

# THORIUM NITRATE

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## CAUTIONARY RESPONSE INFORMATION

Common Synonyms Thorium nitrate tetrahydrate	Solid  Mixes with water.	White  Odorless
<b>Evacuate.</b> Keep people away. Avoid contact with solid and dust. Shut off ignition sources and call fire department. Notify local health and pollution control agencies. Protect water intakes.		
<b>Fire</b>	Not flammable. May cause fire on contact with combustibles. POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE. Wear goggles and self-contained breathing apparatus. Flood discharge area with water.	
<b>Exposure</b>	Call for medical aid. DUST Irritating to eyes, nose and throat. Harmful if inhaled. Move victim to fresh air. If in eyes, hold eyelids open and flush with plenty of water.  SOLID Irritating to skin and eyes. Harmful if swallowed. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Flush affected areas with plenty of water. IF IN EYES, hold eyelids open and flush with plenty of water. IF SWALLOWED and victim is CONSCIOUS, have victim drink water or milk.	
<b>Water Pollution</b>	Dangerous to aquatic life in high concentrations. May be dangerous if it enters water intakes. Notify local health and wildlife officials. Notify operators of nearby water intakes.	

## 1. CORRECTIVE RESPONSE ACTIONS

Stop discharge  
Chemical and Physical Treatment:  
Neutralize

## 2. CHEMICAL DESIGNATIONS

- 2.1 CG Compatibility Group: Not listed.
- 2.2 Formula: Th(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (approx.)
- 2.3 IMO/UN Designation: 7/9171
- 2.4 DOT ID No.: 2976
- 2.5 CAS Registry No.: Currently not available
- 2.6 NAERG Guide No.: 162
- 2.7 Standard Industrial Trade Classification: 52591

## 3. HEALTH HAZARDS

- 3.1 Personal Protective Equipment: Dust respirator; gloves; rubber shoes or boots
- 3.2 Symptoms Following Exposure: Compound has low chemical toxicity, but alpha emission is expected to constitute a hazard if a fairly large amount is inhaled or ingested. Dust may irritate eyes and cause diffuse dermatitis. Beta and gamma emission is small.
- 3.3 Treatment of Exposure: EYES: flush with water until solid is removed. SKIN: wash thoroughly with soap and water. INGESTION: get medical attention.
- 3.4 TLV-TWA: Not listed.
- 3.5 TLV-STEL: Not listed.
- 3.6 TLV-Ceiling: Not listed.
- 3.7 Toxicity by Ingestion: Currently not available
- 3.8 Toxicity by Inhalation: Currently not available.
- 3.9 Chronic Toxicity: Genetic effects of long exposure to low level radiation are suspected to be harmful.
- 3.10 Vapor (Gas) Irritant Characteristics: Currently not available
- 3.11 Liquor or Solid Characteristics: Currently not available
- 3.12 Odor Threshold: Odorless
- 3.13 IDLH Value: Not listed.
- 3.14 OSHA PEL-TWA: Not listed.
- 3.15 OSHA PEL-STEL: Not listed.
- 3.16 OSHA PEL-Ceiling: Not listed.
- 3.17 EPA AEGL: Not listed

## 4. FIRE HAZARDS

- 4.1 Flash Point: Not flammable, but may cause fire on contact with ordinary combustibles
- 4.2 Flammable Limits in Air: Not flammable
- 4.3 Fire Extinguishing Agents: Water
- 4.4 Fire Extinguishing Agents Not to Be Used: Not pertinent
- 4.5 Special Hazards of Combustion Products: Yields toxic gaseous oxides of nitrogen when involved in fire
- 4.6 Behavior in Fire: When large quantities are involved in fire, nitrate may fuse or melt, in which condition application of water may result in extensive scattering of molten material. Will increase the intensity of a fire.
- 4.7 Auto Ignition Temperature: Not pertinent
- 4.8 Electrical Hazards: Not pertinent
- 4.9 Burning Rate: Not pertinent
- 4.10 Adiabatic Flame Temperature: Currently not available
- 4.11 Stoichiometric Air to Fuel Ratio: Not pertinent
- 4.12 Flame Temperature: Currently not available
- 4.13 Combustion Molar Ratio (Reactant to Product): Not pertinent.
- 4.14 Minimum Oxygen Concentration for Combustion (MOCC): Not listed

## 5. CHEMICAL REACTIVITY

- 5.1 Reactivity with Water: Forms a weak solution of nitric acid; the reaction is not hazardous.
- 5.2 Reactivity with Common Materials: In contact with easily oxidizable substances, may react rapidly enough to cause ignition, violent combustion, or explosion. Solutions in water are acidic and can corrode metals.
- 5.3 Stability During Transport: Stable
- 5.4 Neutralizing Agents for Acids and Caustics: Not pertinent
- 5.5 Polymerization: Not pertinent
- 5.6 Inhibitor of Polymerization: Not pertinent

## 6. WATER POLLUTION

- 6.1 Aquatic Toxicity: 1,000 ppm/48 hr/water flea/not toxic/fresh water
- 6.2 Waterfowl Toxicity: Currently not available
- 6.3 Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD): None
- 6.4 Food Chain Concentration Potential: Currently not available
- 6.5 GESAMP Hazard Profile: Not listed

## 7. SHIPPING INFORMATION

- 7.1 Grades of Purity: Reagent
- 7.2 Storage Temperature: Ambient
- 7.3 Inert Atmosphere: No requirement
- 7.4 Venting: Open
- 7.5 IMO Pollution Category: Currently not available
- 7.6 Ship Type: Currently not available
- 7.7 Barge Hull Type: Currently not available

## 8. HAZARD CLASSIFICATIONS

- 8.1 49 CFR Category: Radioactive material
- 8.2 49 CFR Class: 7
- 8.3 49 CFR Package Group: Not pertinent.
- 8.4 Marine Pollutant: No
- 8.5 NFPA Hazard Classification:
 

Category	Classification
Health Hazard (Blue)	1
Flammability (Red)	0
Instability (Yellow)	0
Special (White)	OX
- 8.6 EPA Reportable Quantity: Not listed.
- 8.7 EPA Pollution Category: Not listed.
- 8.8 RCRA Waste Number: Not listed
- 8.9 EPA FWPCA List: Not listed

## 9. PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- 9.1 Physical State at 15° C and 1 atm: Solid
- 9.2 Molecular Weight: 555.2
- 9.3 Boiling Point at 1 atm: Not pertinent (decomposes)
- 9.4 Freezing Point: Not pertinent
- 9.5 Critical Temperature: Not pertinent
- 9.6 Critical Pressure: Not pertinent
- 9.7 Specific Gravity: (est.) >1 at 20°C (solid)
- 9.8 Liquid Surface Tension: Not pertinent
- 9.9 Liquid Water Interfacial Tension: Not pertinent
- 9.10 Vapor (Gas) Specific Gravity: Not pertinent
- 9.11 Ratio of Specific Heats of Vapor (Gas): Not pertinent
- 9.12 Latent Heat of Vaporization: Not pertinent
- 9.13 Heat of Combustion: Not pertinent
- 9.14 Heat of Decomposition: Not pertinent
- 9.15 Heat of Solution: Not pertinent
- 9.16 Heat of Polymerization: Not pertinent
- 9.17 Heat of Fusion: Currently not available
- 9.18 Limiting Value: Currently not available
- 9.19 Reid Vapor Pressure: Currently not available

## NOTES

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9.20 SATURATED LIQUID DENSITY		9.21 LIQUID HEAT CAPACITY		9.22 LIQUID THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY		9.23 LIQUID VISCOSITY	
Temperature (degrees F)	Pounds per cubic foot	Temperature (degrees F)	British thermal unit per pound-F	Temperature (degrees F)	British thermal unit inch per hour-square foot-F	Temperature (degrees F)	Centipoise
NOT PERTINENT			NOT PERTINENT		NOT PERTINENT		NOT PERTINENT

9.24 SOLUBILITY IN WATER		9.25 SATURATED VAPOR PRESSURE		9.26 SATURATED VAPOR DENSITY		9.27 IDEAL GAS HEAT CAPACITY	
Temperature (degrees F)	Pounds per 100 pounds of water	Temperature (degrees F)	Pounds per square inch	Temperature (degrees F)	Pounds per cubic foot	Temperature (degrees F)	British thermal unit per pound-F
VERY SOLUBLE			NOT PERTINENT		NOT PERTINENT		NOT PERTINENT