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Factors that must be considered in the development of an exposure index model include nature of the chemical and target, time after application of the herbicide and distance from application site.

I. Factors that Influenced Exposure to Herbicide:

- ° Herbicide Formulation
  - Chemical/Physical Characteristics
  - Solubility
  - Vapor Pressures
- ° Dissemination of Herbicides
  - Application Parameters
  - Target Vegetation
- ° Route of Exposure
  - Dermal
  - Inhalation
  - Ingestion
- ° Environmental Fate
  - In Air
  - On Vegetation
  - In Soil
  - In Water

II. Dissemination System

1. RANCH HAND KC 123/A/A45Y-1 Dispenser Internal Defoliant
2. UH-1B/D Helicopter Spray System (Agrinautics)
3. Buffalo Turbines

4. Power-Driven Decontamination Apparatus (PDDA)
5. Back-Pack Sprayers ( 2 and 5 gallons)
6. "Jerry-Rigged" or Field Expedient Devices.

### III. Factors described by Weighted Systems

#### A. Toxicity of Herbicide

#### B. Fate of TCDD

Location of Mission  
 Jungle  
 Mangrove  
 Crop  
 Other

#### C. Type of Mission

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 Perimeter  
 Herbicide Abort occurrence

#### D. Time After Exposure

Days

- ° within 1
- ° within 2
- ° within 3

#### E. Distance from Exposure Type (Application Site)

- ° within 0.5 km
- ° within 1.0 km
- ° within 1.5 km
- ° within 2.0 km

### IV. Assignments of Weights

° Toxicity of Herbicides		Weight Score
Orange	600 mg/kg	5
Blue	2600 mg/kg	2
White	3100 mg/kg	1

° Location of Mission

Defoliation

Jungle (Heavy Canopy)	10% Penetration	1
Mangrove (Light Canopy)	32%	3
Crop/Abort Missions	100%	10
Perimeter Applications	70%	7

Time/Distance Matrix\*

Time Days	Distance (km)			
	<0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
1	70	15	10	5
2	35	8	5	3
3	18	4	3	1

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Perimeter  
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\* Values in Time/Distance matrix established in percent of herbicide particles falling within specified distance from height of release (RH Mission) and impact of environmental degradation or binding over specified time intervals.