# GUIDE FLAMMABLE SOLIDS 133

# POTENTIAL HAZARDS

## FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- Flammable/combustible material.
- · May be ignited by friction, heat, sparks or flames.
- · Some may burn rapidly with flare-burning effect.
- Powders, dusts, shavings, borings, turnings or cuttings may explode or burn with explosive violence.
- Substance may be transported in a molten form at a temperature that may be above its flash point.
- · May re-ignite after fire is extinguished.

#### HEALTH

- Fire may produce irritating and/or toxic gases.
- · Contact may cause burns to skin and eyes.
- · Contact with molten substance may cause severe burns to skin and eyes.
- · Runoff from fire control may cause pollution.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- CALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE Telephone Number on Shipping Paper first. If Shipping Paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.
- As an immediate precautionary measure, isolate spill or leak area for at least 25 meters (75 feet) in all directions.
- · Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- · Stay upwind, uphill and/or upstream.

#### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing will only provide limited protection.

## **EVACUATION**

#### Large Spill

Consider initial downwind evacuation for at least 100 meters (330 feet).

#### Fire

If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.



In Canada, an Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) may be required for this product. Please consult the shipping document and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 391).

# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

## FIRE

#### Small Fire

• Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, sand, earth, water spray or regular foam.

#### Large Fire

- · Water spray, fog or regular foam.
- Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk.

## Fire Involving Metal Pigments or Pastes (e.g. "Aluminum Paste")

 Aluminum Paste fires should be treated as a combustible metal fire. Use DRY sand, graphite powder, dry sodium chloride-based extinguishers, G-1® or Met-L-X® powder.
Also. see GUIDE 170.

# Fire involving Tanks or Car/Trailer Loads

- · Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
- For massive fire, use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles; if this is impossible, withdraw from area and let fire burn.
- Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank.
- ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

#### SPILL OR LEAK

- ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area).
- · Do not touch or walk through spilled material.

## Small Dry Spill

 With clean shovel, place material into clean, dry container and cover loosely; move containers from spill area.

# Large Spill

- Wet down with water and dike for later disposal.
- Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

#### FIRST AID

- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- Move victim to fresh air.
- · Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing.
- · Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.
- Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes.
- In case of contact with substance, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water for at least 20 minutes.
- Removal of solidified molten material from skin requires medical assistance.
- Keep victim calm and warm.