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Material / Components
Potassium Hydroxide

CAS #: 1310-58-3
CAS Name: Potassium Hydroxide
TLV Units: 2 mg/M3 for 15 minutes
Approx. %: < 8

Flammable Limits in Air % by volume:
Lower: NA
Upper: NA

Extinguishing Media:
Water spray, foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemical for fires in storage areas.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures:
Keep container cool with water spray. Fire Fighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards:
Dried residue can thermally decompose, giving off irritating and potentially toxic fumes.
5. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Threshold Limit Value: 2.0 mg/M3 for 15 minutes for potassium hydroxide.

Effects of Overexposure:

Inhalation: Vapor and mists are corrosive to the nose, throat, and mucous membranes.

Skin Contact: Causes skin irritation. May cause a more serious response if confined to the skin or if the skin is abraded. A single prolonged exposure is not likely to result in harmful quantities being absorbed.

Eye Contact: Vapors will irritate the eyes. Liquids and mists can severely irritate or damage the eyes and cause corneal burns.

Ingestion: This material is corrosive to the mouth and throat.

Delayed Effects: Prolonged contact may cause severe burns.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Persons with pre-existing skin disorders, eye problems, or impaired respiratory functions may be more susceptible to the effects of this substance.

6. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: If breathing stops, give artificial respiration. Call a physician immediately.

Skin Contact: Immediately remove clothing under a safety shower. Flush all affected areas with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

Eye Contact: Immediately flush the eyes with large quantities of running water for a minimum of 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention immediately.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, immediately give large quantities of water. Call a physician or the nearest Poison Control Center immediately.

7. REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable

Incompatibility: Compatible with most boiler water treatment compounds at use dosages, do not mix with other industrial chemicals.

Hazardous Combustion or Decomposition Products: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ammonia, and oxides of nitrogen.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Conditions to Avoid: Do not mix with other industrial chemicals.

8. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

Actions to take for Leaks & Spills: For small spills mop or wipe up. For large spills, contain by diking with soil or other absorbent material. Keep out of sewers, drains, surface waters, and soil.

Waste Disposal Method: Dilute acid (preferably acetic acid) may be used to neutralize the final traces immediately after flushing. Use D.O.T. approved containers for waste disposal. Dispose of all waste according to Federal, State, and Local regulations.
9. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Respiratory Protection: NIOSH approved respirator in the absence of adequate environmental controls at the point of use.

Eye Protection: Chemical goggles and face shield.

Skin Protection: Rubber gloves.

Other Clothing: Rubber apron and protective clothes.

Other Equipment: None

Engineering Controls: Normal

10. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Special Precautions: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Local mechanical exhaust ventilation capable of maintaining emissions at the point of use below the PEL.

Other Precautions: An eyewash and safety shower should be nearby and ready for use. Avoid storing in areas of high heat. Keep from freezing.

11. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Workplace Classification: NA

12. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Data: NE

Reproductive / Teratology Data: NE

13. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Fate in the Environment: NE

14. DISPOSAL CONDITIONS

Procedures: Dispose of all waste according to Federal, State, and Local regulations.

15. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT Classification: Corrosive, Caustic Alkali Liquid, UN 1719, PG II (Contains Potassium Hydroxide, Liquid)

Warning Labels: CORROSIVE
11. REGULATORY INFORMATION - Ref. Pg. 3

RCRA Status: DOO2
CERCLA Status: Reportable Quantity for Potassium Hydroxide: 1000 lbs.
SARA/Title III- Section 304 Emergency notification reporting. This product contains a Section 304 listed hazardous substance for emergency release notification.

Section 302 Emergency Planning Notification/Threshold Planning Quantities: No (X) Yes ( )
SARA/Title III- Section 313 Toxic chemical release reporting. This product does not contain a Section 313 listed toxic chemical subject to release reporting requirements.
TSCA Inventory Status- All chemical components are listed on TSCA Inventory.

California Proposition 65 Status- This product does not contain chemicals currently on the California list of known carcinogens and/or reproductive toxins

ADDENDUM for Section - Other Information

NA = Not Applicable  
ND = Not Determined  
NE = Not Established

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