

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200

NE = not established  
NA = not applicable

**PRODUCT IDENTITY:** Sodium Polyacrylate Superabsorbent Polymer

## SECTION I

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## SECTION II - Hazardous Ingredients/Identity Information

<i>Chemical Identity/common Name(s)</i>	<i>OSHA PEL</i>	<i>OSHA STEL</i>	<i>ACGIH TLV</i>
Poly (sodium acrylate) homopolymer or sodium salt of polyacrylic acid CAS # 9033-79-8	NE	NE	NE
<i>Other Limits Recommended:</i>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> recommended exposure limit (small, less 10 microns respirable polyacrylate). See section VI		
	SARA Section 313 Reportable Toxic Chemicals - None		

## SECTION III - Physical Data

<i>Appearance:</i> White, Granular Powder	<i>Odor:</i> slight acrylate odor
<i>Boiling Point:</i> Solid N/A	<i>Melting Point:</i> decomposes above 500° F
<i>Vapor Pressure:</i> Less than 10 mm Hg	<i>Vapor Density:</i> N/A, >1
<i>Evaporation Rate:</i> Less than 1	<i>Specific Gravity:</i> N/A, Bulk Density <1
<i>Solubility:</i> Insoluble, swells in water	

## SECTION IV - Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

<i>Flash Point:</i> None	<i>Flammable Limits:</i> N/E	<i>LEL:</i> N/E	<i>UEL:</i> N/E
<i>Extinguishing Agents:</i> Water, CO <sub>2</sub> , Dry Chemical Extinguishants and Halon			
<i>Special Fire Fighting Procedures:</i> None			
<i>Unusual Fire Hazards:</i> Very slippery when product is in contact with water.			

## SECTION V - Reactivity Data

<i>Stability:</i> Stable	<i>Conditions to Avoid:</i> None Known
<i>Incompatibility:</i> Avoid contact with strong oxidizing agents.	
<i>Decomposition Products:</i> Carbon, oxides of carbon & sodium, water	
<i>Hazardous Polymerization:</i> Will Not Occur	<i>Conditions to Avoid:</i> None Known

## SECTION VI - TOXICITY AND FIRST AID

<b>ROUTES OF ENTRY:</b>	<i>Inhalation?</i> Yes	<i>Skin?</i> No	<i>Ingestion?</i> No
<b>HEALTH HAZARDS ( Acute &amp; Chronic ) :</b> Inhalation may cause mild irritation of upper respiratory tract. Inhalation experiments with animals on similar polyacrylate polymer (using very small particles of less than 10 microns) produced inflammatory tissue response in the lungs.			
<b>CARCINOGENICITY:</b>	<i>NTP?</i> No	<i>ARC Monographs?</i> No	<i>OSHA Registered?</i> No
<b>SIGNS &amp; SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE:</b> Dust may cause reddening, drying of affected area with possible burning or other discomfort. Irritation of the upper respiratory tract and/or eyes.			
<b>MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED by EXPOSURE:</b> Existing respiratory and allergic conditions			
<b>FIRST AID TREATMENT:</b> <u>Eyes:</u> Flush with water or approved eye wash and obtain medical assistance if irritation persists. <u>Skin:</u> Clean thoroughly with large amount of water. <u>Inhalation:</u> Move to fresh air source. If discomfort continues, consult a physician.			

## SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

<b>SPILL PROCEDURE:</b> Collect material and avoid flushing with water if possible. Polymer becomes slippery if flushed with water.
<b>DISPOSAL:</b> Waste can be gathered and disposed of in accordance with existing local, state and federal environmental regulations. Nonhazardous material suitable for approved solid waste landfills
<b>PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE &amp; HANDLING:</b> Avoid eye contact. Avoid prolonged or repeated skin contact. Do not inhale. Do not ingest. Store in a cool, dry place. Close bags or container when not in use.
<b>OTHER PRECAUTIONS:</b> Dusty conditions may irritate the eyes and respiratory system. Wear safety goggles and nuisance dust mask where dust is created.

## SECTION VII - CONTROL MEASURES

<b>RESPIRATION:</b> Use high efficiency filter mask for dust particle levels above 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .	
<b>VENTILATION:</b> Local exhaust to remove airborne particles.	
<b>PROTECTIVE GLOVES:</b> Recommended	<b>EYE PROTECTION:</b> Safety glasses or goggles.
<b>OTHER PROTECTION:</b> None	<b>HYGIENIC PRACTICES:</b> Wash thoroughly after handling