

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

### HEALTH

- **TOXIC:** inhalation, ingestion or contact (skin, eyes) with vapors, dusts or substance may cause severe injury, burns or death.
- Reaction with water or moist air may release toxic, corrosive or flammable gases.
- Reaction with water may generate much heat that will increase the concentration of fumes in the air.
- Fire will produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases.
- Runoff from fire control or dilution water may be corrosive and/or toxic and cause environmental contamination.

### FIRE OR EXPLOSION

- Non-combustible, substance itself does not burn but may decompose upon heating to produce corrosive and/or toxic fumes.
- UN1796, UN1802, UN1826, UN2032, UN3084, UN3085, and, at concentrations above 65%, UN2031 may act as oxidizers. Also consult GUIDE 140.
- Vapors may accumulate in confined areas (basement, tanks, hopper/tank cars, etc.).
- Substance may react with water (some violently), releasing corrosive and/or toxic gases and runoff.
- Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.
- Containers may explode when heated or if contaminated with water.

## 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.
- Ventilate closed spaces before entering, but only if properly trained and equipped.

### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Wear chemical protective clothing that is specifically recommended by the manufacturer **when there is NO RISK OF FIRE.**
- Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides thermal protection **but only limited chemical protection.**

### EVACUATION

#### Immediate precautionary measure

- Isolate spill or leak area in all directions for at least 50 meters (150 feet) for liquids and at least 25 meters (75 feet) for solids.

#### Spill

- For **highlighted materials**: see Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances.
- For non-highlighted materials: increase the immediate precautionary measure distance, in the downwind direction, as necessary.

#### 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 paper and/or the ERAP Program Section (page 390).

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### FIRE

- Note: Some foams will react with the material and release corrosive/toxic gases.

#### Small Fire

- CO<sub>2</sub> (except for Cyanides), dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol-resistant foam.

#### Large Fire

- Water spray, fog or alcohol-resistant foam.
- If it can be done safely, move undamaged containers away from the area around the fire.
- Avoid aiming straight or solid streams directly onto the product.
- Dike runoff from fire control for later disposal.

#### Fire Involving Tanks or Car/Trailer Loads

- Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned master stream devices or monitor nozzles.
- Do not get water inside containers.
- Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out.
- 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.
- All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded.
- Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- Stop leak if you can do it without risk.
- A vapor-suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors.
- **DO NOT GET WATER INSIDE CONTAINERS.**
- Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Avoid allowing water runoff to contact spilled material.
- Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.

#### Small Spill

- Cover with DRY earth, DRY sand or other non-combustible material followed with plastic sheet to minimize spreading or contact with rain.
- Use clean, non-sparking tools to collect material and place it into loosely covered plastic containers for later disposal.

### 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.
- **Do not perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; wash face and mouth before giving artificial respiration. Use a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.**
- 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.
- **In case of skin contact with Hydrofluoric acid (UN1790)**, if calcium gluconate gel is available, rinse 5 minutes, then apply gel. Otherwise, continue rinsing until medical treatment is available.
- For minor skin contact, avoid spreading material on unaffected skin.
- Keep victim calm and warm.
- Effects of exposure (inhalation, ingestion or skin contact) to substance may be delayed.

TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

			SMALL SPILLS						LARGE SPILLS					
			(From a small package or small leak from a large package)						(From a large package or from many small packages)					
			First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then PROTECT persons Downwind during				First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then PROTECT persons Downwind during			
1560	157	Arsenic chloride	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	1.5 km	(1.0 mi)
1560	157	Arsenic trichloride	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	1.5 km	(1.0 mi)
1670	157	Perchloromethyl mercaptan	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	0.4 km	(0.2 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	1.2 km	(0.8 mi)
1680	157	Potassium cyanide, solid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)
1689	157	Sodium cyanide, solid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	1.2 km	(0.7 mi)
1732	157	Antimony pentafluoride (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	1.1 km	(0.7 mi)	3.9 km	(2.4 mi)
1818	157	Silicon tetrachloride (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)
2032	157	Nitric acid, red fuming	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)
2308	157	Nitrosylsulfuric acid, liquid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
2308	157	Nitrosylsulphuric acid, liquid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
2474	157	Thiophosgene	60 m	(200 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	1.7 km	(1.1 mi)	200 m	(600 ft)	2.1 km	(1.3 mi)	4.0 km	(2.5 mi)
2692	157	Boron tribromide (when spilled on land)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.4 km	(0.3 mi)
2692	157	Boron tribromide (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	1.9 km	(1.2 mi)
3048	157	Aluminum phosphide pesticide (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.7 km	(0.5 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)	6.5 km	(4.1 mi)
3456	157	Nitrosylsulfuric acid, solid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)
3456	157	Nitrosylsulphuric acid, solid (when spilled in water)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.0 km	(0.6 mi)	2.9 km	(1.8 mi)