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Dear: Lee Poore

This is in reply to your request for information pertaining to shelf life. Some of the chemicals from Fisher may not have an outdate, simply because those materials should not decompose under normal storage conditions. They should have an indefinite shelf life if they are not contaminated or adulterated. If you are buying a product from Fisher Scientific Company and the product has a known instability, an outdate will be noted on the label.

Unless otherwise specified, the outdate will be the last day of the month indicated on the label.

It is good Chemical Practice, however, not to keep Fisher chemicals beyond 3 to 5 years. Over extended periods of time and/or conditions beyond your direct control could cause degradation of even stable compounds. Generally, the first two digits of the six-digit lot number of Fisher chemicals will indicate the year of manufacture.

Storage conditions for all Fisher chemicals should be room temperature unless otherwise stated on the label.

I trust that you will find this information useful. Please call if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

The Fisher Chemical Services Team