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EVALUATION OF AN ENZYME LINKED IMMUNOASSAY TECHNIQUE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF ATRAZINE AND DEETHYLATRAZINE (DEA) IN WATER WITH APPLICATION TO UNSATURATED ZONE MONITORING AT L'EMPORDA, SPAIN

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## ABSTRACT

*A sensitive Enzyme Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay (ELISA) based on polyclonal antibodies was tested in a water sampling exercise at field scale. In the absence of deethylatrazine (DEA), results indicate that the method is useful for the determination of atrazine concentrations between 0.1 and 10 micrograms/liter. When compared with gas chromatographic analysis, ELISA overestimates atrazine concentration. If these tests are used as a semiquantitative screening tool, this tendency for overprediction does not diminish the test's usefulness. The test appears to be a valuable method for monitoring triazine herbicides in water samples from wells and soil water suction cups.*

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