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FTR #7

MSDS No: M00216

Material Safety Data Sheet

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution 8 N
Catalog Number: 28249

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Emergency Telephone Numbers:
(Medical and Transportation)
(303) 623-5716 24 Hour Service
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MSDS Number: M00216
Chemical Name: Not Applicable
CAS No.: Not Applicable
Chemical Formula: Not Applicable
Chemical Family: Not applicable
Hazard: Causes severe burns.
Date of MSDS Preparation:
Day: 14
Month: 07
Year: 2001

2. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Demineralized Water
CAS No.: 7732-18-5
TSCA CAS Number: 7732-18-5
Percent Range: 50.0 - 60.0
Percent Range Units: volume / volume
LD50: None reported
LC50: None reported
TLV: Not established
PEL: Not established
Hazard: No effects anticipated.

Potassium Hydroxide
CAS No.: 1310-58-3
TSCA CAS Number: 1310-58-3
Percent Range: 40.0 - 50.0
Percent Range Units: weight / volume
LD50: Oral rat LD50 = 273 mg/kg
LC50: None reported
TLV: 2 mg/m^3 Ceiling
PEL: 2 mg/m^3 Ceiling
Hazard: Toxic. Causes severe burns.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency Overview:
Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid
Odor: Irritating
CAUSES SEVERE BURNS

HMIS:
Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1
Protective Equipment: X - See protective equipment, Section 8.
NFPA:
Health: 3
Flammability: 0
Reactivity: 1
Symbol: Not applicable
Potential Health Effects:
Eye Contact: Causes severe burns
Skin Contact: Causes severe burns
Skin Absorption: None reported
Target Organs: None reported
Ingestion: Causes: severe burns abdominal pain vomiting Can cause: death
Target Organs: None reported
Inhalation: Causes: severe burns sneezing coughing discomfort bronchospasms Can cause: death
Target Organs: None reported
Medical Conditions Aggravated: Pre-existing: Eye conditions Skin conditions Respiratory conditions
Chronic Effects: None reported
Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information:
This product does NOT contain any OSHA listed carcinogens.

This product does NOT contain any IARC listed chemicals.

This product does NOT contain any NTP listed chemicals.

Additional Cancer / Reproductive Toxicity Information: None reported
Toxicologically Synergistic Products: None reported

4. FIRST AID

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. Call physician.
Skin Contact (First Aid): Wash skin with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Call physician immediately.
Ingestion (First Aid): Do not induce vomiting. Give 1-2 glasses of water. Call physician immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if necessary. Call physician.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties: Material will not burn.
Flash Point: Not applicable
Method: Not applicable
Flammability Limits:
Lower Explosion Limits: Not applicable
Upper Explosion Limits: Not applicable
Autoignition Temperature: Not applicable
Hazardous Combustion Products: This material will not burn.
Fire / Explosion Hazards: Contact with metals gives off hydrogen gas which is flammable
Static Discharge: None reported.
Mechanical Impact: None reported
Extinguishing Media: Water.
Fire Fighting Instruction: As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand and full protective gear.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spill Response Notice:
Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance.
Containment Technique: Absorb spilled liquid with non-reactive sorbent material. Stop spilled material from being released to the environment.
Clean-up Technique: Cover spilled material with a dry acid, such as citric or boric. Scoop up slurry into a large beaker. Dilute with a large excess of water. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Flush reacted material to the drain with a large excess of water. Decontaminate the area of the spill with a weak acid solution.
Evacuation Procedure: Evacuate local area (15 foot radius or as directed by your facility's emergency response plan) when: any quantity is spilled. If conditions warrant, increase the size of the evacuation.
Special Instructions (for accidental release): Product is regulated as RCRA hazardous waste. Mixture contains a component which is regulated as a water pollutant.
304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable
D.O.T. Emergency Response Guide Number: 154

7. HANDLING / STORAGE

Handling: Avoid contact with eyes skin clothing Do not breathe mist or vapors. Wash thoroughly after handling. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.
Storage: Store away from: acids metals organic peroxides combustible materials Protect from: heat freezing
Flammability Class: Not applicable

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Engineering Controls: Have an eyewash station nearby. Have a safety shower nearby. Use a fume hood to avoid exposure to dust, mist or vapor. Maintain general industrial hygiene practices when using this product.
Personal Protective Equipment:
Eye Protection: safety glasses with top and side shields
Skin Protection: disposable latex gloves lab coat
Inhalation Protection: laboratory fume hood
Precautionary Measures: Avoid contact with: eyes skin clothing Do not breathe: mist/vapor Wash thoroughly after handling. Protect from: heat freezing
TLV: Not established
PEL: Not established

9. PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Clear, colorless liquid
Physical State: Liquid
Molecular Weight: Not applicable
Odor: Irritating
pH: 14
Vapor Pressure: 450.5 mm Hg @ 100 °C
Vapor Density (air = 1): Not determined
Boiling Point: > 100 °C >212 °F
Melting Point: Not determined
Specific Gravity (water = 1): 1.3
Evaporation Rate (water = 1): 0.18
Volatile Organic Compounds Content: Not applicable
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol / water): Not applicable
Solubility:
Water: Soluble
Acid: Soluble
Other: Not determined
Metal Corrosivity:
Steel: Not determined
Aluminum: 21.311 in/yr

10. STABILITY / REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: Stable when stored under proper conditions.
Conditions to Avoid: Extreme temperatures
Reactivity / Incompatibility: May react violently in contact with: acids metals organic peroxides combustible materials
Hazardous Decomposition: Contact with metals may release flammable hydrogen gas.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Toxicological Data:
LD50: None reported
LC50: None reported
Dermal Toxicity Data: None reported
Skin and Eye Irritation Data: None reported
Mutation Data: None reported
Reproductive Effects Data: None reported
Ingredient Toxicological Data: Potassium Hydroxide Oral Rat LD50 = 365mg/kg

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Product Ecological Information: --
No ecological data available for this product.
Ingredient Ecological Information: --
No ecological data available for the ingredients of this product.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

EPA Waste ID Number: D002
Special Instructions (Disposal): Dilute material with excess water making a weaker than 5% solution. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the reacted material to the drain. Flush system with plenty of water.
Empty Containers: Dispose of empty container as normal trash. Rinse three times with an appropriate solvent.
NOTICE (Disposal): These disposal guidelines are based on federal regulations and may be superseded by more stringent state or local requirements. Please consult your local environmental regulators for more information.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

D.O.T.:
D.O.T. Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide, Solution
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DOT Hazard Class: 8
DOT Subsidiary Risk: NA
DOT ID Number: UN1814
DOT Packing Group: II
I.C.A.O.:
I.C.A.O. Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution
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ICAO Hazard Class: 8
ICAO Subsidiary Risk: NA
ICAO ID Number: UN1814
ICAO Packing Group: II
I.M.O.:
I.M.O. Proper Shipping Name: Potassium Hydroxide Solution
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I.M.O. Hazard Class: 8
I.M.O. Subsidiary Risk: NA
I.M.O. ID Number: UN1814
I.M.O. Packing Group: II

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Federal Regulations:

O.S.H.A.: This product meets the criteria for a hazardous substance as defined in the Hazard Communication Standard. (29 CFR 1910.1200)

E.P.A.:

S.A.R.A. Title III Section 311/312 Categorization (40 CFR 370): Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard

S.A.R.A. Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372): This product does NOT contain any chemical subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of SARA.

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302 (EHS) TPQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable

304 CERCLA RQ (40 CFR 302.4): Potassium hydroxide 1000 lbs.

304 EHS RQ (40 CFR 355): Not applicable

Clean Water Act (40 CFR 116.4): Potassium hydroxide - RQ 1000 lbs.

RCRA: Contains RCRA regulated substances. See Section 13, EPA Waste ID Number.

C.P.S.C.: The label for this product bears the signal word "POISON" because the concentration of Potassium Hydroxide in the product is greater than/equal to 10%.

State Regulations:

California Prop. 65: No Prop. 65 listed chemicals are present in this product.

Identification of Prop. 65 Ingredient(s): Not applicable

Trade Secret Registry: Not applicable

National Inventories:

U.S. Inventory Status: All ingredients in this product are listed on the TSCA 8(b) Inventory (40 CFR 710).

TSCA CAS Number: Not applicable

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Intended Use: Calcium determination Hardness determination Buffer

References: Sax, N. Irving. Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials, 7th Ed. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., 1989. Gosselin, R. E. et al. Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, 5th Ed. Baltimore: The Williams and Wilkins Co., 1984. Technical Judgment. In-house information. Air Contaminants, Federal Register, Vol. 54, No. 12. Thursday, January 19, 1989. pp. 2332-2983. TLV's Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for 1992-1993. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1992.

Legend:

NA - Not Applicable	w/w - weight/weight
ND - Not Determined	w/v - weight/volume
NV - Not Available	v/v - volume/volume

USER RESPONSIBILITY: Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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