



ALPHA CHEMICAL LIMITED  
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

MSDS # 1154-000

# ETHYLENE GLYCOL

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## SECTION 1 – CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product Name:** Ethylene Glycol  
**Synonyms:** Ethylene Glycol,  
1,2-Ethanediol

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Date Prepared: March 7, 2003  
Prepared By: Safety Department  
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**Product Use:** Antifreeze  
**WHMIS Classification:** D2

**EMERGENCY: (613) 996-6666 OR 1-800-981-2532**

## SECTION 2 – HAZARDS INGREDIENT(S)

Component	%	Cas Number	LC <sub>50</sub>	LD <sub>50</sub>
Ethylene Glycol	99.5%	107-21-1	10876 mg/kg (Inhl., rat)	4700 mg/kg (oral, rat)

\*OSHA hazardous according to 29 CFR 1910.1200

## SECTION 3 – PHYSICAL INFORMATION

<b>Appearance</b>	Clear, colorless liquid
<b>Odor</b>	Faint Odor
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1)</b>	1.115 (20/20)
<b>Vapor Pressure (at 20 °C)</b>	0.05 mmHg @ 20° C
<b>Vapor Density (air =1)</b>	2.14
<b>Boiling Point</b>	197° C (387° F)
<b>Freezing Point</b>	-13° C (9° F)
<b>Solubility in water</b>	Complete in water

## SECTION 4 – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

<b>Flammable Material</b>	
<b>Flashpoint – Closed Cup</b>	111° C (232° F)
<b>Upper Explosive Limit</b>	15.3 Vol. %
<b>Lower Explosive Limit</b>	3.2 Vol. %
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	400° C (752° F)



**SECTION 4 (con't) – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD**

**Hazardous Products of Combustion**

Compounds of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, including carbon monoxide and other gases. The exact composition will depend on the conditions of combustion.

**Extinguishing Media**

Use of carbon dioxide or dry chemical for small fires; alcohol resistant aqueous foam or water spray for large fires.

**Fire Fighting Instructions**

If the potential exists for exposure to vapors or products of combustion, wear complete personal protective equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus with full-face piece operated in positive pressure mode. Water spray can be used to reduce intensity of flames and to dilute spills to nonflammable mixtures. Use spray to cool fire-exposed structures and vessels.

**CAUTION!** Spraying with foam or water can cause frothing.

**SECTION 5 – REACTIVITY INFORMATION**

**Chemical Stability**

Stable and normally un-reactive.

**Hazardous Polymerization**

Will not occur.

**Incompatibilities**

Sulfuric acid and other dehydrating agents; nitric acid; oxygen, hydrogen peroxide, perchloric acid and other strong oxidizing agents; acetic anhydride; strong acids and bases at high temperatures; other materials reactive with hydroxyl compounds.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Compounds of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. The exact composition will depend on the causes and conditions of decomposition.

**Conditions to Avoid**

Heat, sparks and open flame.

**SECTION 6 - TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Effects of Single Acute Overexposure**

**Inhalation**

Inhalation of mists or high concentrations of vapors (e.g. from hot operations) may cause upper respiratory tract irritation, headaches or nausea. May cause effects to the kidneys and central nervous system resulting in kidney failure and brain injury.



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### SECTION 6 TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES con't

#### Eye Contact

Contact with liquid may cause slight eye irritation

#### Skin Contact

Contact with liquid may cause slight skin irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact may cause dermatitis.

#### Ingestion

Ingestion of large quantities may be harmful and in extreme poisoning may be fatal; causes central nervous system depression, cardiopulmonary effects and kidney and liver damage.

#### Chronic, Prolonged or Repeated Overexposure

#### Carcinogenic effects

Ethylene glycol is not considered a carcinogen.

#### Mutagenic

Ethylene glycol is not considered a mutagen.

#### Teratogenic

Ethylene glycol is considered to be an animal teratogen based on studies in which high levels were given in drinking water. Inhalation and dermal exposure have not produced significant tetotoxicity or malformations in animals. There is no current information to suggest that ethylene glycol produces birth defects in humans.

#### Target Organ Effects

Central nervous system, kidney, liver, fetus.

#### Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

Exposure to this chemical may aggravate pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions.

### SECTION 7 – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

#### Engineering Controls

General or dilution ventilation is frequently insufficient as the sole means of controlling employee exposure. Local ventilation is usually preferred, to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits.

#### Protective Equipment

A safety shower and eyewash should be readily available in close proximity to the work area.

#### Skin

Wear clothing and gloves to prevent repeated or prolonged contact. Gloves may be rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene or polyvinyl chloride.



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### SECTION 7 – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES con't

#### Eyes

Wear safety glasses as a minimum eye protection.

#### Inhalation

Use a respirator approved by NIOSH/MSHA to maintain exposure below recommended limits.

#### Exposure Guidelines:

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OSHA PEL

125 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (CEIL)

50 PPM (CEIL)

ACGIH TLV

100 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (CEIL) None

39.4 PPM (CEIL) None

The ACGIH values are for ethylene glycol aerosol.

#### Storage Requirements

Keep all containers tightly closed when not in use. Store out of direct sunlight and on an impermeable floor. Use only UN approved containers.

#### Handling

Use with adequate ventilation. Keep containers closed when not in use. Always open containers slowly to allow any excess pressure to vent. Avoid breathing vapor or mist. Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Decontaminate soiled clothing thoroughly before reuse. Destroy contaminated leather clothing.

#### Small Spill and Leak

If spilled or released, eliminate ignition sources. Avoid eye or skin contact. Place leaking containers in well-ventilated area with spill containment. If fire potential exists, blanket spill with alcohol-type aqueous film-forming foam or use water spray to disperse vapors. Contain spill to facilitate cleanup. Cleanup methods may include absorbent materials, vacuum truck, etc. Avoid run-off into storm sewers and ditches, which lead to natural waterways.

### WASTE INFORMATION

#### Disposal

All notification, cleanup and disposal should be carried out in accordance with federal, provincial and municipal regulations. Preferred methods of waste disposal are incineration or biological treatment in an approved facility.

### SECTION 8 – FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Eyes

If eye contact occurs, flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If persistent irritation develops, get medical attention.



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### SECTION 8 – FIRST AID MEASURES con't

#### **Skin**

Wash with soap and water after handling material. If persistent irritation develops, get medical attention.

#### **Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

#### **Ingestion**

Have victim drink several glasses of water then induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth or induce vomiting to an unconscious person. Immediately seek medical attention.

#### **NOTE TO PHYSICIAN**

The principal toxic effects of ethylene glycol, when swallowed, are kidney damage and metabolic acidosis. Ethanol is antidotal and early administration may block the formation of toxic metabolites of ethylene glycol in the liver. Ethanol should be given intravenously, as a 5% solution in sodium bicarbonate, at a rate of about 10m 1/hr. A desired therapeutic level of ethanol in blood is 100mg/dl. Hemodialysis may be required. Pulmonary edema with hypoxemia has been described in a number of patients following poisoning with ethylene glycol. The mechanism has not been elucidated but it appears to be non-cardiogenic in origin in ventilation and positive end expiratory pressure may be applied. Correction of acidosis is essential.

### SECTION 9 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### **TDG CLASSIFICATION**

Not Regulated

### SECTION 10 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### **Oral Toxicity**

Slightly toxic to humans by ingestion. The estimated average lethal dose for humans is 1.6g/kg by mouth.

#### **Dermal LD50**

Essentially non-toxic to animals by skin absorption. The acute dermal LD50 in rabbits is 9.5g/kg.

#### **Mutagenicity**

No evidence of mutagenicity in bacteria, yeast or fungi.



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### SECTION 10 – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION con't

#### **Carcinogenicity**

No evidence of carcinogenicity to animals.

#### **Repeated Exposure**

Long-term, high level exposure produced kidney injury in rats but not in mice.

#### **Teratogenicity**

Produced pre-implantation loss, delayed ossification and congenital malformations in rats and mice when administered by gavage or in drinking water during organogenesis; not teratogenic in mice following dermal application of up to 3550mg/kg/day, not teratogenic in mice by nose-only inhalation of up to 2500.mg/m<sup>3</sup>; no effect on fertility or reproductive performance in a three-generation study in rats.

#### **Aquatic Toxicity**

Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) LC<sub>50</sub> > 5 g/l (24h)

Brine Shrimp (*Arternia salina*) LC<sub>50</sub> > 20 g/l (24h)

Studies have shown that this product is biodegradable in systems such as municipal waste treatment plants.

### SECTION 11 – REGULATORY INFORMATION

**RECIPIENT MUST COMMUNICATE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HEREIN TO EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS.**

#### **State Regulations:**

The following chemicals associated with the product are subject to the right-to-know regulations in these states:

ETHYLENE GLYCOL (107-21-1): FI, IL, LA, MA, NJ, PA, and RI

#### **US Federal Regulations**

We certify that all components are either on the TSCA inventory or qualify for an exemption.

#### **International Regulations**

SARA 313: ETHYLENE GLYCOL 99.5% (107-21-1)



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**Environmental**

CERCLA: ETHYLENE GLYCOL 99.5% (107-21-1)  
SARA: ETHYLENE GLYCOL 99.5% (107-21-1)  
SARA 31 1/3 12

Acute Health.....Yes

Chronic Health.....Yes

Fire.....No

Sudden Release of Pressure.....No

Reactive.....No

**Clean Air Act, 1990, section 112: ETHYLENE GLYCOL (107-21-1)**

**International Regulations**

Listed on the chemical inventories of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Europe (EINECS), Japan and Korea.

**WHMIS Ingredient Disclosure Listed Components:**

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**SECTION 1 – OTHER INFORMATION**

**Hazard Ratings**

	Health	Flamm	React	Other
NFPA	1	1	0	
HNIS	1	1	0	

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## SECTION 1 – CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product Name:** Methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH)  
**Synonyms:** Methyl alcohol, methyl hydrate, wood spirit, methyl hydroxide

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**Product Use:** Solvent, fuel, feedstock  
**WHMIS Classification:** B2; D1A

**EMERGENCY: (613) 996-6666 OR 1-800-981-2532**

## SECTION 2 – HAZARDS INGREDIENT(S)

Component	%	Cas Number	LC <sub>50</sub> ppm	LD <sub>50</sub>
Methyl Alcohol	99.85	67-56-1	64,000 (inhalation-rat)	5.6-13.0 g/kg (oral, rat) 20 ml/kg (dermal-rabbit)

## SECTION 3 – PHYSICAL INFORMATION

<b>Appearance</b>	Clear, colorless
<b>Odor</b>	Slight alcohol odor
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	2000 ppm, (irritation at 1000 ppm, poor olfactory warning properties)
<b>Physical State</b>	Liquid
<b>Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1)</b>	0.792
<b>Vapor Pressure (at 20 °C)</b>	96 mm Hg
<b>Vapor Density (air =1)</b>	1.105 @ 15 °C (59 °F)
<b>Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1)</b>	2.1
<b>Boiling Point (760 mmHg)</b>	64.5 °C (148 °F)
<b>Freezing Point</b>	-97.8 °C (-144 °F)
<b>Solubility in water (%ww)</b>	Soluble
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable
<b>Molecular wt</b>	32.04
<b>Volatile, percent by volume</b>	100%
<b>Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient</b>	Readily soluble in water, separates from oil

## SECTION 4 – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

<b>Flammable/Combustible</b>	Yes, in the presence of ignition source	
<b>Flashpoint – (TCC)</b>	15.6 °C (60 °F)	
<b>Flashpoint – (TOC)</b>	11 °C (52 °F)	
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	36% (NFPA 1978)	36.5% (Ullmann 1975)
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	6%	
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	385 °C (NFPA 1978)	470 °C (Kirk-Othmer 1981; Ullmann 1975)
<b>Sensitivity to Static Discharge</b>	Low	





**SECTION 4– FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD con't**

**Hazardous Products of Combustion**

Toxic gases and vapors; oxides of carbon and formaldehyde

**Extinguishing Media**

**Small fires:** Dry Chemical CO<sub>2</sub>, water spray

**Large fires:** Water spray, AFFF (R) (Aqueous Film Forming Foam (alcohol resistant) type with either a 3% or 6% foam proportioning system.

**Special Firefighting Instructions**

Methanol burns with a clean clear flame that is almost invisible in daylight. Stay upwind. Isolate and restrict area access. Concentrations of greater than 25% methanol in water can be ignited. Use fine water spray or fog to control fire spread and cool adjacent structures or containers. Contain fire control water for later disposal. Fire fighters must wear full face, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus or airline and appropriate protective clothing. Protective fire fighting structural clothing is not effective protection from methanol. Do not walk through spilled product.

**SECTION 5 – REACTIVITY INFORMATION**

**Chemical Stability**

This product is stable

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

Formaldehyde, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide

**Incompatibilities**

Strong oxidizers, strong acids, strong bases. May be corrosive to lead, magnesium and platinum.

**Conditions of Reactivity**

Presence of incompatible materials and ignition sources.

**SECTION 6 - TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Inhalation** - Yes

**Eye Contact** – Moderate Irritant

**Skin Contact** - Irritant

**Skin Absorption** - Yes

**Ingestion** – Yes

**Effects of Single Acute Exposure**

Swallowing even small amounts of methanol may cause blindness or death. Effects of sub lethal doses may be nausea, headache, abdominal pain, vomiting and visual disturbances ranging from blurred vision to light sensitivity. Inhalation of high airborne concentrations can also irritate mucous membranes, cause headaches, sleepiness, nausea, confusion, loss of consciousness, digestive and visual disturbances and death. NOTE: The odor threshold of methanol is several times



**SECTION 6 - TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES con't**

higher than the TLV-TWA. High vapor concentration or liquid contact with eyes causes irritation, tearing and burning. May be absorbed through the skin in toxic or lethal amounts.

**Effects of Repeated Overexposure**

Repeated exposure by inhalation or absorption may cause systemic poisoning, brain disorders, impaired vision and blindness. Inhalation may worsen conditions such as emphysema or bronchitis. Repeated skin contact may cause dermal irritation, dryness and cracking.

**Exposure Limits**

**Methyl alcohol:** ACGIH TLV-TWA = 200 ppm, STEL = 250 ppm – Skin notation  
OSHA PEL = 200 ppm

**Irritancy of Product:** 1000 ppm in air may cause irritation of mucous membrane

**SECTION 7 – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

**Engineering Controls**

In confined areas, local and general ventilation should be provided to maintain airborne concentrations below permissible exposure limits. Ventilation systems must be designed according to approved engineering standards.

**Eye Protection**

Face shield and chemical splash goggles when transferring is taking place.

**Gloves**

Butyl and nitrile rubbers are recommended. Check with glove manufacturer.

**Respiratory Protection**

NIOSH approved supplied air respirator when airborne concentrations exceed exposure limits.

**Clothing & Footwear**

Wear chemical resistant pants, jackets and footwear, preferably butyl or nitrile rubber. Check with manufacturer.

**NOTE:**

PPE must not be considered a long-term solution to exposure control. PPE usage must be accompanied by employer programs to properly select, maintain, clean, fit and use. Consult a competent industrial hygiene resource to determine hazard potential and / or the PPE manufacturers to ensure adequate protection.

**Storage Requirements**

Store in totally enclosed equipment, designed to avoid ignition and human contact. Tanks must be grounded and vented and should have vapor emission controls. Tanks must be diked. Avoid storage with incompatible materials. Anhydrous methanol is non-corrosive to most metals at ambient temperatures except lead and magnesium. However coatings of copper (or copper alloys), zinc (including galvanized steel) or aluminum are unsuitable for storage as they are attacked slowly. Storage tanks of welded construction are normally satisfactory. They should be designed and built in conformance with good engineering practice for the material being used. Mild steel is the recommended construction material. Tanks built with copper alloys (including coatings of copper), zinc (including galvanized steel), aluminum are not suitable for methanol-water solutions. While plastics can be used for short-term storage, they are generally not recommended for long-term storage due to deterioration effects and the subsequent risk of contamination.



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### SECTION 7 – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES con't

#### Handling

No smoking or open flame in storage, use or handling areas. Use explosion proof electrical equipment. Ensure proper electrical grounding procedures are in place.

#### Spill or Leak Response

Flammable liquid. Release can cause an immediate fire/explosion hazard. Eliminate all ignition sources, stop leak and use absorbent materials. If necessary, contain spill by diking. Fluorocarbon alcohol resistant foams may be applied to spill to diminish vapor and fire hazard. Maximize methanol recovery for recycling or reuse. Collect liquid with explosion proof pumps. For small spills, collect with a non-combustible sorbent. Recover methanol or dilute with water to reduce fire hazard. Prevent spilled methanol from entering sewers, confined spaces, drains or waterways. Restrict access by unprotected personnel. Full-face, positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus or airline and protective clothing must be worn. Protective fire fighting structural clothing is not effective protection from methanol. Do not walk through spilled product as it may be on fire and not visible.

### WASTE INFORMATION

#### Disposal

Incineration is the recommended disposal method. Biological treatment may be used on dilute aqueous waste methanol. Methanol wastes are not suitable for underground injection. Waste materials must be disposed of in accordance with your municipal, federal and provincial regulations. Contact the proper authorities for specific instructions.

### SECTION 8 – FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Eyes

Flush immediately with gently running water for a minimum of 15 minutes, ensuring all surfaces and crevices are flushed by lifting lower and upper lids. Obtain medical attention.

#### Skin

Remove contaminated clothing; wash under shower with soap and water for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation occurs.

#### Inhalation

Remove to fresh air, restore or assist breathing if necessary, obtain medical attention immediately.

#### Ingestion

Swallowing methanol is life threatening. Onset of symptoms may be delayed for 18 to 24 hours after ingestion. If conscious and medical aid is not immediately available, **do not induce vomiting**. Transport to medical attention.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** Acute exposure to methanol, either through ingestion or breathing high airborne concentrations can result in symptoms appearing between 40 minutes and 72 hours after exposure. Symptoms and signs are usually limited to CNS, eyes and gastrointestinal tract. Because of the initial CNS's effects of headache, vertigo, lethargy and confusion, there may be an impression of ethanol intoxication. Blurred vision, decreased acuity and photophobia are common complaints. Treatment with ipecac or lavage is indicated in any patient presenting within two hours of ingestion. A profound metabolic acidosis occurs in severe poisoning and serum bicarbonate levels are a more accurate measure of severity than serum methanol levels. Treatment protocols are available from most major hospitals and early collaboration with appropriate hospitals is recommended.



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### SECTION 9 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### TDG CLASSIFICATION

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Class 3 (6.1), UN1230, Packing Group II

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## N-METHYLDIETHANOLAMINE (MDEA)

### SECTION 1 – CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY INFORMATION

**Product Name:** N-Methyldiethanolamine (MDEA)  
**Synonyms:** N, N-di(2-hydroxyethyl)-N-Methylamine  
**Chemical Family:** Alkanolamine  
**Formula:** CH<sub>3</sub> – N – (CH<sub>2</sub> – CH<sub>2</sub> – OH)<sub>2</sub>

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**Product Use:** Sulfide Scavenger  
**WHMIS Classification:** D2B

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### SECTION 2 – HAZARDS INGREDIENT(S)

Component	%	Cas Number	LC <sub>50</sub>	LD <sub>50</sub>
N-Methyldiethanolamine	> 99	105-59-9		4780 mg/kg (oral, rat)

### SECTION 3 – PHYSICAL INFORMATION

Appearance	Transparent, colorless
Odor	Ammoniacal fishy
Physical State	Liquid
Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O=1)	1.044 max @ 20 °C
Vapor Pressure (at 20 °C)	0.01 mmHg
Vapor Density (air =1)	4.0
Evaporation Rate	<0.01
(Butyl Acetate = 1)	
Boiling Point	247.2 °C
(760 mmHg)	
Freezing Point	-21 °C
Solubility in water (%w/w)	100% @ 20 °C
pH	Not determined

### SECTION 4 – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

Flammable Material	No
Flashpoint - Open Cup	137 °C (Cleveland Open Cup)
Upper Flammable Limit	8.8
Lower Flammable Limit	1.4
Autoignition Temperature	Not Currently Available



## N-METHYLDIETHANOLAMINE (MDEA)

### SECTION 4 (con't) – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD

#### Hazardous Products of Combustion

Burning can produce the following products: Carbon monoxide and / or carbon dioxide. Oxides of Nitrogen. Carbon monoxide is highly toxic if inhaled. Carbon dioxide in sufficient concentrations can act as an asphyxiant. Acute overexposure to the products of combustion may result in irritation of the respiratory tract.

#### Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards

During a fire, oxides of nitrogen may be produced.

#### Extinguishing Media

Extinguish fires with water spray or apply alcohol-type or all-purpose-type foam by manufacturer's recommended techniques for large fires. Use carbon dioxide or dry chemical media for small fires.

#### Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

### SECTION 5 – REACTIVITY INFORMATION

#### Chemical Stability

This product is stable.

#### Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

#### Incompatibilities

Strong oxidizing agents. Strong acids. Organic Acids. Organic Anhydrides.

#### Inhibitors/Stabilizers

Not applicable.

#### Hazardous Products

**WARNING!** Do not mix this product with nitrites or other nitrosating agents because a nitrosamine may be formed. Nitrosamines may cause cancer.

### SECTION 6 - HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

#### WARNING!

**HARMFUL IS ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. CAUSES EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION.**

**ASPIRATION MAY CAUSE LUNG DAMAGE. VAPOR MAY CAUSE TEMPORARY BLURRING OF VISION**



**SECTION 6 con't - HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION**

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Effects of Single Acute Overexposure**

**Inhalation**

Short-term, harmful health effects are not expected from vapor generated at ambient temperature. Prolonged overexposure may cause injury to the respiratory tract.

**Eye Contact**

Liquid causes severe irritation, experienced as discomfort pain, excess blinking and tear production with marked redness and swelling of the conjunctive. Corneal injury may occur. Vapor may cause temporary disturbance of vision.

**Skin Contact**

Brief contact may cause slight irritation with itching, local redness and possibly swelling. Sustained contact of many hours may cause more severe redness and swelling with the development of fissures and possibly bleeding into the inflamed area.

**Skin Absorption**

Prolonged or widespread contact may result in the absorption of potentially harmful amounts of material.

**Ingestion**

Moderately toxic. May cause irritation of the mouth, throat, esophagus and stomach with pain or discomfort in the mouth, throat, chest and abdomen, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, thirst, dizziness, drowsiness and weakness. There may be difficulty in swallowing. Aspiration into the lungs may occur during ingestion or vomiting, resulting in lung injury.

**Chronic, Prolonged or Repeated Overexposure**

**Effects of Repeated Overexposure**

Repeated contact with skin may cause a severe cumulative dermatitis.

**Other Effects of Overexposure**

This material did not show a skin sensitizing potential in a guinea pig maximization test.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure**

Skin contact may aggravate an existing dermatitis.



**SECTION 6 con't – HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION**

**TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**ACUTE TOXICITY**

**Peroral**

Rat; male; LD50 = 1.87 (1.26-2.76) ml/kg

**Major Signs**

Sluggishness, lacimation, piloerectin, diarrhea, bloody discharge on periurogenital fur.

**Gross Pathology**

Stomach and intestines discolored, fluid-filled.

**Peroral**

Rat, female; LD50 = 1.87 (1.29-2.70) ml/kg

**Major signs**

Sluggishness, lacrimation, piloerection, diarrhea, bloody discharge on periurogenital fur.

**Gross Pathology**

Stomach and intestines discolored, fluid-filled.

**Percutaneous**

Rabbit; male; LD50 = 9.85 (7.15-13.6) ml/kg; 24 h occluded.

**Major Signs**

Ecchymosis, erythema, edema and necrosis at application site; sluggishness, emaciation, salivation, perioral/perinsasal encrustation.

**Gross Pathology**

Lungs discolored, black to tan foci on abdominal viscera, kidney surfaces pitted.

**Percutaneous**

Rabbit; female; LD50 = 10.9 (8.98-13.3) ml/kg; 24 h occluded.

**Major Signs**

Ecchymosis, erythema, edema and necrosis at application site; sluggishness, emaciation, salivation, perioral/perinasal encrustation.

**Gross Pathology**

Lungs discolored, black to tan foci on abdominal viscera, kidney surfaces pitted.





**SECTION 6 con't – HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION**

**Inhalation**

Static generation of substantially saturated vapor, Rat; male; 25 °C.

**Mortality:** 0 / 5

**Irritation**

**Skin:** Rabbit; 4 h occluded

**Results:** Minor to moderate erythema in 3/6, minor to moderate edema and ecchymosis in 2/6.

**Eye:** Rabbit; 0.01 ml

**Significant Data with Possible Relevance to Humans**

This material was not genotoxic in various mutagenicity and clastogenicity tests. No development effects were observed in pregnant rats treated cutaneously with maternal toxic dosages of N-methyldiethanolamine. Contains one or more amines, which may react with nitrites to form nitrosamines. Some nitrosamines have been shown to be carcinogenic in laboratory animals.

**SECTION 7 – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

**Special Precautions**

Do not add nitrites or other nitrosating agents. A nitrosamine, which may cause cancer, may be formed.

**PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Eye Protection**

Mono goggles.

**Gloves**

Viton, Neoprene, Nitrile or Butyl.

**Respiratory Protection**

Use self-contained breathing apparatus in high vapor concentrations.

**Ventilation**

General (mechanical) room ventilation is expected to be satisfactory where this product is stored and handled in closed equipment. Special, local ventilation and a vent gas scrubber are needed at points where vapors can be expected to escape to the workplace air.

**Skin**

Coveralls and chemical apron.



**SECTION 7 con't – PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

**Storage Requirements**

Store in accordance with good industrial practices. Keep container closed. Keep away from nitrites or other nitrosating agents.

**Handling**

Do not get into eyes, on skin or clothing. Do not swallow. Keep container closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Small Spill and Leak**

Small spills can be flushed with large amounts of water.

**WASTE INFORMATION**

Incinerate in a furnace where permitted under Federal, Provincial and Local regulations. Dispose in accordance with all Federal, Provincial and Local environmental regulations. Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of through an approved waste management facility.

**Disposal**

Laboratory tests indicate that this material is biodegradable at very low concentrations (~ 10 ppm) in water. If spilled material cannot be collected, it may be possible to neutralize with dilute hydrochloric acid; then, landfill the neutral salt.

**Process Hazard**

Sudden release of hot organic chemical vapor mists from process equipment operating at elevated temperature and pressure, or sudden ingress of air into hot equipment under a vacuum, may result in ignitions without the presence of obvious ignition sources. Published "autoignition" or "ignition" temperature values cannot be treated as safe operating temperatures in chemical processes without analysis of the actual process conditions. Any use of this product in elevated-temperature processes should be thoroughly evaluated to establish and maintain safe operating conditions.

**SECTION 8 – FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Eyes**

Immediately flush eyes with water and continue washing for at least 15 minutes. **DO NOT** remove contact lenses, if worn. Obtain medical attention without delay, preferably from an ophthalmologist.

**Skin**

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin with soap and water. Obtain medical attention if contact has been widespread and prolonged, or if irritation persists. Wash clothing before re-use.

**Inhalation**

Remove to fresh air.



## N-METHYLDIETHANOLAMINE (MDEA)

### SECTION 8 con't – FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Ingestion

If patient is fully conscious, give two glasses of milk or water at once. **DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING!** Obtain medical attention without delay.

#### NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient. Slight skin irritant. Moderate eye irritant. Due to the irritant nature of the material, the stomach should be evacuated carefully in cases of poisoning by swallowing. Any material aspirated during vomiting may cause lung injury. Therefore, emesis should not be induced mechanically or pharmacologically. If it is considered necessary to evacuate the stomach contents, this should be done by means least likely to cause aspiration (e.g. gastric lavage after endotracheal intubation).

Exposure to the vapor may cause minor transient edema of the corneal epithelium. This condition, referred to as "glauropsia", "blue haze" or "blue-gray haze", produces a blurring of vision against a general bluish haze and the appearance of halos around bright objects. The effect disappears spontaneously within a few hours of the end of an exposure and leaves no sequelae. Although not detrimental to the eye per se, glauropsia predisposes and affected individual to physical accidents and reduces the ability to undertake skilled tasks, such as driving a motorized vehicle.

### SECTION 9 – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**TDG CLASSIFICATION: NON REGULATED**

### SECTION 10 – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

##### BOD (% Oxygen Consumption)

Day 5	Day 10	Day 15	Day 20	Day 30
5%	6%		87%	

#### ECOTOXICITY

##### Toxicity to Micro-Organisms

Bacterial / NA; 16h; IC50  
Result Value: > 1000 mg/l

##### Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates

Daphnia; 48h; LC50  
Result Value: 332 (290-380) mg/l



**SECTION 10 con't – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Toxicity to Fish**

Fathead to Minnow; 96h; LC50  
Result Value: 1170 (1030-1330) mg/l

**Toxicity to Fish**

Fathead Minnow; 96h; NOEC  
Result Value: (500-600) mg/l

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) – measured: 1.75 mg/mg  
Theoretical Oxygen Demand (THOD) – measured: 0.54 mg/mg

**SECTION 11 – REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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**THIS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET MUST BE  
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## Materials Safety Data - PCL BLEND #3

Shipping Name  
Transport of Dangerous Goods Class  
WHMIS Class  
Material Use

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FLAMMABLE LIQUID, N.O.S (ETHYL ALCOHOL.)  
Class 3; Packing Group II  
B 2; D 2B  
solvent

### 1. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

	CAS NUMBER	%	TWAEV (ppm)	LD <sub>50</sub> ORAL	(mg/kg) SKIN	LC <sub>50</sub> ppm INHALATION
Ethyl Alcohol	64-17-5	60-90%	1000	3500	20,000	20,000
Methyl Alcohol	67-56-1	5-15%	200	5600	16,000	64,000
n-Propyl Alcohol	71-23-8	1-15%	200	1870	4050	19,500
n-Propyl Acetate	109-60-4	1-10%	200	6640	20,000	9100

Note: LD50 & LC50 varies muketly between species, lowest value given above

### 2. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Odour & Appearance	clear, colourless, liquid with sharp, sweetish alcohol odour
Odour Threshold	probably below 20ppm
Vapour Pressurc	below 12 kPa (20°C)
Vapour Density (air = 1)	above 1.4
Boiling Range	74°C - 102°C
Freezing Point	below -95°C
Specific Gravity	0.797 (20°C)
Water Solubility	high - may be completely soluble

### 3. FLAMMABILITY & REACTIVITY

Flash Point	above -12°C
Autoignition Temperature	above 385°C
Flammable Limits	not known
Hazardous Combustion Products	carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, smoke
Firefighting Precautions	foam, dry chemical, water fog, water spray only to cool, product floats on water - water jet spreads flames; firefighters must wear SCBA
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	will not accumulate a static charge
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	not sensitive
Chemical Stability	stable; will not polymerize
Reactive With	strong oxidising agents; concentrated inorganic acids, aldehydes, halogens, may form explosive compounds with aqua ammonia
Decomposition Products	apart from "Hazardous Combustion Products", toxic fumes on heating

### 4. TOXICOLOGY

#### EFFECTS OF ACUTE EXPOSURE

Skin Contact	drying, may be mildly irritating
Skin Absorption	yes; toxic effects not anticipated by this route, partly due to evaporation
Eye Contact	irritating liquid; vapour irritating when product heated to 50°C
Inhalation	irritating; headache, dizziness, drowsiness, intoxication, eventual anaesthesia
Ingestion	headache, dizziness, drowsiness, intoxication

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**EFFECTS OF CHRONIC EXPOSURE**

General	prolonged exposure may cause skin cracking and dermatitis repeated absorption may damage kidneys, liver and cause blindness
Sensitising	no
Carcinogenic	no known effect in humans
Reproductive Effect	reproductive toxin in rodents at high doses; absorption in quantity may cause developmental abnormalities in humans
Synergistic With	existing liver disease
Estimated LD <sub>50</sub>	3478 mg/kg (oral); 14,025 mg/kg (skin)
Estimated LC <sub>50</sub>	20,833 ppm (inhalation)

5. **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Hands	butyl rubber, Viton gloves recommended; <i>other types may also be suitable – check with your supplier</i>
Eyes	safety glasses with side shields
Respirator	not required if ventilation is adequate (see TWAEV, (1) above), or use organic vapour cartridge
Clothing	butyl rubber or neoprene apron, boots, long sleeves, if splashing is anticipated

6. **ENVIRONMENT**

Leak Precaution	dyke to control spillage and prevent ground water contamination
<< Fire Risk:	<i>blanket spill with foam to prevent accidental ignition</i> >>
Handling Spill	ventilate contaminated area; recover free liquid with explosion-proof pumps; absorb residue on an inert sorbent (dry sand, earth), sweep or shovel ( <i>use non-sparking plastic or aluminum shovel only</i> ) store in closed containers for disposal
Waste Disposal	readily biodegradable if well aerated, this solvent is not biodegradable in underground aquifers, and must not enter ground water; do not flush to sewer, may be incinerated in approved facility

7. **STORAGE & HANDLING**

Store and use in a cool dry environment, away from sources of ignition, heat and oxidising agents. Use with adequate ventilation. Although this product is not a static accumulator, ground the container before handling to prevent static discharge which may cause ignition. Do not cut, drill, weld or grind on or near this container. Avoid prolonged contact with skin and wash work clothes frequently. An eye bath and safety shower should be available near the workplace.

8. **FIRST AID**

SKIN:	Wash with soap and plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and do not reuse until thoroughly cleaned or laundered.
EYES:	Wash eyes with plenty of water, holding eyelids open. Seek medical assistance promptly if there is any irritation.
INHALATION:	Remove from contaminated area promptly. <b>CAUTION: Rescuer must not endanger himself!</b> If breathing stops, administer artificial respiration and seek medical aid promptly.
INGESTION:	Give plenty of water to dilute product. Do not induce vomiting (NOTE below). Keep victim quiet. If vomiting occurs, keep victim's head below hips to prevent inhalation of vomited material. Seek medical help promptly.

NOTE: Inadvertent inhalation of vomited material may seriously damage the lungs. The risk and danger of this is greater than the risk of poisoning through absorption of this product. The stomach should be emptied under medical supervision, after the installation of an airway to protect the lungs.

Emergency telephone numbers - weekdays from 8:00 - 5:00 (705) 436-5580  
at all other times (800) 567-7455 (Philip Environmental)

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