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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

<u>TRADE NAME (AS LABELED):</u>	<b>Posi-Tred L Pigmented, Part B</b>
<u>CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS:</u>	Polyamine Solution
<u>PRODUCT USE:</u>	Decking Basecoat Curative
<u>SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME:</u>	Crossfield Products Corp.
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## 2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION

**GHS Classification**

Acute toxicity – Category 4 – Oral  
 Skin corrosion – Category 1A  
 Serious eye damage – Category 1  
 Skin sensitization – Category 1  
 Reproductive toxicity – Category 2

**Signal Word:** (Warning)**Hazard Statements:**

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
 H302: Harmful if swallowed

H361: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child  
 H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction

**Precautionary Statements (Prevention):**

P201: Obtain special instructions before use  
 P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood  
 P261: Avoid breathing dust / fume / gas / mist / vapors / spray  
 P264: Wash skin thoroughly after handling  
 P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product  
 P272: Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
 P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection  
 P281: Use personal protective equipment as required  
 P501: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

**Precautionary Statements (Response):**

IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician if you feel unwell,. Rinse mouth, DO NOT induce vomiting  
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower  
 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention

If skin irritation or rash occurs. Get medical advice/ attention.

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

#### Precautionary Statements (Disposal):

Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

#### HMIS-RATINGS (SCALE 0 – 4)

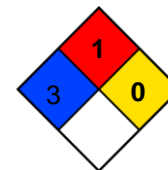
HEALTH	3
FLAMMABILITY	1
REACTIVITY	0

Health = 3

Fire = 1

Reactivity = 0

#### NFPA RATING



### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH		OSHA		IDLH mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OTHER mg/m <sup>3</sup>
			TLV mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Benzyl Alcohol	100-51-6	10 - 40	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	WEEL (TWA) 44.2 (10 ppm)
5-Amino-1,3,3-trimethylcyclohexanemethanamine reaction products with 2,2'-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(4,1-phenyleneoxymethylene)]bis[ox	68609-08-5	20 -30	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Isophoronediamine	2855-13-2	10 - 20	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
1,3-Cyclohexanebis(Methylamine)	2579-20-6	10 - 30	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	TWA (Skin) 0.8 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 0.1 ppm
Nonylphenol	84852-15-3	5 - 10	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Water and other ingredients. The other ingredients are each present in less than 1 percent concentration in this product.		Balance	The components present in the balance of this product do not contribute any significant, additional hazards. All hazard information pertinent to this product has been presented in the remaining sections of this Material Safety Data Sheet, per the requirements of Federal Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).					
VOC: Component = 0 Grams/Liter			As Applied – 3 Grams/Liter (Part of Multi-Component System)					

NE = Not Established. C = Ceiling Limit. See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

NOTE: All WHMIS required information is included. It is located in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1993 format.

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**General Advice:** First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection and use the recommended protective clothing (chemical resistant gloves, splash protection). If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration; if by mouth to mouth use rescuer protection (pocket mask, etc.). If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Call a physician or transport to a medical facility.

**Skin contact:** Immediate continued and thorough washing in flowing water for at least 30 minutes is imperative while removing contaminated clothing. Prompt medical consultation is essential. Wash clothing before reuse. Properly dispose

of leather items such as shoes, belts, and watch bands. Suitable emergency safety shower facility should be immediately available.

**Eye contact:** Wash immediately and continuously with flowing water for at least 30 minutes. Remove contact lenses after the first 5 minutes and continue washing. Obtain prompt medical consultation, preferably from an ophthalmologist. Suitable emergency eye wash facility should be immediately available.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Give one cup (8 ounces or 240 ml) of water or milk if available and transport to a medical facility. Do not give anything by mouth unless the person is fully conscious.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:** Aside from the information found under Description of first aid measures (above) and Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed (below), any additional important symptoms and effects are described in Section 11: Toxicology Information.

**Notes to physician:** Maintain adequate ventilation and oxygenation of the patient. Chemical eye burns may require extended irrigation. Obtain prompt consultation, preferably from an ophthalmologist. If burn is present, treat as any thermal burn, after decontamination. Due to irritant properties, swallowing may result in burns/ ulceration of mouth, stomach and lower gastrointestinal tract with subsequent stricture. Aspiration of vomitus may cause lung injury. Suggest endotracheal/esophageal control if lavage is done. No specific antidote Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

## 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

FLASH POINT, °C (method): >93.4°C (>200.1°F) Closed Cup

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE, °C: ND

FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):

Lower (LEL): NE

Upper (UEL): NE

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:

Water Spray: YES

Foam: YES

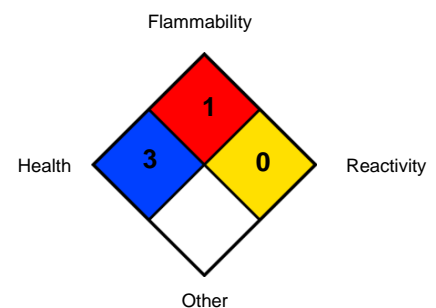
Halon: ND

Carbon Dioxide: YES

Dry Chemical: YES

Other: Any "ABC" Class.

### NFPA RATING



UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Run-off from fire control may cause pollution. Keep fire-exposed containers cool with water spray to prevent rupture due to excessive heat. High pressure water hose may spread product from broken containers increasing contamination. If involved in a fire, this product may decompose to produce a variety of compounds (i.e. carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, aldehydes, nitrogen oxides and compounds). Emergency responders must wear the proper personal protective equipment suitable for the situation to which they are responding. Products of combustion are irritating to the respiratory tract and may cause breathing difficulty. Symptoms may be delayed several hours or longer depending upon the extent of exposure.

Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.

Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Incipient fire responders should wear eye protection. Structural fire fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. Move fire-exposed containers, if it can be done without risk to firefighters. If possible, prevent run-off water from entering storm drains, bodies of water, or other environmentally sensitive areas. If necessary, discard or decontaminate fire response equipment before returning such equipment to service.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**SPILL AND LEAK RESPONSE:** Uncontrolled releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a spill, clear the affected area, protect people, and respond with trained personnel.

The proper personal protective equipment for incidental releases (e.g. -1 L of the product released in a well-ventilated area) use impermeable gloves, specific for the material handled, goggles, face shield, and appropriate body protection. In the event of a large release, use impermeable gloves, specific for the material handled, chemically resistant suit and boots, and hard-hat. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or respirator may be required where engineering controls are not adequate or conditions for potential exposure exist. When respirators are required, Select NIOSH/MSHA approved based on actual or potential airborne concentrations in accordance with latest OSHA and/or ANSI recommendations. Absorb spilled liquid with polypads or other suitable absorbent materials. Neutralize residue with sodium bicarbonate and water rinse. Decontaminate the area thoroughly. Test area with litmus paper to confirm neutralization. Place all spill residue in a suitable container. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and local hazardous waste disposal regulations (see Section 13, Disposal Considerations).

## 7. HANDLING and STORAGE

**WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES:** As with all chemicals, avoid getting this product ON YOU or IN YOU. Wash hands after handling this product. Do not eat or drink while handling this material. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Discard contaminated clothing items, or launder before re-use. Inform anyone handling such contaminated laundry of the hazards associated with this product. Use ventilation and other engineering controls to minimize potential exposure to this product.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:** All employees who handle this material should be trained to handle it safely. Avoid breathing mists or sprays generated by this product. Use in a well-ventilated location.

**For Non-Bulk Containers:** Open containers slowly, on a stable surface. Containers of this product must be properly labeled. Store containers in a cool, dry location, away from direct sunlight, sources of intense heat, or where freezing is possible. Material should be stored in secondary containers, or in a diked area, as appropriate. Store containers away from incompatible chemicals. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Wash thoroughly after using this material. Storage areas should be made of fire-resistant materials. If appropriate, post warning signs in storage and use areas. Inspect all incoming containers before storage, to ensure containers are properly labeled and not damaged. Empty containers may contain residual liquid, therefore, empty containers should be handled with care.

**Bulk Containers:** All tanks and pipelines which contain this material must be labeled. Perform routine maintenance on tanks or pipelines which contain this product. Report all leaks immediately to the proper personnel.

**Tank Car Shipments:** Tank cars carrying this product should be loaded and unloaded in strict accordance with tank-car manufacturer's recommendation and all established on-site safety procedures. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be used (see Section 8, Engineering Controls and Personal Protective Equipment.). All loading and unloading equipment must be inspected, prior to each use. Loading and unloading operations must be attended, at all times. Tank cars must be level, brakes must be set or wheels must be locked or blocked prior to loading or unloading. Tank car (for loading) or storage tank (for unloading) must be verified to be correct for receiving this product and be properly prepared, prior to starting the transfer operations. Hoses must be verified to be clean and free of incompatible chemicals, prior to connection to the tank car or vessel. Valves and hoses must be verified to be in the correct positions, before starting transfer operations. A sample (if required) must be taken and verified (if required) prior to starting transfer operations. All lines must be blown-down and purged before disconnecting them from the tank car or vessel.

**PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT:** Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain application equipment is locked and tagged-out safely. Always use this product in areas where adequate ventilation is provided. Decontaminate equipment before maintenance begins by a triple-rinse with water followed, if necessary, by using sodium bicarbonate and an additional rinse. Collect all rinsates and dispose of according to applicable Federal, State, or local procedures.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** If required use a corrosion-resistant ventilation system separate from other exhaust ventilation systems to ensure that there is no potential for overexposure to sprays, or mists of this product and that exposures are below those in section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Ensure eyewash/safety shower stations are available near areas where this product is used.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Maintain airborne contaminant concentrations below exposure limits listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). If respiratory protection is needed, use only protection authorized in 29 CFR 1910.134, or applicable State regulations. If adequate ventilation is not available or if there is potential for airborne exposure above the exposure limits (listed in Section 2) a respirator may be worn up to respirator exposure limitations, check with respirator equipment manufactures recommendations/limitations. For a higher level of protection use positive pressure supplied air respiration protection or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or if oxygen levels are below 19.5% or are unknown.

**EMERGENCY OR PLANNED ENTRY INTO UNKNOWN CONCENTRATIONS OR IDLH CONDITIONS:**

Positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus; or positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with an auxiliary positive pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Splash goggles or safety glasses. Face-shields are recommended when the operation can generate splashes, sprays or mists.

**HAND PROTECTION:** Wear appropriate gloves for routine industrial use. Use appropriate gloves for spill response, as stated in Section 6 of this MSDS (Accidental Release Measures).

**BODY PROTECTION:** Use body protection appropriate for task. Cover-all, rubber aprons, or chemical protective clothing made from natural rubber are generally acceptable, depending upon the task.



**Vapor  
Respirator**



**Safety Glasses**



**Safety Gloves**



**Synthetic Apron**

## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1):** ND

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water = 1):** 1.0

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Slightly soluble.

**VAPOR PRESSURE, mm Hg @ 20 °C:** 0.2 mbar

**ODOR:** Amine

**LOG WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION COEFFICIENT:** Not available.

**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** Clear to hazy amber liquid

**HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties):** ND

**EVAPORATION RATE (n-BuAc=1):** ND

**MELTING/FREEZING POINT:** Not established.

**BOILING POINT:** > 204°C (>399°F)

**pH:** Not Established

## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Stable.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition products of this solution can include a variety of compounds. (i.e. Aromatic compounds, Amines, Hydrocarbons, Phenolics, and other compounds).

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Avoid contact with acids, halogenated hydrocarbons, and oxidizers.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur by itself. Considerable exothermic reaction with amine resins is possible.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid exposure or contact to extreme temperatures and incompatible chemicals.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY DATA:** Additional toxicology information for components greater than 1 percent in concentration is provided below.

Inhalation:	ND
Inhalation- Benzyl Alcohol:	LC50 (4hr): > 4.178 mg/l (Rat)
Skin:	ND
Skin – Benzyl alcohol	LD50: 2,000 mg/kg (Rabbit)
Eye irritation/corrosion:	Severe eye irritation
Acute dermal irritation/corrosion	Severe skin irritation

### Acute toxicity

**Acute oral toxicity:** Low toxicity if swallowed. Swallowing may result in gastrointestinal irritation or ulceration. Swallowing may result in burns of the mouth and throat.

**Acute dermal toxicity:** Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts.

**Acute inhalation toxicity:** Excessive exposure may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat). May cause central nervous system depression. Symptoms may include headache, dizziness and drowsiness, progressing to incoordination and unconsciousness. Prolonged excessive exposure may cause serious adverse effects, even death.

**Skin corrosion/irritation:** Brief contact may cause severe skin burns. Symptoms may include pain, severe local redness and tissue damage.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation:** May cause severe irritation with corneal injury which may result in permanent impairment of vision, even blindness. Vapor may cause severe eye irritation. Vapor may cause lacrimation (tears).

**Sensitization:** A component in this mixture has caused allergic skin reaction in humans. Contains component(s) which have caused allergic skin sensitization in guinea pigs.

**Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Single Exposure):** Evaluation of available data suggests that this material is no an STOT-SE toxicant.

**Specific Target Organ Systemic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):** For the component(s) tested: In animals, effects have been reported on the following organs: Central nervous system, muscles, thymus, urinary tract, respiratory tract, liver, and testes. Kidney effects an/or tumors have been observed in male rats. These effects are believed to be species specific and unlikely to occur in humans.

**SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT:** The major components of this product are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, IARC, CAL/OSHA in concentrations > 0.1 %; and are therefore not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

**IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT:** This product is severely irritating and corrosive to contaminated tissue.

**SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT:** Prolonged or repeated skin contact can result in the development of rashes, and other allergy-like symptoms.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION:** Listed below is information concerning the effects of this product and its components on the human reproductive system.

**Mutagenicity:** This product is not reported to produce mutagenic effects in humans.

**Embryotoxicity:** This product is not reported to produce embryotoxic effects in humans.

**Teratogenicity:** This product is not reported to cause teratogenic effects in humans.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** This product is not reported to cause reproductive effects in humans.

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A *mutagen* is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generational lines. An *embryotoxin* is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A *teratogen* is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A *reproductive toxin* is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.

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**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES:** Currently there are no Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) associated with the components of this product.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE** Skin disorders can be aggravated by over-exposure to this product. Inhalation of this products mists may aggravate respiratory conditions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS:** Treat symptoms and eliminate over-exposure to this product.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ALL WORK PRACTICES MUST BE AIMED AT ELIMINATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.

### Aquatic toxicity:

#### Toxicity to fish – Components

Benzyl alcohol	LC50 (96 h): 10 mg/l Bluegill sunfish ( <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> )
Isophoronediamine	LC50 (96 h): 110 mg/l Golden orfe ( <i>Leuciscus idus</i> ), static renewal
Methylamine	LC50 2.4 mg/l Zebra Fish ( <i>Brachydanania rerio</i> )
Nonylphenol	LC50 (96 h): 0.135 mg/l Fathead Minnow ( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> ), flow through

#### Toxicity to invertebrates

Benzyl alcohol	EC50 (24 h): 55 – 400 mg/l Water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> )
Isophoronediamine	EC50 (48 h): 23 mg/l Water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ), immobilization
Methylamine	EC50 2.4 mg/l Water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> )
Nonylphenol	EC50 (48 h): 0.14 mg/l Water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ), immobilization

#### Toxicity to Micro-organisms – Components

Benzyl alcohol	IC50 (49 h): 2,100 mg/l activated sludge, respiration inhibition (OECD 209 Test)
Isophoronediamine	EC10 (18 h): 1,120 mg/l bacteria, Growth inhibition (cell density reduction)

#### Toxicity to Aquatic Plants – Components

Isophoronediamine	EC50 (72 h): 37 mg/l Alga <i>Scenedesmus</i> sp., biomass growth inhibition
Nonylphenol	EC50 (96 h): .041 mg/l Green alga <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> (formerly know as <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> ), Growth rate inhibition.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL:** Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. It may be disposed of by treatment at a permitted facility or as advised by your local hazardous waste regulatory authority.

## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

### Department of Transportation:

Proper Shipping Name: Paint related material  
 Class: 8  
 UN/ID No.: UN3066  
 Packing Group: II

### IMDG Shipping Data

Proper Shipping Name: Paint related material  
 Class: 8  
 UN/ID No.: UN3066  
 Packing Group: II  
 EMS Number: F-A,S-B  
 Marine Pollutant: Yes (Nonylphenol)



### ICAO/IATA Shipping Data:

Proper Shipping Name: Paint related material  
 Class: 8  
 UN/ID No.: UN3066  
 Packing Group: II  
 Cargo Packing Instruction: 855  
 Passenger Packing Instruction: 851  
 Marine Pollutant: Yes (Nonylphenol)



## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (OSHA): This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) has been prepared in compliance with the federal OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29CFR1910.1200) hazard class (es) -- Corrosive, Sensitizer.

SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The components of this product are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. Hazard classification: Acute Health Hazard, Fire Hazard.

SARA Threshold Planning Quantity: Not applicable.

TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: The components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ): None

OTHER FEDERAL REGULATIONS: Not applicable.

**New Jersey Right-to-know:** The following is required composition information:  
Not listed

**Pennsylvania Right-to-know:** The following is required composition information:

CAS Number: 100-51-6

Chemical Name: Benzenemethanol

Common Name: Benzyl Alcohol

Comment: Hazardous Substance.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65: Not listed.

WHMIS:

**D2B-** Poisonous and Infectious Materials/Other Effects



Class D - Poisonous and Infectious Material  
Division 2 Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects

**E. Corrosive Material**



Class E - Corrosive Material



## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these which are commonly used include the following:

**CAS #:** This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent. It is used for computer-related searching.

**EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:**

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits.

**TLV - Threshold Limit Value** - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour **Time Weighted Average (TWA)**, the 15-minute **Short Term Exposure Limit**, and the instantaneous **Ceiling Level**. Skin adsorption effects must also be considered.

**OSHA** - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit** - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register: 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order.

**IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health** - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30-minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. **The DFG - MAK** is the Republic of Germany's Maximum Exposure Level, similar to the U.S. PEL. **NIOSH** is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called Recommended Exposure Levels (**RELs**). When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of **NE** is made for reference.

**HMIS HAZARD RATINGS:**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM:** Health Hazard:

**0** (minimal acute or chronic exposure hazard); **1** (slight acute or chronic exposure hazard); **2** (moderate acute or significant chronic exposure hazard); **3** (severe acute exposure hazard; onetime over-exposure can result in permanent injury and may be fatal); **4** (extreme acute exposure hazard; onetime over-exposure can be fatal). Flammability Hazard: **0** (minimal hazard); **1** (materials that require substantial pre-heating before burning); **2** (combustible liquid or solids; liquids with a flash point of 38-93°C [100-200°F]); **3** (Class IB and IC flammable liquids with flash points below 38°C [100°F]); **4** (Class IA flammable liquids with flash points below 23°C [73°F] and boiling points below 38°C [100°F]). Reactivity Hazard: **0** (normally stable); **1** (material that can become unstable at elevated temperatures or which can react slightly with water); **2** (materials that are unstable but do not detonate or which can react violently with water); **3** (materials that can detonate when initiated or which can react explosively with water); **4** (materials that can detonate at normal temperatures or pressures).

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION:** Health Hazard: **0**

(material that on exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials); **1** (materials that on exposure under fire conditions could cause irritation or minor residual injury); **2** (materials that on intense or continued exposure under fire conditions could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury); **3** (materials that can on short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury); **4** (materials that under very short exposure could cause death or major residual injury). Flammability Hazard and Reactivity Hazard: Refer to definitions for "Hazardous Materials Identification System".

**FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:**

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**. Flash Point - Minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off sufficient vapors to form an ignitable mixture with air. Autoignition Temperature: The minimum temperature required to initiate combustion in air with no other source of ignition. LEL - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. UEL - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

**TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

Possible health hazards as derived from human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: **LD<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **LC<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **ppm** concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; **mg/m<sup>3</sup>** concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; **mg/kg** quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Data from several sources are used to evaluate the cancer-causing potential of the material. The sources are: **IARC** - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; **NTP** - the National Toxicology Program, **RTECS** - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, **OSHA** and **CAL/OSHA**. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. Other measures of toxicity include **TDLo**, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and **TCLo** the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; **TDo**, **LDLo**, and **LDo**, or **TC**, **TCo**, **LCLo**, and **LCo**, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause death. **BEI** - Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV.

**REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. **EPA** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **WHMIS** is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. **DOT** and **TC** are the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Transport Canada, respectively. Other acronyms used are: **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)**; the **Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)**; Marine Pollutant status according to the **DOT**; California's Safe Drinking Water Act (**Proposition 65**); the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund)**; and various state regulations. This section also includes information on the precautionary warnings which appear on the materials package label.