

TAP WATER CONDITIONER

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Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME

TAP WATER CONDITIONER

OTHER NAMES

"Solution ID# 3350"

PRODUCT USE

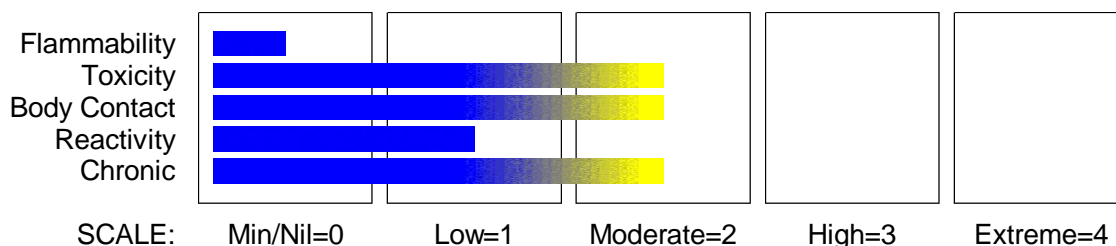
Used according to manufacturer's directions.
For product 52.

SUPPLIER

Company: Mars Fishcare Inc
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Chalfont
PA, 18914
USA
Telephone: +1 215 822 8181
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Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS



GHS Classification

Acute Aquatic Hazard Category 1
Eye Irritation Category 2A
Respiratory Irritation Category 3
Serious Eye Damage Category 1
Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2
Skin Sensitizer Category 1



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EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

HAZARD

DANGER

Determined by Chemwatch using GHS criteria:

H335 H315 H317 H400 H315 H318 H319

May cause respiratory irritation

Causes skin irritation

May cause allergic skin reaction

Very toxic to aquatic life

Causes skin irritation

Causes serious eye damage

Causes serious eye irritation

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Prevention

Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

Avoid release to the environment.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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

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.

Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Collect spillage.

Storage

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

Store locked up.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS RN	%
sodium thiosulfate	7772-98-7	30.2
EDTA tetrasodium salt	64-02-8	9.8

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Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

- Immediately give a glass of water.
- First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

EYE

If this product comes in contact with the eyes:

- Wash out immediately with fresh running water.
- Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.
- Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.
- Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.

SKIN

If skin or hair contact occurs:

- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

INHALED

- If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.
- Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.
- Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.
- Transport to hospital, or doctor.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

Treat symptomatically.

For exposures involving sulfides and hydrogen sulfide (including gastric acid decomposition products of alkaline sulfides):

- Hydrogen sulfide anion produces its major toxic effect through inhibition of cytochrome oxidases.
- Symptoms include profuse salivation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Central nervous effects may include giddiness, headache, vertigo, amnesia, confusion and unconsciousness. Tachypnoea, palpitations, tachycardia, arrhythmia, sweating, weakness and muscle cramps may also indicate overexposure.

Treatment involves:

- If respirations are depressed, application of artificial respiration, administration of oxygen (continue after spontaneous breathing is established).
- For severe poisonings administer amyl nitrite and sodium nitrite (as for cyanide poisoning) but omit sodium thiosulfate injection.
- Atropine sulfate (0.6 mg intramuscularly) may contribute symptomatic relief.
- Conjunctivitis may be relieved by installation of 1 drop of olive-oil in each eye and sometimes by 3 drops of epinephrine solution (1:1000) at frequent intervals. Occasionally local anesthetics and hot and cold compresses are necessary to control pain.
- Antibiotics at first hint of pulmonary infection. [Gosselin et al, Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products]

Hydrogen sulfide is metabolised by oxidation to sulfate, methylation and reaction with metallic ion- or disulfide containing proteins (principally cytochrome c oxidase). This latter reaction is associated with aerobic, cellular respiration and is largely responsible for the toxic effects.

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Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

FIRE/EXPLOSION HAZARD

- Non combustible.
 - Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.
- Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of: carbon dioxide (CO₂), sulfur oxides (SO_x), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.
May emit poisonous fumes.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

- Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

Personal Protective Equipment

Gas tight chemical resistant suit.

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.
- Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.
- Wipe up.
- Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.
- DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.
- DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.
- Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
- When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.
- Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.
- Avoid physical damage to containers.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.
- Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Use good occupational work practice.

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- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.

SUITABLE CONTAINER

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Packing as recommended by manufacturer.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Store in original containers.
- Keep containers securely sealed.
- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.
- Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.
- Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



+: May be stored together
O: May be stored together with specific precautions
X: Must not be stored together

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs)

Z	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m ³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m ³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m ³	Max excursion ppm	Max excursion mg/m ³	Max excursion duration (mins)	TWA F/CC
Z3	Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction		5								
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US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	sodium thiosulfate (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)	10	
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	sodium thiosulfate (Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)	5	
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z3)	sodium thiosulfate (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)	5	*
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	sodium thiosulfate (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)	5	
US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	sodium thiosulfate (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)	5	
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	sodium thiosulfate (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)	5	
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MATERIAL DATA

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Not available

SODIUM THIOSULFATE:

Odour Threshold Value for hydrogen sulfide: 0.0011 ppm (detection), 0.0045 ppm (recognition)

NOTE: Detector tubes for hydrogen sulfide, measuring in excess of 0.5 ppm are available commercially.

The TLV-TWA is protective against sudden death, eye irritation, neurasthenic symptoms such as fatigue, headache, dizziness, and irritability, or permanent central nervous system effects that may result from acute, subchronic, or acute exposure to hydrogen sulfide. The offensive odour of hydrogen sulfide does not give a reliable warning signal because olfactory fatigue occurs at concentrations of 150 to 200 ppm.

Hydrogen sulfide is probably the leading cause of sudden death in the workplace. Lethal hydrogen sulfide toxicity following inhalation of 1000-2000 ppm paralyses the respiratory centre and causes breathing to stop. At concentrations between 500 to 1000 ppm, the carotid bodies are stimulated causing hypernea which is followed by apnea. Low concentrations

(50-1500 ppm) produce eye and respiratory tract irritation. Prolonged exposure to concentrations of the order of 250-500 ppm may produce pulmonary oedema although 50 ppm has also reportedly produced this effect.

Concentrations in excess of 50 ppm produce acute conjunctivitis with pain, lachrymation and photophobia. These acute changes may progress to keratoconjunctivitis and vesiculation of the corneal epithelium.

Concentrations between 5 and 30 ppm produce ocular toxicity.

Odour Safety Factor(OSF)

OSF=1.2E3 (HYDROGEN SULFIDE).

Exposed individuals are reasonably expected to be warned, by smell, that the Exposure Standard is being exceeded.

Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is determined to fall into either Class A or B.

The Odour Safety Factor (OSF) is defined as:

OSF= Exposure Standard (TWA) ppm/ Odour Threshold Value (OTV) ppm

Classification into classes follows:

Class	OSF	Description
A	550	Over 90% of exposed individuals are aware by smell that the Exposure Standard (TLV- TWA for example) is being reached, even when distracted by working activities
B	26- 550	As " A" for 50- 90% of persons being distracted
C	1- 26	As " A" for less than 50% of persons being distracted

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D	0.18- 1	10- 50% of persons aware of being tested perceive by smell that the Exposure Standard is being reached
E	<0.18	As " D" for less than 10% of persons aware of being tested

EDTA TETRASODIUM SALT:

It is the goal of the ACGIH (and other Agencies) to recommend TLVs (or their equivalent) for all substances for which there is evidence of health effects at airborne concentrations encountered in the workplace.

At this time no TLV has been established, even though this material may produce adverse health effects (as evidenced in animal experiments or clinical experience). Airborne concentrations must be maintained as low as is practically possible and occupational exposure must be kept to a minimum.

NOTE: The ACGIH occupational exposure standard for Particles Not Otherwise Specified (P.N.O.S) does NOT apply.

Sensory irritants are chemicals that produce temporary and undesirable side-effects on the eyes, nose or throat. Historically occupational exposure standards for these irritants have been based on observation of workers' responses to various airborne concentrations. Present day expectations require that nearly every individual should be protected against even minor sensory irritation and exposure standards are established using uncertainty factors or safety factors of 5 to 10 or more. On occasion animal no-observable-effect-levels (NOEL) are used to determine these limits where human results are unavailable. An additional approach, typically used by the TLV committee (USA) in determining respiratory standards for this group of chemicals, has been to assign ceiling values (TLV C) to rapidly acting irritants and to assign short-term exposure limits (TLV STELs) when the weight of evidence from irritation, bioaccumulation and other endpoints combine to warrant such a limit. In contrast the MAK Commission (Germany) uses a five-category system based on intensive odour, local irritation, and elimination half-life. However this system is being replaced to be consistent with the European Union (EU) Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL); this is more closely allied to that of the USA.

OSHA (USA) concluded that exposure to sensory irritants can:

- cause inflammation
- cause increased susceptibility to other irritants and infectious agents
- lead to permanent injury or dysfunction
- permit greater absorption of hazardous substances and
- acclimate the worker to the irritant warning properties of these substances thus increasing the risk of overexposure.

PERSONAL PROTECTION



EYE

- Safety glasses with side shields
- Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each

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workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

HANDS/FEET

- Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.
- Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

OTHER

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required. For further information consult site specific CHEMWATCH data (if available), or your Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator. Correct fit is essential to obtain adequate protection. Supplied-air type respirator may be required in special circumstances. Correct fit is essential to ensure adequate protection. An approved self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area. Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant:	Air Speed:
solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air).	0.25- 0.5 m/s (50- 100 f/min.)
aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer transfers, welding, spray drift, plating acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation)	0.5- 1 m/s (100- 200 f/min.)
direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of rapid air motion)	1- 2.5 m/s (200- 500 f/min.)
grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial velocity into zone of very high rapid air motion).	2.5- 10 m/s (500- 2000 f/min.)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

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Lower end of the range

- 1: Room air currents minimal or favourable to capture
- 2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only.
- 3: Intermittent, low production.
- 4: Large hood or large air mass in motion

Upper end of the range

- 1: Disturbing room air currents
- 2: Contaminants of high toxicity
- 3: High production, heavy use
- 4: Small hood- local control only

Simple theory shows that air velocity falls rapidly with distance away from the opening of a simple extraction pipe. Velocity generally decreases with the square of distance from the extraction point (in simple cases). Therefore the air speed at the extraction point should be adjusted, accordingly, after reference to distance from the contaminating source. The air velocity at the extraction fan, for example, should be a minimum of 1-2 m/s (200-400 f/min) for extraction of solvents generated in a tank 2 meters distant from the extraction point. Other mechanical considerations, producing performance deficits within the extraction apparatus, make it essential that theoretical air velocities are multiplied by factors of 10 or more when extraction systems are installed or used.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE

Clear odourless liquid; mixes with water.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid.

Mixes with water.

State	Liquid	Molecular Weight	Not Applicable
Melting Range (°F)	Not Available	Viscosity	Not Available
Boiling Range (°F)	Not Available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not Applicable	pH (1% solution)	Not Available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	10- 12
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not Applicable	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.223
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Applicable	Relative Vapour Density (air=1)	Not Available
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available	Evaporation Rate	Not Available

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY AND REACTIVITY INFORMATION

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- Presence of incompatible materials.
 - Product is considered stable.
 - Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.
- For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.*

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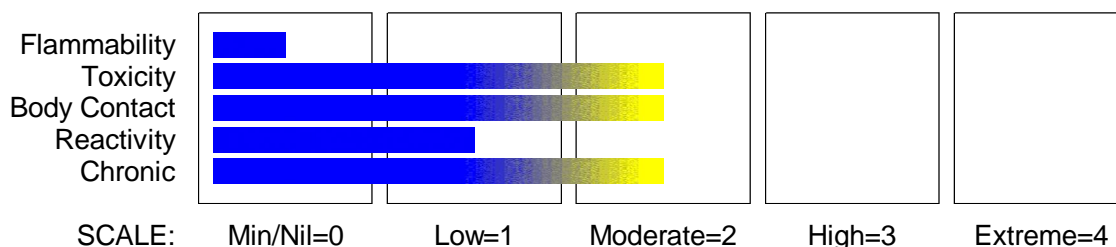
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CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS



POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

The material has NOT been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence. The material may still be damaging to the health of the individual, following ingestion, especially where pre-existing organ (eg. liver, kidney) damage is evident. Present definitions of harmful or toxic substances are generally based on doses producing mortality rather than those producing morbidity (disease, ill-health). Gastrointestinal tract discomfort may produce nausea and vomiting. In an occupational setting however, ingestion of insignificant quantities is not thought to be cause for concern.

EYE

This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.

Although the liquid is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may produce transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn).

SKIN

This material can cause inflammation of the skin on contact in some persons.

The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.

Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED

If inhaled, this material can irritate the throat and lungs of some persons.

Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Skin contact with the material is more likely to cause a sensitisation reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Substance accumulation, in the human body, may occur and may cause some concern following repeated or long-term occupational exposure.

Long term low level exposure to hydrogen sulfide may produce headache, fatigue, dizziness, irritability and loss of sexual desire. These symptoms may also result when exposed to hydrogen sulfide at high concentration for a short period of time.

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TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

Not available. Refer to individual constituents.

SODIUM THIOSULFATE:

unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

TOXICITY

Oral (human) TDLo: 300 mg/kg/7d

IRRITATION

Nil Reported

[Hach]

Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ceases. This may be due to a non-allergenic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur following exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Key criteria for the diagnosis of RADS include the absence of preceding respiratory disease, in a non-atopic individual, with abrupt onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. A reversible airflow pattern, on spirometry, with the presence of moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia, have also been included in the criteria for diagnosis of RADS. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. Industrial bronchitis, on the other hand, is a disorder that occurs as result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particulate in nature) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterised by dyspnea, cough and mucus production.

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TOXICITY

IRRITATION

Eyes (rabbit): 1.9 mg

Eyes (rabbit): 100 mg/24h- Moderate

*[BASF]

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's oedema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type. Other allergic skin reactions, e.g. contact urticaria, involve antibody-mediated immune reactions. The significance of the contact allergen is not simply determined by its sensitisation potential: the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitising substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitising potential with which few individuals come into contact. From a clinical point of view, substances are noteworthy if they produce an allergic test reaction in more than 1% of the persons tested.

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EDTA is a strong organic acid (approximately 1000 times stronger than acetic acid). It has a high affinity for alkaline-earth ions (for example, calcium and magnesium) and heavy-metal ions (for example, lead and mercury). This affinity generally results in the formation of highly stable and soluble hexadentate chelate complexes. EDTA's ability to complex is used commercially to either promote or inhibit chemical reactions, depending on application

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EDTA and its salts are expected to be absorbed the lungs and gastrointestinal tract; absorption through the skin is unlikely.

In general, EDTA and its salts are mild skin irritants but considered severe eye irritants. The greatest risk in the human body will occur when the EDTA attempts to scavenge the trace metals used and required by the body. The binding of divalent and trivalent cations by EDTA can cause mineral deficiencies, which seem to be responsible for all of the known pharmacological effects. Sensitivity to the toxic effects of EDTA is, at least in part, related to the deficiency of zinc.

Several short term studies, reported no adverse effects from administering doses up to 5% of EDTA and its salts to lab rodents daily and for several weeks. Only diarrhoea and lowered food consumption were reported in animals given 5% disodium EDTA. However, abnormal effects were seen in animals that were fed mineral deficient diets. Abnormal symptoms were observed in male and female rats fed a low mineral diet (0.54% Ca and 0.013%Fe) with the addition of 0%, 0.5%, or 1% disodium EDTA for 205 days. Rats fed a low percent of disodium EDTA in the diet for short term studies with adequate minerals showed no signs of toxicity. Rats fed 0.5% disodium EDTA for 44-52 weeks were without deleterious effects on weight gain, appetite, activity and appearance. Rats fed 1% disodium EDTA with adequate mineral diet for 220 days showed no evidence of dental erosion.

EDTA and its salts are eliminated from the body, 95% via the kidneys and 5% by the bile, along with the metals and free ionic calcium which was bound in transit through the circulatory system. Trisodium EDTA was tested in a bioassay for carcinogenicity by the National Cancer Institute. Trisodium EDTA administered to male and female rats at low (3,750 ppm) or high (7,500 ppm) concentrations for 103 weeks produced no compound-related signs of chemical toxicity, and tumor incidence was not related to treatment. EDTA and its salts should not pose a teratogenic concern based on previous studies in lab rodents. Study results indicate no teratogenic effects are likely in lab rodents at doses up to 1000 mg/kg. Adequate minerals in the diet and administration of tap water prevented possible teratogenic effects of EDTA during pregnancy. Teratogenic effects observed in lab rodents were likely due to animals maintained on deionised water and a semi-purified diet, and housed in nonmetallic caging. Infants and children will unlikely be exposed to high concentrations as in lab rodents.

Rats given 1250 mg/kg or 1500 mg/kg by gavage exhibited more maternal toxicity than the diet group, but produced only 21% malformations in the offspring at the lower dose. The subcutaneously administration of 375 mg/kg was also maternally toxic, but did not result in malformations in the offspring. Differences in toxicity and teratogenicity are probably related to absorption differences and interaction with metals. Disodium EDTA ingested during pregnancy is teratogenic in rats at 2% in the diet and greater. The maximum human consumption of EDTA and its salts in foods was reported to be on the order of 0.4 mg/kg/day. Infants and children also generally drink tap water instead of deionised or distilled water. Even if young infants were to be fed some solid food, given the characteristics of EDTA and its salts, residues are not likely to be present at concentrations for potential sensitivity.

Oral (rat) LD50: 2000-3200 mg/kg* Skin (rabbit):500 mg/24h-moderate

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Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

EDTA TETRASODIUM SALT:

SODIUM THIOSULFATE:

Do NOT allow product to come in contact with surface waters or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment wash-waters. Wastes resulting from use of the product must be disposed of on site or at approved waste sites.

SODIUM THIOSULFATE:

EDTA TETRASODIUM SALT:

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DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

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SODIUM THIOSULFATE:

Very toxic to aquatic organisms.

Sulfide ion is very toxic to aquatic life, threshold concentration for fresh or saltwater fish is 0.5ppm. The product therefore is very toxic to aquatic life. The major decomposition product, hydrogen sulfide, is damaging to vegetation at 5ppm for 24 hours.

For hydrogen sulfide:

Environmental fate:

Since hydrogen sulfide exists as a gas at atmospheric pressure, partitioning to the air is likely to occur after environmental releases. However, the compound is also soluble in oil and water, and therefore, may partition as well to surface water, groundwater, or moist soil. In addition, sorption of hydrogen sulfide from air onto soil and plant foliage occurs. Hydrogen sulfide's solubility in pure water varies with temperature from 5.3 g/L at 10 °C to 3.2 g/L at 30 °C. Once hydrogen sulfide is dissolved in water, it will dissociate into bisulfide ion (HS^-) and sulfide ion (S^{2-}); the ratio of the concentrations of these various ions will depend on the pH of the solution. Hydrogen sulfide can also form insoluble sulfide salts with various metals (i.e., copper, zinc, nickel, and iron) that may be present in soils or environmental waters. Hydrogen sulfide evaporates easily from water, and the rate of evaporation depends on factors such as temperature, humidity, pK_a , pH, and the concentration of certain metal ions. Hydrogen sulfide will cross the air-water interface with kinetics similar to other unreactive gases, such as oxygen (O_2), nitrogen (N_2), and carbon dioxide (CO_2), at pHs ≤ 6 . At higher pHs, such as seawater, which has a pH of 8 or greater, hydrogen sulfide escape is enhanced due to an ionic species gradient in the water close to the surface. Complexation of bisulfide and sulfide ions to trace metal ions (i.e., Zn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , and Ni^{2+}) found in seawater will also have an effect on the transport of hydrogen sulfide across the air-water interface.

Clay or organic matter may sorb hydrogen sulfide. Under natural conditions, it is likely that some of the hydrogen sulfide would be oxidized to sulfate, which may be removed by leaching or taken up by plants. This, in turn, may make gas sorption sites available for additional sorption. Several species of soil, aquatic, and marine microorganisms oxidize hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur, and its half-time in these environments usually ranges from 1 hour to several hours. Food chain bioconcentration and biomagnification are unlikely. In the atmosphere, hydrogen sulfide may be oxidized by oxygen (O_2) and ozone (O_3) to give sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and ultimately sulfate compounds. Sulfur dioxide and sulfates are eventually removed from the atmosphere through absorption by plants, deposition on and sorption by soils, or through precipitation. A residence time of approximately 1.7 days at an ozone concentration of 0.05 mg/m³ has been calculated for hydrogen sulfide. The effective life-times for hydrogen sulfide based on summer daytime and yearly average hydroxyl radical concentrations have been estimated to be 0.23 and 2.3 days, respectively, based a measured rate constant of 4.8×10^{-12} cm³/molecule second. Life-times in air ranging from approximately 1 day in the summer to 42 days in the winter have been estimated for hydrogen sulfide. Hydrogen sulfide is not expected to be decomposed by direct absorption of ultraviolet radiation and the reaction with ozone is not expected to be a significant environmental fate.

In aqueous solution, hydrogen sulfide is a weak acid, exhibiting two acid dissociation constants. The first dissociation yields bisulfide ion (HS^-), and the second yields sulfide ion (S^{2-}), with pK_a values for each of these dissociations of 7.04 and 11.96, respectively. At a pH of 7.0, the ratio of the concentration of aqueous hydrogen sulfide to bisulfate ion is approximately 1-to-1. As the pH increases above 7.0, the ratio of the concentration of bisulfide ion to aqueous hydrogen sulfide increases. At a pH of 8, the ratio of the concentration of bisulfide ion to the concentration of aqueous hydrogen sulfide is approximately 10-to-1. The relative concentration of sulfide ion does not begin to increase until a pH of 11 is exceeded; only above pH 12 will the concentration of sulfide ion become significant (>50%). Hydrogen sulfide oxidation by O_2 readily occurs in surface waters. At 25 °C and pH 8, half-times of 50 and 26 hours were reported for hydrogen sulfide in water and seawater, respectively. Above pH 8, however, the rate of oxidation was independent of pH. Hydrogen sulfide in waste water may be controlled by addition of oxidizing chemicals, which react to form less toxic byproducts. In warm, damp environments (such as manholes and gravity sewers), hydrogen sulfide may be oxidized by autotrophic bacteria to sulfuric acid. Chemical oxidation of hydrogen sulfide dissolved in sewage water produces sulfur at pH 6–7, while sulfur, polysulfides, thiosulfates, and ultimately sulfate are

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formed at pHs of 7–9.

Hydrogen sulfide is one of the principal components in the natural sulfur cycle. Bacteria, fungi, and actinomycetes (a fungus-like bacteria) release hydrogen sulfide during the decomposition of sulfur containing proteins and by the direct reduction of sulfate (SO_4^{2-}). Hydrogen sulfide is also consumed by bacteria found in soil and water that oxidize hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur. Photosynthetic bacteria can oxidize hydrogen sulfide to sulfur and sulfate in the presence of light and the absence of oxygen.

A number of microorganisms have been found to degrade hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur or sulfate. Among these are a heterotrophic bacterium of the genus *Xanthomonas* isolated from dimethyl disulfide-acclimated peat, heterotrophic fungi, and a marine isopod. Soils may sorb considerable amounts of hydrogen sulfide from the air, retaining most of it in the form of elemental sulfur. Manganese compound found in these soils appeared to catalyze the oxidation of hydrogen sulfide to elemental sulfur

Ecotoxicity:

Fish LC50 (96 h): 075->0.4 mg/l.

EDTA TETRASODIUM SALT:

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

For ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) (and its salts)

Environmental fate:

Based on its physicochemical properties and collateral experimental results, EDTA is not expected to volatilize from soil or water. When released to the atmosphere, EDTA should sorb to particulate matter, and appears to have the potential to photolyse. In water, EDTA may react with photochemically generated hydroxyl radicals (half-life of approximately 230 days or 8 months).

When released to soil, EDTA is mobile and expected to complex trace metals and alkaline earth metals, thereby causing an increase in the total solubility of the metals. EDTA may eventually predominate as the Fe(III) chelate in acidic soils and as the Ca chelate in alkaline soils. EDTA and its chelates are expected to leach readily through soil. When released to water, EDTA is also expected to form soluble complexes with trace metals and alkaline earth metals. It would not be expected to sorb appreciably to sediments or suspended solids in water, and is known not to be retained or altered chemically in typical water treatment facilities. However depending upon speciation and local conditions, some sorption (approximately 6 to 25%) occurred within a contact time of one month in a sediment removed from a lake in Finland

When released to soil or water EDTA is slow to degrade, with aerobic biodegradation (mineralisation) being the dominant mechanism. Possible biodegradation products include ethylenediamine triacetic acid, iminodiacetic acid, N,N-ethylenediamine diacetic acid, ethylenediamine monoacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid and glycine

Recalcitrance to degradation is associated with the high thermodynamic stability of metal complexes and is problematic for treatment facilities. In a variety of representative soils, common values for the degree of aerobic metabolism of EDTA at a temperature of 30 C and soil concentrations of 2-4 ppm are 13-45% after 15 weeks and 65-70% after 45 weeks

Biodegradation in subsoil or under anaerobic conditions is essentially negligible.

Abiotic degradation in the environment, except for photolysis, is also negligible. Results in sediments were similar to those for soil.

Although EDTA is slow to degrade under typical environmental conditions, based on experimental results with bluegill sunfish and its intrinsic physicochemical properties (ionic nature and water solubility), EDTA is not expected to bioconcentrate

Ecotoxicity:

For EDTA and various salts

Fish LC50 (96 h): 20-430 mg/l

Daphnia LC50 (48 h): 14-100 mg/l

Green algae EC50 (96 h): 3-60 mg/l

EDTA compounds range from practically non-toxic to moderately toxic on an acute basis depending on the salt.

Algae and invertebrates are among the most sensitive species based on predictive modeling for acute and chronic endpoints for EDTA, depending on the compound. EDTA and its salts also do not appear to be very toxic for terrestrial wild mammals and adverse effects from reasonably expected agricultural uses are not expected.

Polyanionic monomers, for example, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) are of concern only for their

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toxicity to green algae. Toxicity to algae is moderate and it appears that the mode of toxic action of these polyanionic monomers is overchelation of nutrient elements needed by algae for growth. Polyanionic monomers are assessed similarly to the polycarboxylic acid polymers.

Not readily biodegradable.

Harmful to aquatic organisms.

May cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

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Fish LC50 (96 h): *Leuciscus idus* >500 mg/l

Daphnia EC50 (48h): >100 mg/l

Algae EC50 (72h): 10-100 mg/l

COD Value: 570 mg O2/g

BOD5-Value: 20 mg O2/g

Toxicity to bacteria: 50 mg/l Warburg test

Ecotoxicity

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	Bioaccumulation	Mobility
sodium thiosulfate	HIGH		LOW	HIGH

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Recycle where possible
Otherwise ensure that:
- licenced contractors dispose of the product and its container.
- disposal occurs at a licenced facility.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

REGULATIONS

Regulations for ingredients

sodium thiosulfate (CAS: 7772-98-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (French)", "International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) - High Production Volume List", "OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

EDTA tetrasodium salt (CAS: 64-02-8, 10378-23-1, 13235-36-4) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (French)", "IMO IBC Code Chapter 17: Summary of minimum requirements", "IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk", "OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) Cosmetic ingredients found safe as used", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US EPA High Production Volume Program Chemical List", "US EPA Master Testing List - Index I Chemicals Listed", "US Food Additive Database", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory"

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INGREDIENTS WITH MULTIPLE CAS NUMBERS

Ingredient Name	CAS
EDTA tetrasodium salt	64- 02- 8, 10378- 23- 1, 13235- 36- 4

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Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:
www.chemwatch.net/references.

The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

For detailed advice on Personal Protective Equipment, refer to the following U.S. Regulations and Standards:

OSHA Standards - 29 CFR:

1910.132 - Personal Protective Equipment - General requirements

1910.133 - Eye and face protection

1910.134 - Respiratory Protection

1910.136 - Occupational foot protection

1910.138 - Hand Protection

Eye and face protection - ANSI Z87.1

Foot protection - ANSI Z41

Respirators must be NIOSH approved.

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