

**Pentachlorophenol (PCP)**  
**C<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>5</sub>OH**  
**[CAS No. 87-86-5]**  
**Reproductive toxicant: Group 2**

There have been a limited number of human studies that have reported the reproductive toxicity of pentachlorophenol (PCP)<sup>1,2)</sup>. However, these studies are considered to be inconclusive because of possible involvement of chemicals other than PCP and the lack of appropriate control groups. In contrast, animal experiments have revealed fetotoxicity and a negative impact on offspring development due to PCP. These effects include abnormality of the skeletal system, reduced body weight, decreased fertility and increased fetal death, increased absorption, and decreased thyroid hormone concentration in offspring of animals treated with PCP<sup>3-7)</sup>. Based on this evidence, PCP is classified as a Group 2 reproductive toxicant.

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