# GUIDE FLAMMABLE SOLIDS

# 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 or dilution water may cause environmental contamination.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- CALL 911. Then call emergency response telephone number on shipping paper. If shipping paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.
- · Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- · Stay upwind, uphill and/or upstream.

# PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides thermal protection but only limited chemical protection.

# EVACUATION

## Immediate precautionary measure

Isolate spill or leak area for at least 25 meters (75 feet) in all directions.

## 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.

# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

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## FIRE

#### Small Fire

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

## Large Fire

- · Water spray, fog or regular foam.
- · If it can be done safely, move undamaged containers away from the area around the fire.

# 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 or class D extinguishers. 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 master stream devices 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) from 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

- Call 911 or emergency medical service.
- Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- · Move victim to fresh air if it can be done safely.
- · 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.



In Canada, an Emergency Response Assistance Plan (ERAP) may be required for this product. Please consult the shipping paper and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 390).

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