

## HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

### 12. Chemical fact sheets

#### 12.1 Chemical contaminants in drinking-water

##### Dichloromethane

##### ***History of guideline development***

The 1958, 1963 and 1971 WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* did not refer to dichloromethane. In the first edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1984, no guideline value was recommended after a detailed evaluation of the compound. The 1993 Guidelines established a health-based guideline value of 0.02 mg/l for dichloromethane, noting that widespread exposure from other sources is possible. This guideline value was brought forward to the third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, and the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.