1. Identification

Product Name: Sodium hydroxide, pellets

Cat No.: 13455

CAS-No: 1310-73-2

Synonyms: Caustic soda; Lye

Recommended Use: Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against: Food, drug, pesticide or biocidal product use

2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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<td>Skin Corrosion/irritation</td>
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<td>Target Organs - Respiratory system.</td>
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Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements

- May be corrosive to metals
- Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
- May cause respiratory irritation
Precautionary Statements

Prevention
Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
Keep only in original container

Response
Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation
IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin
IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

Eyes
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion
IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting

Spills
Absorb spillage to prevent material damage

Storage
Store locked up
Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed
Store in corrosive resistant polypropylene container with a resistant inliner
Store in a dry place

Disposal
Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)
Other hazards
Water reactive.

3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

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<th>CAS-No</th>
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<td>Sodium carbonate</td>
<td>497-19-8</td>
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4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact
Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Skin Contact
Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.

Inhalation
Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket
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Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.

Most important symptoms and effects

Causes burns by all exposure routes. Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media

Substance is nonflammable; use agent most appropriate to extinguish surrounding fire.

Unsuitable Extinguishing Media

Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Flash Point

Not applicable

Method -

No information available

Autoignition Temperature

No information available

Explosion Limits

Upper

No data available

Lower

No data available

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact

No information available

Sensitivity to Static Discharge

No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors. Water reactive. Corrosive Material. Causes severe burns by all exposure routes.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO2) Sodium oxides

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear.

NFPA

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<th>Health</th>
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6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions

Use personal protective equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Avoid dust formation. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Environmental Precautions

Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.

Methods for Containment and Clean Up

Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.

7. Handling and storage

Handling

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

Storage

Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Corrosives area.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines
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### 9. Physical and chemical properties

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<th>Component</th>
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<th>OSHA PEL</th>
<th>NIOSH IDLH</th>
<th>Mexico OEL (TWA)</th>
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**Legend**

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

**Engineering Measures**

Use only under a chemical fume hood. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eye/face Protection**

Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.

**Skin and body protection**

Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

**Respiratory Protection**

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**Hygiene Measures**

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

### 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactive Hazard**

None known, based on information available

**Stability**

Water reactive. Hygroscopic.
Conditions to Avoid
Avoid dust formation. Incompatible products. Excess heat. Exposure to moist air or water.

Incompatible Materials
Water, Metals, Acids

Hazardous Decomposition Products
Carbon monoxide (CO), Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Sodium oxides

Hazardous Polymerization
Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

Hazardous Reactions
None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity

Product Information

Component Information

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<th>LD50 Oral</th>
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<td>&gt; 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)</td>
<td>2.3 mg/l 2h (Rat)</td>
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Toxicologically Synergistic Products
No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation
Causes severe burns by all exposure routes

Sensitization
No information available

Carcinogenicity
The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

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Mutagenic Effects
Mutagenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Reproductive Effects
No information available.

Developmental Effects
No information available.

Teratogenicity
No information available.

STOT - single exposure
Respiratory system

STOT - repeated exposure
None known

Aspiration hazard
No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed
Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation

Endocrine Disruptor Information
No information available

Other Adverse Effects
See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity
Do not empty into drains.

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Legend:
- X - Listed
- E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.
- F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.
- N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.
- P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance
- R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.
- S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule
- T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.
- XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base
- Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B).)
- Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.
- Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants.

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods
Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

14. Transport information

DOT
- UN-No: UN1823
- Proper Shipping Name: Sodium hydroxide, solid
- Hazard Class: 8
- Packing Group: II

TDG
- UN-No: UN1823
- Proper Shipping Name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
- Hazard Class: 8
- Packing Group: II

IATA
- UN-No: UN1823
- Proper Shipping Name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
- Hazard Class: 8
- Packing Group: II

IMDG/IMO
- UN-No: UN1823
- Proper Shipping Name: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID
- Hazard Class: 8
- Packing Group: II

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories
that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313 Not applicable

SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories See section 2 for more information

CWA (Clean Water Act)  

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<th>Component</th>
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Clean Air Act Not applicable

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Not applicable

CERCLA This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

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California Proposition 65 This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
DOT Marine Pollutant: N
DOT Severe Marine Pollutant: N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security This product does not contain any DHS chemicals.

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade No information available

16. Other information

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