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ABSTRACT

The leaching behavior of the two 1, 3, 5-triazines ametryn and atrazine in their active ingredient and formulation forms in calcareous, clay and sandy soil columns as well as their degradation under 5 pH levels was studied under laboratory conditions. The order of mobility of the four tested herbicides in soils always as follows: sandy > calcareous > clay soil. Also, it was found that the degradation of these herbicides in aqueous solution was mainly depended on the form of the applied herbicide and the pH level they work under.

The contamination levels of Cd, Co, Ni and Pb as well as ametryn and atrazine herbicides were measured in a 96 samples of whole body and filleted bolti fish (Tilapia nilotica) and catfish (Clarias lazero) collected from Greater Cairo during the Peroid from November 1997 until April 1998. Data indicated that the concentration of such contaminants and their relative abundance were varied between the two fish species studied. This may be accounted for by the environmental conditions, fish species, age, sex, different feeding habits, the nature of the contaminant and the ability of the fish species to excrete it.

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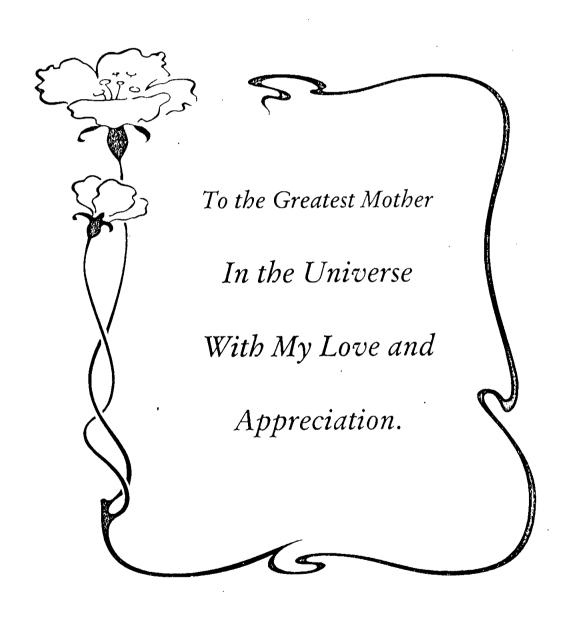
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

%

: Percentage

°C

: Percent degree

μg/kg

: Microgram per kilogram.

μg

: Microgram

μg/l

: Microgram/litter

μg/ml

: Microgram per milliliter

μL

: Microliter

μm

: Micrometer

λ

: Wavelength

a.i.

: Active ingredient

AAS

: Atomic absorption spectrometry

AOAC

: Association of Official Analytical Chemists

Approx. : Approximately

Apr.,

: April

Ar

: Arsenic

C

: Carbon

Ca

: Calcium

Cal.

: Calcareous

Cd

: Cadmium

cm

: Centimeter

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS cont

Co : Cobalt

Col. : Column

Concn. : Concentration

Cr : Chromium

Cs : Cesium

Ču : Copper

d : Day

DAD : Diode array detection

Dec., : December

Det. : Detector

E.C : Electric conductivity

ECD : Electron capture detection

FAO : Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Fe : Ferric

Feb., : February

FID : Flame ionization detection

Fig. : Figure

Freq. : Frequency

g : Gram

g/kg : Gram per kilogram

g/l : Gram per liter

GLC: Gas liquid chromatograph