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SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

<u>TRADE NAME (AS LABELED):</u>	Elastaguard Membrane, Part B
<u>CHEMICAL NAME/CLASS:</u>	Polyamine Solution
<u>PRODUCT USE:</u>	Specialty Flooring Curative
<u>SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME:</u>	Crossfield Products Corp.
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2. HAZARD(S) IDENTIFICATION



GHS classification

- Acute toxicity, Oral – Category 4
- Acute toxicity, Dermal – Category 3
- Skin corrosion – Category 1B
- Serious Eye Damage – Category 1
- Skin sensitization – Category 1
- Acute aquatic toxicity – Category 1
- Reproductive toxicity – Category 2
- Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure – Oral – Category 2

Signal Word: (Danger)

Hazard Statements:

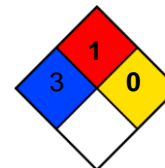
- H302: Harmful if swallowed
- H311: Toxic in contact with skin
- H314: Causes severe skin burns
- H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction
- H318: Causes Serious eye damage
- H361: Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
- H373a: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed
- H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

HMIS-RATINGS (SCALE 0 – 4)

HEALTH	3
FLAMMABILITY	1
REACTIVITY	0

Health = 3
 Fire = 1
 Reactivity = 0

NFPA RATING



Precautionary Statements:

P261:	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P264:	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P270:	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
P272:	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
P273:	Avoid release to the environment
P280:	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P301 + P312 + P330 + P331:	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if feel unwell, rinse mouth. Do Not induce vomiting
P303 + P361 + P353:	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310:	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310:	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.
P322:	Specific measures (see supplemental first aid instruction on this label)
P333 + P313:	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P361:	Remove/ Take off immediately all contaminated clothing.
P363:	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P370 + P378:	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam for extinction.
P501:	Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified

Harmful if swallowed.	Severe eye irritant.
Corrosive	May cause sensitization by skin contact.
Components of the product may affect the nervous system.	Harmful in contact with skin
Severe skin irritant.	

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% w/w	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					
			ACGIH		OSHA		IDLH mg/m ³	OTHER mg/m ³
			TLV mg/m ³	STEL mg/m ³	PEL mg/m ³	STEL mg/m ³		
Methylene Oxide, polymer with benzeneamine, hydrogenated	135108-88-2	40 - 70	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
benzyl alcohol	100-51-6	15-40	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	WEEL (TWA) 44.2 (10 ppm)
Aminoethyl piperazine, 1-2-, (AEP)	140-31-8	10 - 30	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Nonyl Phenol	84852-15-3	10 - 30	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Methylenebis(cyclohexanamine, 4,4'-	1761-71-3	<5	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	90-72-2	<5	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE	NE
Water and other ingredients. The other ingredients are each present in less than 1 percent concentration in this product.		Balance	The components present in the balance of this product do not contribute any significant, additional hazards. All hazard information pertinent to this product has been presented in the remaining sections of this Material Safety Data Sheet, per the requirements of Federal Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).					
VOC: Component = 0 Grams/Liter			As Applied – 6 Grams/Liter (Part of Multi-Component System)					

NE = Not Established. C = Ceiling Limit. See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

NOTE: All WHMIS required information is included. It is located in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1993 format.

4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

General advice: Seek medical advice. If breathing has stopped or is labored, give assisted respirations. Supplemental oxygen may be indicated. If the heart has stopped, trained personnel should begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation immediately.

Eye contact: Hold eyelids apart, initiate and maintain gently and continuous irrigation until the patient receives medical care. If medical care is not promptly available, continue to irrigate for one hour. Rinse immediately with plenty of water also under the eyelids for at least 20 minutes.

Skin contact: Immediately remove contaminated clothing, and any extraneous chemical, if possible to do so without delay. Initiate and maintain continuous irrigation until the patient receives medical care. If medical care is not promptly available, continue to irrigate for one hour. Cover wound with sterile dressing. Take of contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. **NOTE TO PHYSICIANS:** Application of corticosteroid cream has been effective in treating skin irritation.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Prevent aspiration of vomit. Turn victim's head to the side.

Inhalation: If breathed in, move to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

Most important Symptoms/effects – acute and delayed: Eye disease. Skin disorders and allergies. Neurological disorders

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

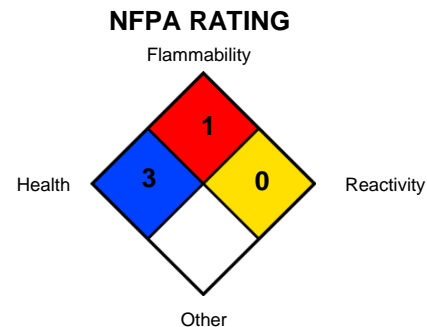
FLASH POINT, °C (method): >100°C (212°F) Closed Cup
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE, °C: ND
FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):

Lower (LEL): NE
Upper (UEL): NE

FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:

Water Spray: YES
Foam: YES
Halon: ND

Carbon Dioxide: YES
Dry Chemical: YES
Other: Any "ABC" Class.



UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Run-off from fire control may cause pollution. Keep fire-exposed containers cool with water spray to prevent rupture due to excessive heat. High pressure water hose may spread product from broken containers increasing contamination. If involved in a fire, this product may decompose to produce a variety of compounds (i.e. carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, aldehydes, nitrogen oxides and compounds). Emergency responders must wear the proper personal protective equipment suitable for the situation to which they are responding. Products of combustion are irritating to the respiratory tract and may cause breathing difficulty. Symptoms may be delayed several hours or longer depending upon the extent of exposure.

Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not sensitive.
Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Not sensitive.

SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Incipient fire responders should wear eye protection. Structural fire fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. Move fire-exposed containers, if it can be done without risk to firefighters. If possible, prevent run-off water from entering storm drains, bodies of water, or other environmentally sensitive areas. If necessary, discard or decontaminate fire response equipment before returning such equipment to service.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

SPILL AND LEAK RESPONSE: Uncontrolled releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a spill, clear the affected area, protect people, and respond with trained personnel.

The proper personal protective equipment for incidental releases (e.g. -1 L of the product released in a well-ventilated area) use impermeable gloves, specific for the material handled, goggles, face shield, and appropriate body protection. In the event of a large release, use impermeable gloves, specific for the material handled, chemically resistant suit and boots, and hard-hat. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or respirator may be required where engineering controls are not adequate or conditions for potential exposure exist. When respirators are required, Select NIOSH/MSHA approved based on actual or potential airborne concentrations in accordance with latest OSHA and/or ANSI recommendations. Absorb spilled liquid with polypads or other suitable absorbent materials. Neutralize residue with sodium bicarbonate and water rinse. Decontaminate the area thoroughly. Test area with litmus paper to confirm neutralization. Place all spill residue in a suitable container. Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State, and local hazardous waste disposal regulations (see Section 13, Disposal Considerations).

7. HANDLING and STORAGE

WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES: As with all chemicals, avoid getting this product ON YOU or IN YOU. Wash hands after handling this product. Do not eat or drink while handling this material. Remove contaminated clothing immediately. Discard contaminated clothing items, or launder before re-use. Inform anyone handling such contaminated laundry of the hazards associated with this product. Use ventilation and other engineering controls to minimize potential exposure to this product.

STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES: All employees who handle this material should be trained to handle it safely. Avoid breathing mists or sprays generated by this product. Use in a well-ventilated location.

For Non-Bulk Containers: Open containers slowly, on a stable surface. Containers of this product must be properly labeled. Store containers in a cool, dry location, away from direct sunlight, sources of intense heat, or where freezing is possible. Material should be stored in secondary containers, or in a diked area, as appropriate. Store containers away from incompatible chemicals. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Wash thoroughly after using this material. Storage areas should be made of fire-resistant materials. If appropriate, post warning signs in storage and use areas. Inspect all incoming containers before storage, to ensure containers are properly labeled and not damaged. Empty containers may contain residual liquid, therefore, empty containers should be handled with care.

Bulk Containers: All tanks and pipelines which contain this material must be labeled. Perform routine maintenance on tanks or pipelines which contain this product. Report all leaks immediately to the proper personnel.

Tank Car Shipments: Tank cars carrying this product should be loaded and unloaded in strict accordance with tank-car manufacturer's recommendation and all established on-site safety procedures. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be used (see Section 8, Engineering Controls and Personal Protective Equipment.). All loading and unloading equipment must be inspected, prior to each use. Loading and unloading operations must be attended, at all times. Tank cars must be level, brakes must be set or wheels must be locked or blocked prior to loading or unloading. Tank car (for loading) or storage tank (for unloading) must be verified to be correct for receiving this product and be properly prepared, prior to starting the transfer operations. Hoses must be verified to be clean and free of incompatible chemicals, prior to connection to the tank car or vessel. Valves and hoses must be verified to be in the correct positions, before starting transfer operations. A sample (if required) must be taken and verified (if required) prior to starting transfer operations. All lines must be blown-down and purged before disconnecting them from the tank car or vessel.

PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT: Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain application equipment is locked and tagged-out safely. Always use this product in areas where adequate ventilation is provided. Decontaminate equipment before maintenance begins by a triple-rinse with water followed, if necessary, by using sodium bicarbonate and an additional rinse. Collect all rinsates and dispose of according to applicable Federal, State, or local procedures.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION

VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS: If required use a corrosion-resistant ventilation system separate from other exhaust ventilation systems to ensure that there is no potential for overexposure to sprays, or mists of this product and that exposures are below those in section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). Ensure eyewash/safety shower stations are available near areas where this product is used.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Maintain airborne contaminant concentrations below exposure limits listed in Section 2 (Composition and Information on Ingredients). If respiratory protection is needed, use only protection authorized in 29 CFR 1910.134, or applicable State regulations. If adequate ventilation is not available or if there is potential for airborne exposure above the exposure limits (listed in Section 2) a respirator may be worn up to respirator exposure limitations, check with respirator equipment manufactures recommendations/limitations. For a higher level of protection use positive pressure supplied air respiration protection or Self Contained Breathing Apparatus or if oxygen levels are below 19.5% or are unknown.

EMERGENCY OR PLANNED ENTRY INTO UNKNOWN CONCENTRATIONS OR IDLH CONDITIONS:

Positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus; or positive pressure, full-facepiece Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with an auxiliary positive pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

EYE PROTECTION: Splash goggles or safety glasses. Face-shields are recommended when the operation can generate splashes, sprays or mists.

HAND PROTECTION: Wear appropriate gloves for routine industrial use. Use appropriate gloves for spill response, as stated in Section 6 of this MSDS (Accidental Release Measures).

BODY PROTECTION: Use body protection appropriate for task. Cover-all, rubber aprons, or chemical protective clothing made from natural rubber are generally acceptable, depending upon the task.



**Vapor
Respirator**



Safety Glasses



Safety Gloves



Synthetic Apron

9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

RELATIVE VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1): ND

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water = 1): 1.01

SOLUBILITY IN WATER: Slightly soluble.

VAPOR PRESSURE, mm Hg @ 21 °C: ND

ODOR: Amine

LOG WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION COEFFICIENT: Not available.

APPEARANCE AND COLOR: This product is an amber liquid solution.

HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties): ND

EVAPORATION RATE (n-BuAc=1): ND

MELTING/FREEZING POINT: Not established.

BOILING POINT: >200°C (392°F)

pH: Not Established (Alkaline)

10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Stable.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Thermal decomposition products of this solution can include a variety of compounds. (i.e. Nitric acid, Ammonia, Nitrogen Oxides, Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, Aldehydes and other compounds).

MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE: Avoid contact with acids, reactive metals, sodium hypochlorite, peroxides, and oxidizers.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur by itself. Considerable exothermic reaction with epoxy resins is possible.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid exposure or contact to extreme temperatures and incompatible chemicals.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely routes of exposure

Effects on Eye:	Corneal edema may give rise to a perception of “blue haze” or “fog” around lights. Exposed individuals may see rings around bright lights. This effect is temporary and has no known residual effect. Product vapor can cause glaucoma (corneal edema) when absorbed into the tissue of the eye from the atmosphere. Causes eye burns. May cause blindness. Severe eye irritation.
Effects on Skin:	Causes skin burns. If absorbed through the skin, may cause central nervous system effects, such as headache, nausea, dizziness, confusion, breathing difficulties. Harmful in contact with skin. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting.
Inhalation Effects:	Can cause severe eye, skin and respiratory tract burns. May cause central nervous system effects, such as headache, nausea, dizziness, confusion, breathing difficulties. Severe cases of overexposure can result in respiratory failure.
Ingestion Effects:	Harmful if swallowed. If ingested, severe burns of the mouth and throat, as well as a danger of perforation of the oesophagus and the stomach. May cause central nervous system effects, such as headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dizziness, confusion, breathing difficulties. Severe cases of overexposure can result in respiratory failure.
Symptoms:	No data available

TOXICITY DATA: Additional toxicology information for components greater than 1 percent in concentration is provided below.

	<u>CAS 135108-88-2</u>	<u>CAS 100-51-6</u>	<u>CAS 140-31-8</u>
Ingestion: LD50:	>500 mg/kg (Rat) est.	ND	2,097 mg/kg (Rat)
Inhalation: LC50:	ND	(4hr): > 4.178 mg/l (Rat)	ND
Skin: LD50:	> 2,000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	2,000 mg/kg (Rabbit)	880 mg/kg (Rabbit)
	<u>CAS 1761-71-3</u>	<u>CAS 90-72-2</u>	<u>CAS 84852-15-3</u>
Ingestion LD50:	ND	1,670 mg/kg (Rat)	1,412 mg/kg (Rat)
Inhalation LC50:	ND	ND	ND
Skin LC50:	2,110 mg/kg (Rabbit)	1,400 mg/kg (Rabbit)	ND

Eye irritation/corrosion:	Severe eye irritation
Acute dermal irritation/corrosion	Severe skin irritation

Chronic Health Hazard

The product or a component may be mutagenic, the data is inconclusive. Mixed polycycloaliphatic amines was tested in rats for systemic effects in a subchronic (28-day) oral study at doses ranging from 15 to 300 mg/kg/day. Effects seen at 300 mg/kg/day included decreased survival, decreased body weight gain, increased liver, kidney, and adrenal weights and histological changes in the liver, kidney, adrenals and spleen. The No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL) was 15 mg/kg/day. Rats exposed orally to 800 mg/kg benzyl alcohol for thirteen weeks exhibited CNS depression and histopathological changes in the brain, thymus and skeletal muscles. The No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL) was 400 mg/kg. No evidence of carcinogenicity was seen in a two-year study with rats and mice.

SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT: The major components of this product are not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, IARC, CAL/OSHA in concentrations > 0.1 %; and are therefore not considered to be, nor suspected to be, cancer-causing agents by these agencies.

IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT: This product is severely irritating and corrosive to contaminated tissue.

SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT: Prolonged or repeated skin contact can result in the development of rashes, and other allergy-like symptoms.

REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION: Listed below is information concerning the effects of this product and its components on the human reproductive system.

<u>Mutagenicity:</u>	This product is not reported to produce mutagenic effects in humans..
<u>Embryotoxicity:</u>	This product is not reported to produce embryotoxic effects in humans.
<u>Teratogenicity:</u>	This product is not reported to cause teratogenic effects in humans.
<u>Reproductive Toxicity:</u>	Suspected human reproductive toxicant

A mutagen is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generational lines. An embryotoxin is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A teratogen is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A reproductive toxin is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.

BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES: Currently there are no Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) associated with the components of this product.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE Skin disorders can be aggravated by over-exposure to this product. Inhalation of this products mists may aggravate respiratory conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS: Treat symptoms and eliminate over-exposure to this product.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ALL WORK PRACTICES MUST BE AIMED AT ELIMINATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.

Aquatic toxicity: ND

Toxicity to fish – Components

Benzyl alcohol	LC50 (96 h): 10 mg/l Bluegill sunfish (<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>)
Benzyl alcohol	LC50 (96 h): 460 mg/l Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)
Methylenebiscyclohexamine, 4,4'-	LC0 (96 h): 46 mg/l Golden orfe (<i>Leuciscus idus</i>)
Methylenebiscyclohexamine, 4,4'-	LC50 (96 h): >100 mg/l Golden orfe (<i>Leuciscus idus</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	LC50 (24 h): 222 mg/l Rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	LC100 (96 h): 240 mg/l Rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	LC0 (96 h): 180 mg/l Rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	LC50 (24 h): 249 mg/l Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	LC50 (96 h): 175 mg/l Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)

Toxicity to daphnia – Components

Methylenebiscyclohexamine, 4,4'-	EC50 (48 h): 6.84 mg/l Daphnia magna
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	EC50 (96 h): 718 mg/l Grass shrimp (<i>Palaemonetes</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	EC100 (96 h): 1,000 mg/l Mud crab (<i>Neopanope</i>)
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	EC0 (96 h): 750 mg/l Mud crab (<i>Neopanope</i>)

Toxicity to algae – Components

Benzyl alcohol	IC50 (72 h): 700 mg/l Algae
Methylenebiscyclohexamine, 4,4'-	EC50 (72 h): 140-200 mg/l Algae
Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol	EC50 (72 h): 84 mg/l <i>Scenedesmus subspicatus</i>

Tris-2,4,6-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenol NOEC: 6.25 mg/l

Toxicity to other organisms: ND

Phenol, 4-nonyl-, branched

Acute and Prolonged Toxicity to Fish:	LC50: 0.31 mg/l (Sheepshead minnow (<i>Cyprinodon variegates</i>), 96 hrs) LC50: 0.135 mg/l (Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>), 96 hrs)
Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates:	EC50: 140 mg/l (Water Flea (<i>Daphnia magna</i>), 48 hrs)
Toxicity to Aquatic Plants:	EC50: 1.3 mg/l, End Point: biomass (Green algae (<i>Scenedesmus subspicatus</i>), 72 hrs)
Toxicity to Microorganisms	IC10: 10-16 mg/l, (<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>)
Biodegradation:	aerobic, 7%, Exposure time: 28 days
Bioaccumulation	Fathead minnow (<i>pimephales promelas</i>), Exposure time: 20 days, 271 BCF

16. OTHER INFORMATION

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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these which are commonly used include the following:

CAS #: This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent. It is used for computer-related searching.

EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits.

TLV - Threshold Limit Value - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour **Time Weighted Average (TWA)**, the 15-minute **Short Term Exposure Limit**, and the instantaneous **Ceiling Level**. Skin adsorption effects must also be considered.

OSHA - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register: 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order.

IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30-minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury. **The DFG - MAK** is the Republic of Germany's Maximum Exposure Level, similar to the U.S. PEL. **NIOSH** is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called Recommended Exposure Levels (**RELs**). When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of **NE** is made for reference.

HMIS HAZARD RATINGS:

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM: Health Hazard:

0 (minimal acute or chronic exposure hazard); **1** (slight acute or chronic exposure hazard); **2** (moderate acute or significant chronic exposure hazard); **3** (severe acute exposure hazard; onetime over-exposure can result in permanent injury and may be fatal); **4** (extreme acute exposure hazard; onetime over-exposure can be fatal). Flammability Hazard: **0** (minimal hazard); **1** (materials that require substantial pre-heating before burning); **2** (combustible liquid or solids; liquids with a flash point of 38-93°C [100-200°F]); **3** (Class IB and IC flammable liquids with flash points below 38°C [100°F]); **4** (Class IA flammable liquids with flash points below 23°C [73°F] and boiling points below 38°C [100°F]). Reactivity Hazard: **0** (normally stable); **1** (material that can become unstable at elevated temperatures or which can react slightly with water); **2** (materials that are unstable but do not detonate or which can react violently with water); **3** (materials that can detonate when initiated or which can react explosively with water); **4** (materials that can detonate at normal temperatures or pressures).

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION: Health Hazard: **0**

(material that on exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials); **1** (materials that on exposure under fire conditions could cause irritation or minor residual injury); **2** (materials that on intense or continued exposure under fire conditions could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury); **3** (materials that can on short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury); **4** (materials that under very short exposure could cause death or major residual injury). Flammability Hazard and Reactivity Hazard: Refer to definitions for "Hazardous Materials Identification System".

FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the National Fire Protection Association (**NFPA**). Flash Point - Minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off sufficient vapors to form an ignitable mixture with air. Autoignition Temperature: The minimum temperature required to initiate combustion in air with no other source of ignition. LEL - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. UEL - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Possible health hazards as derived from human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: **LD₅₀** - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **LC₅₀** - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **ppm** concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; **mg/m³** concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; **mg/kg** quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Data from several sources are used to evaluate the cancer-causing potential of the material. The sources are: **IARC** - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; **NTP** - the National Toxicology Program, **RTECS** - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, **OSHA** and **CAL/OSHA**. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. Other measures of toxicity include **TDL_o**, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and **TCL_o** the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; **TDo**, **LDLo**, and **LDo**, or **TC**, **TCo**, **LCLo**, and **LCo**, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause death. **BEI** - Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV.

REGULATORY INFORMATION:

This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. **EPA** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **WHMIS** is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. **DOT** and **TC** are the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Transport Canada, respectively. Other acronyms used are: **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)**; the **Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)**; Marine Pollutant status according to the **DOT**; California's Safe Drinking Water Act (**Proposition 65**); the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund)**; and various state regulations. This section also includes information on the precautionary warnings which appear on the materials package label.