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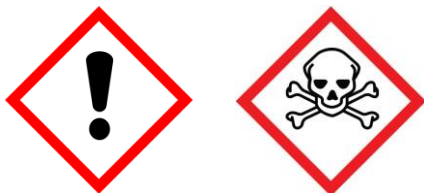
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**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

<u>TRADE NAME (AS LABELED):</u>	<b>Tek-Crete Sealer, Part B</b>
<u>CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS:</u>	Polyisocyanate Curative
<u>PRODUCT USE:</u>	Decking Curative
<u>SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME:</u>	Crossfield Products Corp.
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**2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION**



**Signal Word:** (Warning)

**Hazard Statements:**

- H332: Harmful if inhaled
- H315 Causes skin irritation
- H301: Toxic if swallowed
- H335: May cause respiratory irritation
- H320: Causes eye irritation
- H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction

**Precautionary Statements:**

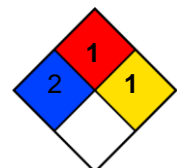
- P102: Keep out of reach of children
- P103: Read label before use
- P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
- P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
- P501: Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

**HMIS-RATINGS (SCALE 0 – 4)**

HEALTH	2
FLAMMABILITY	1
REACTIVITY	1

Health = 2  
 Fire = 1  
 Reactivity = 1

**NFPA RATING**



**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** This product is a dark brown liquid with an earthy, musty odor. Toxic gases/fumes may be given off during burning or thermal decomposition. Closed container may forcibly rupture under extreme heat or when contents have been contaminated with water. Use cold water to spray to cool fire-exposed containers to minimize the risk of rupture. Causes respiratory tract irritation. May cause allergic respiratory reaction. Harmful if inhaled. Respiratory sensitizer. Lung damage and respiratory sensitization may be permanent. Causes skin irritation. May cause allergic skin reaction. Skin sensitizer. Animal tests and other research indicate that skin contact with MDI can play a role in causing isocyanate sensitization and respiratory reaction. Causes eye irritation. May cause lung damage.

For Routine Industrial Applications

**SYMPTOMS OF OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:** The most significant route of occupational overexposure is contact with skin. The symptoms of overexposure to this product are as follows:

**EYE CONTACT:** Acute – Causes irritation with symptoms of reddening, tearing, stinging, and swelling. May cause temporary corneal injury. Vapor or aerosol may cause irritation with symptoms of burning and tearing. Chronic – Prolonged vapor contact may cause conjunctivitis.

**INHALATION:** Acute - Diisocyanate vapors or mist at concentrations above the TLV or PEL can irritate (burning sensation) the mucous membranes in the respiratory tract (nose, throat, lungs) causing runny nose, sore throat, coughing, chest discomfort, shortness of breath and reduced lung function (breathing obstruction). Persons with a pre-existing, nonspecific bronchial hyperreactivity can respond to concentrations below the TLV or PEL with similar symptoms as well as asthma attack or asthma-like symptoms. Exposure well above the TLV or PEL may lead to bronchitis, bronchial spasm and pulmonary edema (fluid in lungs). Chemical or hypersensitivity pneumonitis, with flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, chills), has also been reported. These symptoms can be delayed up to several hours after exposure. These effects are usually reversible.

Chronic – As a result of previous repeated overexposures or a single large dose, certain individuals may develop sensitization to diisocyanates (asthma or asthma-like symptoms) that may cause them to react to a later exposure to diisocyanates at levels well below the TLV or PEL. These symptoms, which can include chest tightness, wheezing, cough, shortness of breath or asthmatic attack, could be immediate or delayed up to several hours after exposure. Extreme asthmatic reactions can be life threatening. Similar to many non-specific asthmatic responses, there are reports that once sensitized an individual can experience these symptoms upon exposure to dust, cold air or other irritants. This increased lung sensitivity can persist for weeks and in severe cases for several years. Sensitization can be permanent. Chronic overexposure to diisocyanates has also been reported to cause lung damage (including fibrosis, decrease in lung function) that may be permanent.

**CONTACT WITH SKIN:** Causes irritation with symptoms of reddening, itching, and swelling. Persons previously sensitized can experience allergic skin reaction with symptoms of reddening, itching, swelling, and rash. Cured material is difficult to remove. Contact with MDI can cause discoloration.

Chronic – Prolonged contact can cause reddening, swelling, rash, and in some cases, skin sensitization. Animal tests and other research indicate that skin contact with MDI can play a role in causing isocyanate sensitization and respiratory reaction. This data reinforces the need to prevent direct skin contact with isocyanates.

**INGESTION:** Acute – May cause irritation: Symptoms may include abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE:** An Explanation in **Lay Terms**.

**ACUTE:** Contact with this solution may cause irritation of the eyes, skin, mucous membranes, and any other exposed tissue. If inhaled, irritation of the respiratory system may occur, with coughing, and breathing difficulty.

**CHRONIC:** Repeated skin contact with this product may result in dermatitis (inflammation and reddening of the skin).

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH		OSHA			OTHER
			TLV mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	PEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Polymeric Diphenylmethane Diisocyanate	9016-87-9	60 - 100	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	
Propylene Carbonate	108-32-7	13 - 30	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	
Isocyanates, reaction product of polyol with methylenediphenyl diisocyanate	NA	3 - 7	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 g/L			As Applied (Part of multi-component system) = 0 g/L					

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

**SKIN EXPOSURE:** For Skin contact, if available, wash with large amounts of running water and soap for 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Discard or decontaminate clothing before re-use, and destroy contaminated shoes.

**EYE EXPOSURE:** For eye contact, immediately flush eyes for at least 15 minutes with running water. Hold eyelids apart to ensure rinsing of the entire eye surface and lids with water. Get immediate medical attention.

**INHALATION:** If inhaled, remove from area to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Get immediate medical attention. If breathing is difficult, transport to medical care and, if available, give supplemental oxygen.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately give at least 3-4 glasses of water, but do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, give fluids again. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious or convulsing person. Get immediate medical attention. Have physician determine whether vomiting or stomach evacuation is necessary.

**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): >130°C (266°F) Closed Cup

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE, °C: ND

FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:

Water Spray: YES

Foam: YES

Halon: ND

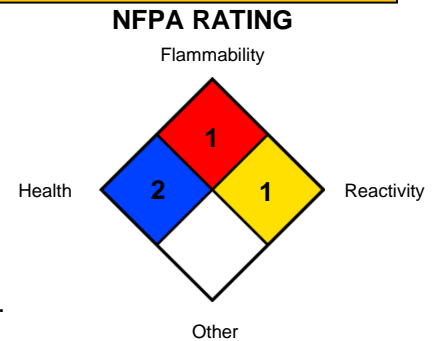
Lower (LEL): NE

Upper (UEL): NE

Carbon Dioxide: YES

Dry Chemical: YES

Other: Any "ABC" Class.



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.



**9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY** (water = 1): 1.22

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Insoluble. (Reacts slowly)

**VAPOR PRESSURE**, mm Hg @ 25 °C: NA

**ODOR:** Earthy, musty

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

**APPEARANCE AND COLOR:** This is a dark brown liquid with a musty odor.

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

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

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

**BOILING POINT:** >300 °C (572 °F)

**pH:** NA

**10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY**

**STABILITY:** Stable.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** Thermal decomposition products of this solution can include a variety of compounds. (i.e. Carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, dense black smoke, isocyanate, isocyanic acid, other undetermined compounds.).

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Water, amines, strong bases, alcohols, copper alloys.

**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.

	<u>Methylenediphenyldiisocyanate, isomers and homologues</u>	<u>Propylene Carbonate</u>
Acute Oral LD50:	(Rat) >5,000 mg/kg	(Rat) =33,520 mg/kg
Acute Inhalation LC50:	(Rat) 0.49 mg/L, 4 h	
Acute Dermal LD50:	(Rabbit) >5,000 mg/kg	(Rabbit) >2,000 mg/kg
Skin Irritation:	(Rabbit) Slightly irritating	
Chronic Toxicity (Sub-chronic Oral Test)		(Rat) >5,000 mg/kg 90 d



**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.

*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.*

**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 Ecotoxicity

#### Diphenylmethane 4,4'-diisocyanate

Acute EC50:	>1000 mg/l	Daphnia – Daphnia magna	Exposure - 48h
Acute LC50:	>1000 mg/l	Fish	Exposure – 96h

#### Propylene Carbonate

Acute EC50:	>1000 mg/l	Daphnia	Exposure – 48h
Acute EC50:	>900 mg/l	Algae	Exposure - 72h
Acute LC50:	>1000 mg/l	Fish	Exposure – 96h
Chronic NOEC	900 mg/l	Algae	Exposure – 72h

Biodegradability	Test	Result	Dose
Propylene Carbonate	OECD 301B Ready Biodegradability-CO <sub>2</sub> Evolution Test	83.5 to 87.7%- Readily – 29 days	20 mg/l Carbon dioxide production

**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**

**LAND TRANSPORT (DOT)**

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Other regulated substances, liquid, n.o.s. (contains Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate)  
**HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:** 9  
**UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** NA3082  
**PACKING GROUP:** III  
**DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED:** Class 9

**Reportable Quantity (DOT):** 5,000 lbs. **(Note: When in individual containers of less than the Product RQ (5,000 lbs), this material ships as non-regulated.**

**ICAO/IATA SHIPPING DATA:** Non Regulated

**IMDG** Non-Regulated

Note: The latest DOT information is provided, please verify all DOT information as it subject to change without notice.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The components of this product subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304 and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act are as follows.

COMPONENT	SARA 302 (40 CFR 302)	SARA 302 (40 CFR 355)	SARA 304	SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.65)
Polymeric Diphenylmethane Diisocyanate (pMDI)	No	No	No	Yes
4,4'-Diphenylmethane Diisocyanate (MDI)	Yes (RQ 5,000 lbs)	No	Listed	Yes

**SARA 313 - Form R Reporting Requirements** Diisocyanate compound (category code N120) 76%

**STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:** Components of this product are covered under specific State regulations, as denoted below:

Massachusetts, New Jersey, Right to Know Substance Lists:  
 Polymeric Diphenylmethane (pMDI) 9016-87-9

**CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** The components of this product are not known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**WHMIS Classification:**

- D1A - Poisonous and infectious material - Immediate and serious effects - Very toxic
- D2A - Poisonous and infectious material - Other effects - Very toxic
- D2B - Poisonous and infectious material - Other effects - Toxic



D1A - Very Toxic



D2A - Very Toxic



D2B - Toxic

WHMIS Health Effects Criteria Met by this Chemical:  
 D1A - Acute lethality - very toxic - immediate  
 D2A - Respiratory tract sensitization - very toxic - other  
 D2B - Skin irritation - toxic - other  
 D2B - Skin Sensitization - toxic - other



## 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.