

HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 *Chemical contaminants in drinking-water*

Methyl *tertiary*-butyl ether

History of guideline development

MTBE was not evaluated in the WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* or in the first, second or third editions of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*. In the first addendum to the third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2006, no health-based guideline value was derived for MTBE, because any guideline value that would be derived would be significantly higher than the concentration at which it would be detected by odour. This assessment was brought forward to the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.