M | No |
| 65 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 9.69697 | OKEHAMPTON | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | OKEH-APPLES | OKEH-S\_Soil | OKEH-M | No |
| 66 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 7.223495 | PIACENZA | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | PIAC-APPLES | PIAC-S\_Soil | PIAC-M | FOCUS |
| 67 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 11.482939 | PORTO | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | PORT-APPLES | PORT-S\_Soil | PORT-M | FOCUS |
| 68 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.123981 | SEVILLA | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | SEVI-APPLES | SEVI-S\_Soil | SEVI-M | FOCUS |
| 69 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.108706 | THIVA | PERLKA\_Apple\_300 | THIV-APPLES | THIV-S\_Soil | THIV-M | FOCUS |

## Apple, 500 kg/ ha, uniform incorp. 10 cm

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| RUN\_ID | RESULT\_TEXT | SUBSTANCE | PRLKA | CN2 | LOCATION | APPLICATION\_SCHEME | CROP\_CALENDAR | SOIL\_TYPE | METEO\_STATION | IRRIGATION\_SCHEME |
| 70 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.358304 | CHATEAUDUN | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | CHAT-APPLES | CHAT-S\_Soil | CHAT-M | FOCUS |
| 71 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 72.539544 | HAMBURG | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | HAMB-APPLES | HAMB-S\_Soil | HAMB-M | No |
| 72 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 178.290595 | JOKIOINEN | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | JOKI-APPLES | JOKI-S\_Soil | JOKI-M | No |
| 73 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 2.488344 | KREMSMUENSTER | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | KREM-APPLES | KREM-S\_Soil | KREM-M | No |
| 74 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 22.52629 | OKEHAMPTON | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | OKEH-APPLES | OKEH-S\_Soil | OKEH-M | No |
| 75 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 17.394956 | PIACENZA | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | PIAC-APPLES | PIAC-S\_Soil | PIAC-M | FOCUS |
| 76 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 28.026104 | PORTO | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | PORT-APPLES | PORT-S\_Soil | PORT-M | FOCUS |
| 77 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.285735 | SEVILLA | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | SEVI-APPLES | SEVI-S\_Soil | SEVI-M | FOCUS |
| 78 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.355204 | THIVA | PERLKA\_Apple\_500 | THIV-APPLES | THIV-S\_Soil | THIV-M | FOCUS |

## Apple, 700 kg/ha at surface

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| RUN\_ID | RESULT\_TEXT | SUBSTANCE | PRLKA | CN2 | LOCATION | APPLICATION\_SCHEME | CROP\_CALENDAR | SOIL\_TYPE | METEO\_STATION | IRRIGATION\_SCHEME |
| 79 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.230349 | CHATEAUDUN | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | CHAT-APPLES | CHAT-S\_Soil | CHAT-M | FOCUS |
| 80 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 66.768905 | HAMBURG | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | HAMB-APPLES | HAMB-S\_Soil | HAMB-M | No |
| 81 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 118.58196 | JOKIOINEN | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | JOKI-APPLES | JOKI-S\_Soil | JOKI-M | No |
| 82 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 2.200805 | KREMSMUENSTER | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | KREM-APPLES | KREM-S\_Soil | KREM-M | No |
| 83 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 22.626217 | OKEHAMPTON | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | OKEH-APPLES | OKEH-S\_Soil | OKEH-M | No |
| 84 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 16.854828 | PIACENZA | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | PIAC-APPLES | PIAC-S\_Soil | PIAC-M | FOCUS |
| 85 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 26.793526 | PORTO | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | PORT-APPLES | PORT-S\_Soil | PORT-M | FOCUS |
| 86 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.289304 | SEVILLA | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | SEVI-APPLES | SEVI-S\_Soil | SEVI-M | FOCUS |
| 87 | Concentration closest to the 80th percentile (ug/L) | PRLKA | 0 | 0.25365 | THIVA | PERLKA\_Apple\_700 | THIV-APPLES | THIV-S\_Soil | THIV-M | FOCUS |