

Development of sustainable health risk-based soils standards for lead, using probabilistic & toxicokinetic models



Getting a grip on lead in Soil - Problems and Solutions

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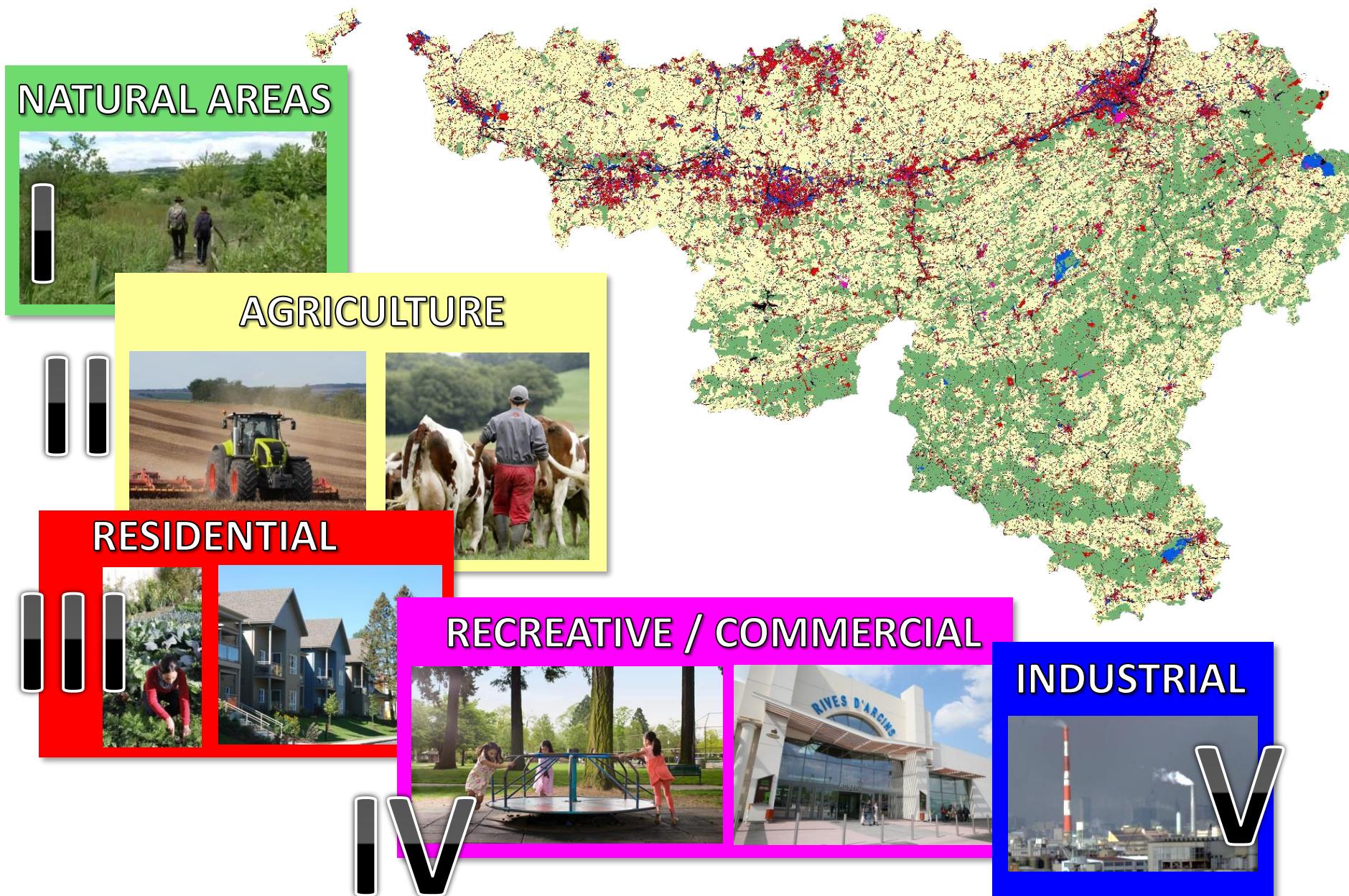


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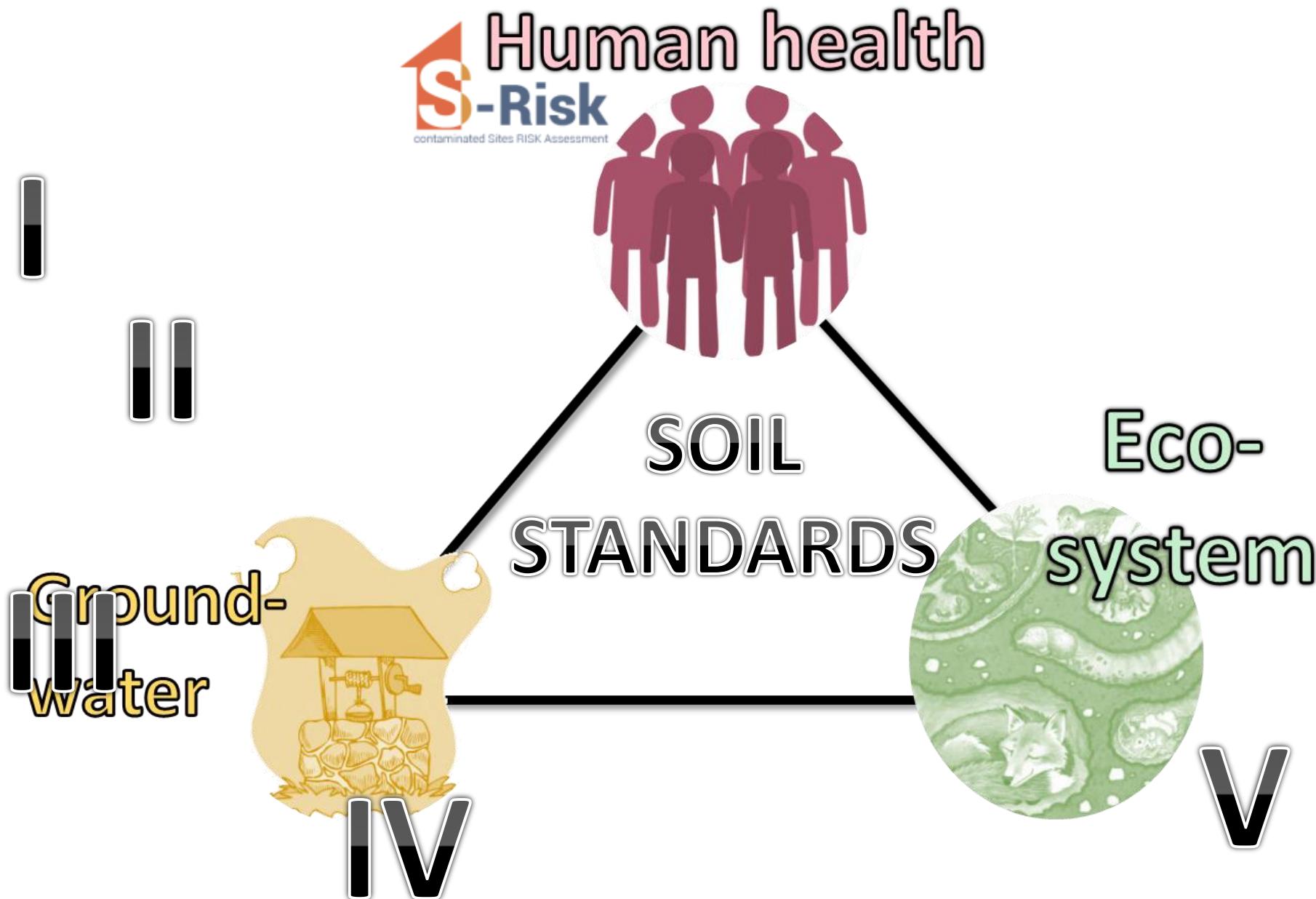
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Legal soils standards – dependence with soil use



Legal soils standards = Triple protection



Soil standards for Pb - former Soil decree

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Update of reference toxicological values derived from BMDL for neurodev. (12 µg/L, children) & nephrotox. (15 µg/L, adults) effects from EFSA (2009)



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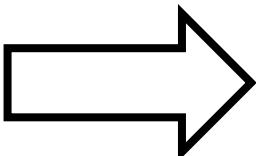
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- Health Risk based SS not sustainable (below LOQ's and below natural Pb concentration range in soils).
- Legal SS not health protective, based on EFSA (2009) and multimedia model

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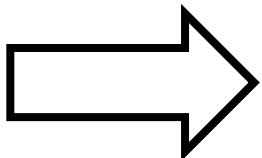


Way around the problem.... Assuming an average natural background of 25 mg/kg (and a bioaccessibility of 0,74) for soil use II (most sensitive exposure scenario) is acceptable (RI=7,7)

Human Health (RI=7,7, BA =0,74)	389	25	46	389	2212
SOIL STANDARDS (2018)	120	200	200	389	1837

Soil standards for Pb - CAN WE DO BETTER?

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- ✓ OK FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT
- ✗ NOT HEALTH PROTECTIVE (on the basis of dose/rfd model endorsed by the soil decree)
- ✗ ASSUMED TO MITIGATE HEALTH RISKS
- ✗ LACK OF CONSISTENCE and NOT BASED ON A FORMAL, COMMON HHRA MODEL

Environmental data
-Concentrations
- Behaviour in soils
-Bioaccessibility

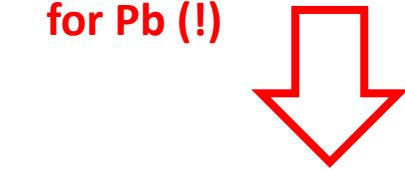
Toxicity
-Bioavailability
-Toxicokinetic's
-...

Blood lead level
-In the general population
-In populations exposed to soils contaminations

Soil standards for Pb - CAN WE DO BETTER?



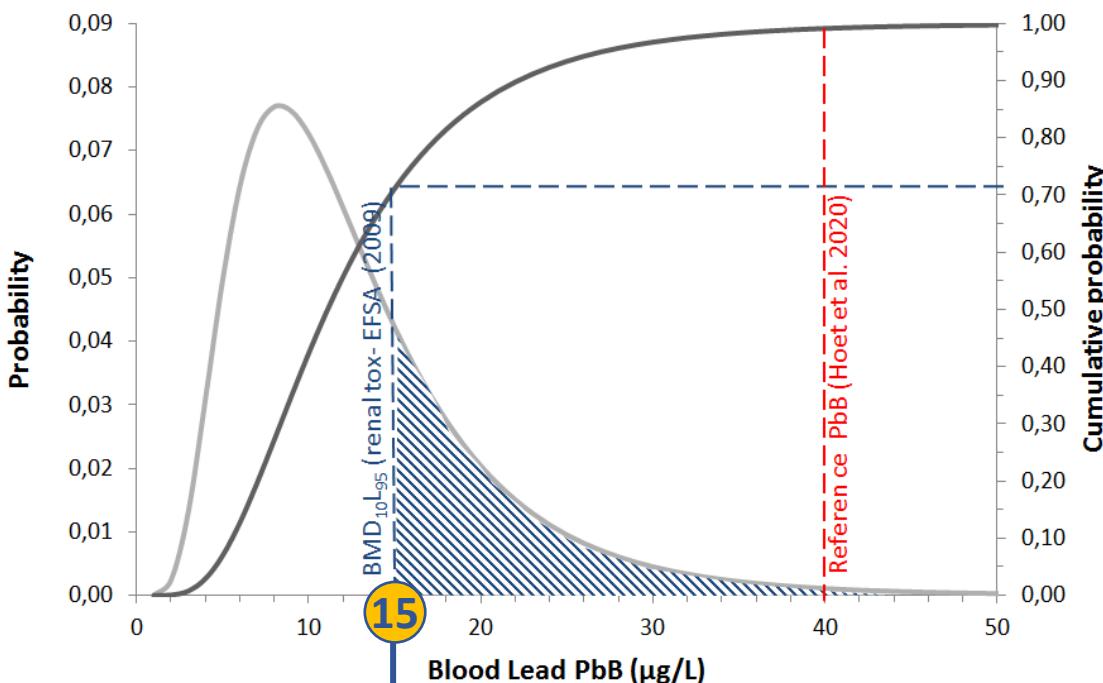
Today, nearly 30% of adults are at risk with respect to renal toxicity for Pb (!)



- Pb exposure in the general population remain a health issue for adults (and children).
- Relying on EFSA's BMDL's is not sustainable in terms of Health.
- Use of population PbB reference value instead to manage health risks.

Other model needed

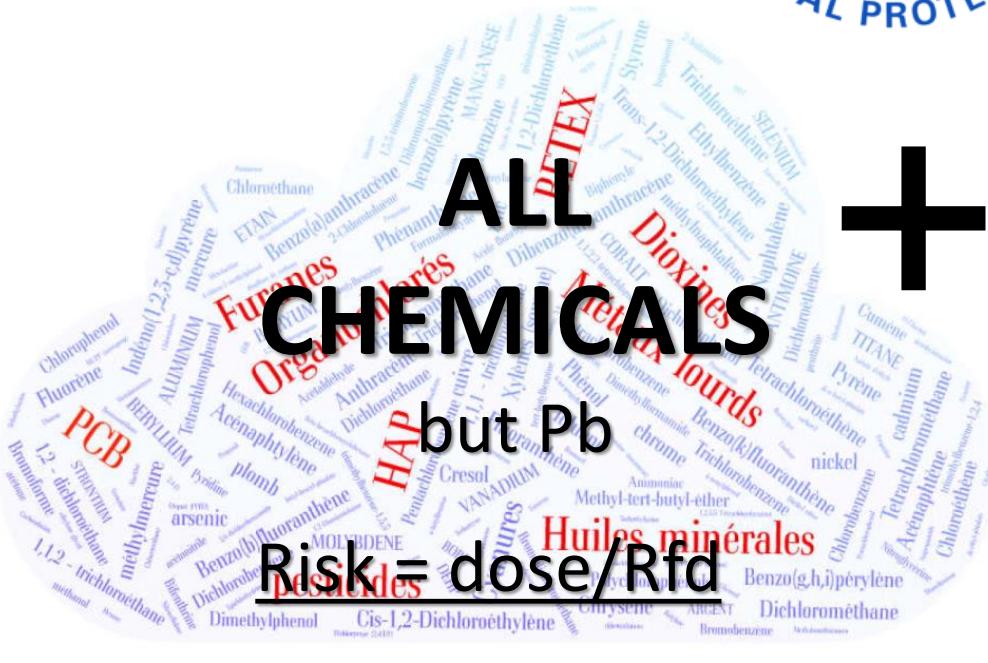
PbB distribution for the general population (Hoet et al. 2020)



Soil standards for Pb - CAN WE DO BETTER?



The image is a collage of numerous chemical names and terms, including Benzene, Phosphorus, Dioxins, Cobalt, and various hydrocarbons like Ethane, Propane, and Butane. Overlaid on this background are several large, bold, black letters spelling out "ALL CHEMICALS but Pb". Below this, the word "Risque" is written in red, followed by the formula "dose/Rfd".



The diagram illustrates the relationship between Lead (Pb) and two models for lead exposure. A large, bold 'Pb' at the top branches down into two arrows. The left arrow points to the text 'ALM' in large, bold letters, with the subtitle 'Adult, occupational' in a smaller font below it. The right arrow points to a rectangular box containing the 'IEUBK' logo and text. The logo features a blue gradient background with a white triangle in the center. Inside the triangle, the words 'LEAD INTO HUMAN TOXICAL RESPONSE' are arranged in a circle, and 'WORKGROUP' is written at the bottom. Above the triangle, the text 'Integrated Exposure Uptake Biokinetic Model for Lead in Children' is written in a serif font, followed by 'Windows® version 1.1 Build11' in a smaller font.

Pb

ALM
Adult, occupational

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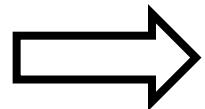
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LEAD INTO HUMAN TOXICAL RESPONSE
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Developed for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by Syracuse Research Corporation

Children, residential

ADULT LEAD MODEL (EPA 2003, last update 2017)



Baseline PbB₀
intrinsically includes all Pb exposure sources and exposure history.

Baseline PbB = GMean of the general adult population

PbB_{central}

$$= PbB_0 + BKSF * Pb_S * IR_{S+D} * AF_{S,D} * \frac{EF_S}{365}$$

Biokinetic slope factor
[$\mu\text{g}/\text{dl} \cdot (\mu\text{g}/\text{j})^{-1}$]

Ingestion rate for soil&dust

Pb absorption factor for soil&dust

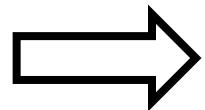
Use of median estimates for exposure parameters, instead of worst case values

Exposure frequency

Intake [$\mu\text{g}/\text{j}$]

PbB increment due to local soil/sources

Soil & soil derived dust considered as an additionnal exposure source.



$$PbB_{0.975} = PbB_{central} * GSD_{adult}^{1.96}$$

97.5th percentile of PbB distribution

Geometric standard deviation

GSD accounts for population variabilities related to physiology and exposure.

ADULT LEAD MODEL with reference PbB distribution



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Clin Chem Lab Med 2020; aop

Reference PbB for adults = 40 µg/L

Perrine Hoet*, Chantal Jacquerye, Gladys Deumer, Dominique Lison and Vincent Haufroid
Reference values of trace elements in blood and/or plasma in adults living in Belgium

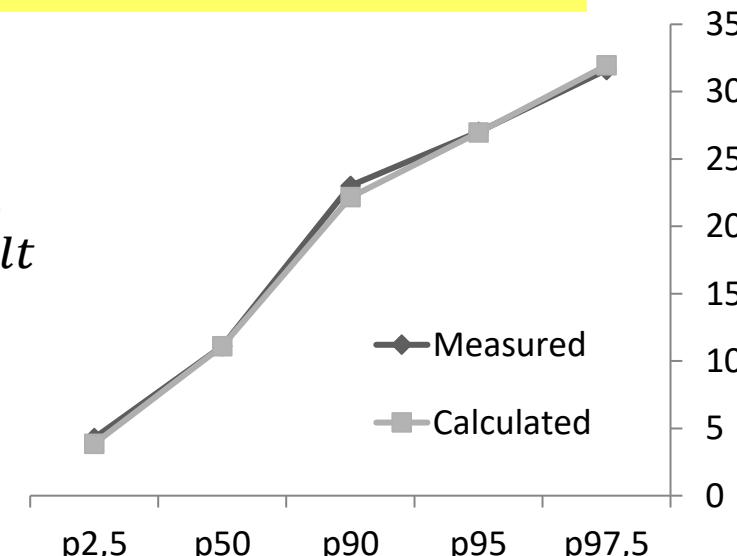
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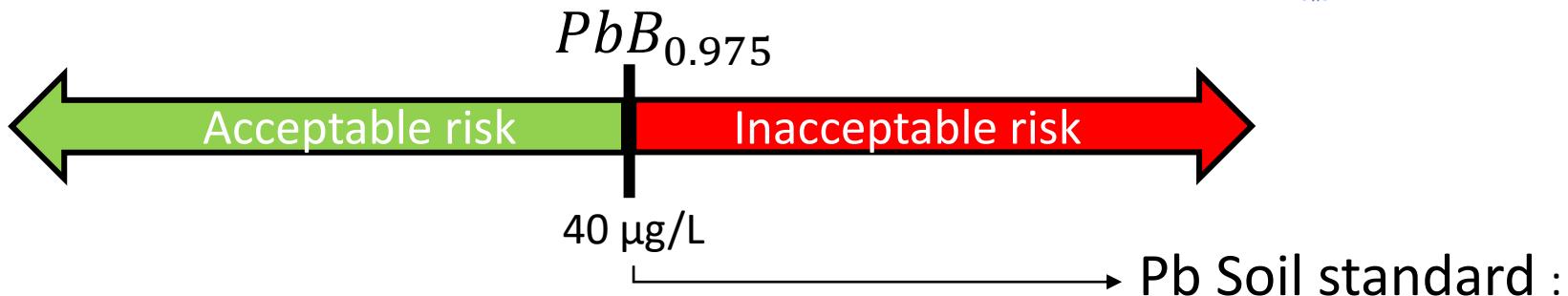
11 µg/L
(GM, Hoet et al. 2020)

1,715 derived from Hoet et al. 2020 data,
assuming a lognormal distribution

→ $PbB_{0.975} = PbB_{central} * GSD_{adult}^{1.96}$



ADULT LEAD MODEL with reference PbB distribution



Variable	Description of Variable	References	Units	original model*
PbS	Soil lead concentration	EPA (2017) et al. 2019	$\mu\text{g}/\text{g}$ or ppm	194
IR _{S+D}	Total ingestion rate of outdoor soil and indoor dust		g/d	0,030
AF _{S, D}	Absorption fraction (same for soil and dust)	EPA (2003)	--	0,12
EF _{S, o}	Exposure frequency outside	Table 4	days/yr	365
AT _{S, D}	Averaging time (same for soil and dust)	EPA (2003)	days/yr	365
BKSF	Biokinetic Slope Factor	EPA (2003)	$\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ per $\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$	0,4
GSD _i	Geometric standard deviation PbB	voir section 4	--	1,715
PbB ₀	Baseline PbB, Geometric mean	Hoet et al. (2020), voir section 4	$\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	1,1
PbB _{adult, central}	PbB of adult, geometric mean		$\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	1,389
PbB _{adult, 0.975}	97,5th percentile PbB among adults		$\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	4,0
PbB _t	Target PbB level of concern	URL - Hoet et al. 2020	$\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$	4,0
P(PbB _{adult} > PbB _t)	Probability that adult PbB exceeds target PbB, assuming lognormal distribution		%	2,50%

Pb soil concentration not giving rise to more than 2,5% chance for an adult, to have a PbB level above the reference value of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$.

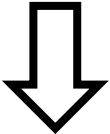
194 mg/kg is close to 200 mg/kg for residential soil use.

ADULT LEAD MODEL General eqs. (EPA 2003)



$$PbB_{central}$$

$$= PbB_0 + BKSF * Pb_S * IR_{S+D} * AF_{S,D} * \frac{EF_S}{AT}$$



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$$= PbB_0 + BKSF$$

$$* \left[\left(Pb_S * W_S * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{S,o}}{AT} \right) + \left(K_{SD} * Pb_S * (1 - W_S) * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{D,i}}{AT} \right) \right]$$

Exposure to soil, outside

Ratio of indoor dust
Lead concentration to
soil lead concentration

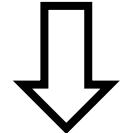
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Changes in parameter values onlystill consistent with the general equations from ALM (EPA, 2003).



6/8 Scenario-dependent parameters

- 1) Residential without garden
- 2) Residential with ornamental garden
- 3) Recreative outside
- 4) Recreative inside
- 5) Industrial outside
- 6) Industrial inside

Examples of scenario-dependent parameter values



Activity patterns/ time use

Table 37: Time-use for landuse type residential with garden (RES)

Age	Sleeping (t_{sleep})	Awake inside (t_{in})	Outside (t_{out})	Total* on site	EF _{week}	EF _{year}
	h/day	h/day	h/day	h/day	d/week	weeks/year
1 - < 3 year	12	11.5	0.5	24	7	52
3 - < 6 year	11	9.7	1.38	22.08	7	52
6 - < 10 year	10	8.7	1.57	20.27	7	52
10 - < 15 year	9	10.6	1.12	20.72	7	52
15 - < 21 year	8	8.5	0.4	16.9	7	52
21 - < 31 year	8	9.0	0.4	17.4	7	52
31 - < 41 year	8	11.5	0.7	20.2	7	52
41 - < 51 year	8	11.5	1.0	20.5	7	52
51 - < 61 year	8	11.5	1.3	20.8	7	52
≥ 61 years	8	11.5	1.0	20.5	7	52

* sum of hours 'sleeping'. 'awake' and 'outside'

Table 44: Daily soil and dust ingestion rates and fraction of soil contributing

Age	AGR / RES-veg / RES		RES-ng		IND-I		IND-h	
	IR _{soil/dust_daly} (mg/d)	F _{oral_soil} (-)						
1 - < 3 year	106	0.45	87	0.32	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 - < 6 year	85	0.45	69	0.32	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6 - < 10 year	69	0.45	54	0.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10 - < 15 year	68	0.45	51	0.23	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15 - < 21 year	67	0.45	49	0.20	23	0.20	33	0.8
21 - < 31 year	66	0.45	45	0.20	23	0.20	33	0.8
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Ingestion
rates for
soil & dust

ADULT LEAD MODEL -WAL



$PbB_{central}$

$$= PbB_0 + BKSF$$

$$* \left[\left(\underbrace{Pb_S * W_S * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{S,o}}{AT}}_{\text{Exposure to soil, outside}} \right) + \left(\underbrace{K_{SD} * Pb_S * (1 - W_S) * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{D,i}}{AT}}_{\text{Exposure to dust, inside}} \right) \right]$$

$$+ BKSF * \left[AF_F * \sum_{i=1}^{50} Q_i * Pb_{V,i} * f_i \right]$$

Intake from local food

- Mass of veg. « i » in diet
- Autoconsumption rate
- Pb concentration in veg. « i » from soil-plant transfert equations

Update of exposure parameters and soil-plant transfer equations based on SANISOL research results



8 Scenario-dependent parameters



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- 8) Agricultural use (= worst case residential exposure)

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$$+ BKSF * \left[AF_F * \sum_{i=1}^{50} Q_i * Pb_{V,i} * f_i \right] - Y$$

Intake from local food

Term accounting for the intake of vegetables
that are substituted by those grown on soils

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$$\begin{aligned} PbB_{central} = & PbB_0 + BKSF * \left[\left(Pb_S * W_S * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{S,o}}{AT} \right) + \right. \\ & \left(K_{SD} * Pb_S * (1 - W_S) * IR_{S+D} * AF_S * \frac{EF_{D,i}}{AT} \right) \left. \right] + BKSF * \left[AF_F * \right. \\ & \left. \sum_{i=1}^{50} Q_i * Pb_{V,i} * f_i \right] - Y \end{aligned}$$

$$PbB_{0.975} = PbB_{central} * GSD_{adult}^{1.96}$$

ADULT LEAD MODEL -WAL



ALM-WAL model (Blood Lead Concentrations (PbBs) and Risk for S-RISK exposure scenarios)

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Exposure parameters from S-RISK

Diet and soil plant transfert equation from SANISOL

Updated blood Lead distribution from Hoet et al. 2020.

Variable	Description of Variable	References	Units	original model*	original generalised model**	AGRI	RESVEG	RES	RESNG	Heavy Ind.	Light Ind.	RECOUT	RECIN
PbS	Soil lead concentration		µg/g or ppm	194	194	51	159	286,5	602	387	1370	2380	9100
EFsoil/settled_dust\$	Enrichment factor from soil to settled indoor dust	Cornelis et al. (2017)			1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5
Fsoil/settled_dust\$	Fraction of soil in indoor settled dust	Cornelis et al. 2017 & Table 5	--	--	1,000	0,500	0,500	0,500	0,250	0,250	0,250	0,250	0,250
IR _{S+D}	Total ingestion rate of outdoor soil and indoor dust	Table 4, derived from Cornelis et al. 2019	g/d	0,030	0,030	0,066	0,066	0,066	0,045	0,033	0,023	0,033	0,023
W _S	fraction of IR _{S+D} ingested as outdoor soil (Foralsoil dans S-RISK)	EPA (2003); Cornelis et al.(2017)	--	--	1,000	0,450	0,450	0,450	0,200	0,800	0,200	1,000	0,000
AF _{S, D}	Absorption fraction (same for soil and dust)	EPA (2003)	--	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12	0,12
EF _{S, o}	Exposure frequency outside	Table 4	days/yr	365	365	33,215	33,215	20,05	16,835	205,625	29,375	27,06	0
EF _{D, i}	Exposure frequency inside	Table 4	days/yr		0	250,25	250,25	250,25	250,25	29,375	205,625	0	27,06
AT _{S, D}	Averaging time (same for soil and dust)	EPA (2003)	days/yr	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365
$\Sigma q_i * Pb_{Vi} * f_i$	Intake from local food	Table 6	$\mu\text{gPb/d}$	0	0	4,78	2,28	0	0	0	0	0	0
AF _F	absorption factor for food	EPA (2003); ATSDR (2010)		0	0	0,2	0,2	0	0	0	0	0	0
X	fraction of food contributong to Pb0	Table 6		0	0	0,14	0,06	0	0	0	0	0	0
R _{fetal/maternal}	Fetal/maternal PbB ratio	EPA(2003) - 1 for adults	--	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
BKSF	Biokinetic Slope Factor	EPA (2003)	$\mu\text{g/dL per }\mu\text{g/day}$	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4
GSD _i	Geometric standard deviation PbB	voir section 4	--	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715
PbB ₀	Baseline PbB, Geometric mean	Hoet et al. (2020), voir section 4	$\mu\text{g/dL}$	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1
PbB _{adult, central}	PbB of adult, geometric mean		$\mu\text{g/dL}$	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,390	1,390	1,389	1,389
PbB _{adult, 0.975}	97,5th percentile PbB among adults		$\mu\text{g/dL}$	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
PbB _t	Target PbB level of concern	URL - Hoet et al. 2020	$\mu\text{g/dL}$	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
P(PbB_{adult} > PbB_t)	Probability that adult PbB exceeds target PbB, assuming lognormal distribution		%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%	2,50%

* : basic ALM model with no distinction for soil & dust. Use of Hoet et al. (2020) distribution and URL value and US-EPA(2017) ingestion rate

** : Generalised ALM model with parameter changes for ingestion of 100% soils (Fsoil/settled_dust=1; Ws=1, EFD,i =0), same as basic ALM model.

\$: Ksd=EFsoil/settled_dust * Fsoil/settled_dust, see section 5

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Pb Comparison of Soil standards from S-RISK (adult & children) and Soil standards from ALM-WAL (adults only) – mg/kg														
S-RISK WAL	0,37	1,4	6,7	12	390	527	37	1130						
ALM WAL	51	159	287	602	387	1370	2380	9100						
X	fraction of food contributing to Pb0	Table 6			0	0	0,14	0,06						
R _{fetal/maternal}	Fetal/maternal PbB ratio	EPA(2003) - 1 for adults		--	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0						
BKSF	Biokinetic Slope Factor	EPA (2003)		µg/dL per µg/day	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4						
GSD _i	Geometric standard deviation PbB	voir section 4		--	1,715	1,715	1,715	1,715						
PbB ₀	Baseline PbB, Geometric mean	Hoet et al. (2020), voir section 4		µg/dL	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1						
PbB _{adult, central}	PbB of adult, geometric mean			µg/dL	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,389						
PbB _{adult, 0.975}	97,5th percentile PbB among adults			µg/dL	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0						
PbB _t	Target PbB level of concern	URL - Hoet et al. 2020		µg/dL	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0						
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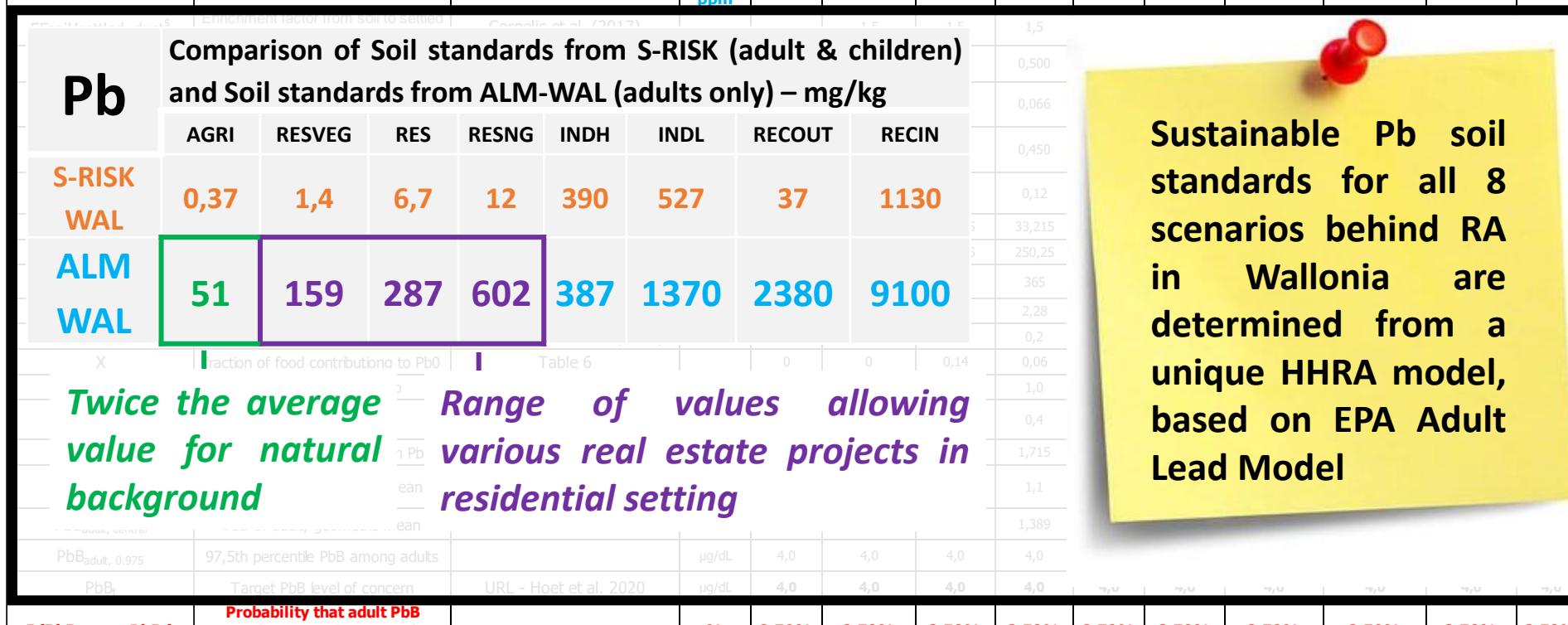
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