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Do not take action that involves any personal risk or without suitable training. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth-resuscitation. In case of inhalation or decomposition products in a fire, symptoms may be delayed. The exposed person may need to be kept under medical surveillance for 48 hours.

SECTION 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire hazards/conditions of flammability

Not flammable. However, product has oxidizing properties. Contact with combustible material may cause fire. Will support combustion in the absence of oxygen.

Flash point

Not applicable.

Flash point Method

Not applicable.

Auto-ignition temperature

Not applicable.

Lower flammable limit (% by vol.)

Not applicable.

Upper flammable limit (% by vol.)

Not applicable.

Oxidizing properties

Strong oxidizer which will promote combustion.

Flame Projection Length

Not applicable.

Flashback observed

Not applicable.

Explosion data: Sensitivity to mechanical impact / static discharge

Not sensitive to static discharge or mechanical impact under normal conditions of use and handling.

Suitable extinguishing media

Use media appropriate for surrounding material. Normally, fires can be put out using strong water spray (flooding). Foams, carbon dioxide and dry chemicals may be ineffective, due to the strong oxidizing properties of the material.

Special fire-fighting procedures/equipment

Firefighters should wear an approved full-face, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and impervious clothing. Use water spray to keep containers cool. Move containers from fire area if safe to do so.

Hazardous combustion products

May produce the following hazardous combustion or decomposition products when ignited or exposed to extreme heat: Oxides of nitrogen, metal oxides. In addition, burning organics may release carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide gas.

SECTION 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions

Wear suitable protective clothing (see Section 8). Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. Do not smoke. Do not walk through spilled material.

Environmental precautions

Keep material, as well as water from fire-fighting efforts, from entering streams, drains and other water systems. Contact appropriate local and provincial environmental authorities for assistance and/or reporting requirements.

Spill response/cleanup

Eliminate all ignition sources. Remove combustible materials. Scoop up spilled material with non-sparking tools into a suitable container (glass, metal or high-density polyethylene) for storage for disposal. Flush area with water to remove residue - dispose of water appropriately, following environmental regulations. Do not use combustible materials, such as sawdust, as absorbent material. The used containers should be properly closed and labelled. Recycle or dispose of in accordance with environmental regulations. Do not reuse container.

Prohibited materials

Do not use any combustible collection materials, such as sawdust, paper, cardboard or cotton.

SECTION 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

Safe Handling procedures

Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Keep away from combustibles and other incompatibles. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation. Do not breathe dust. Wash hands thoroughly after using this product, and before eating, drinking or smoking. Use with adequate ventilation. Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.

Storage requirements

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, away from heat and ignition sources. Keep away from food and drink. Do not smoke while using this product. Do not store with or near organic materials, strong acids, or reducing agents. Do not store near combustible materials. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Keep away from direct sunlight. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers.

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Incompatible materials Reducing agents; Organic materials; Acids and bases.
Special packaging materials Containers should be made of metal, glass or high-density polyethylene (HDPE). Combustible materials such as wood or paper should not be in direct contact with the product.

SECTION 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>		<u>OSHA PEL</u>	
	<u>TWA</u>	<u>STEL</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>STEL</u>
Calcium nitrate, tetrahydrate	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av	N/Av

Ventilation and engineering measures

Avoid dust formation. If dusts are unavoidable, use local ventilation (explosion proof) to remove dust from work area. Vacuum up loose material with explosion-proof vacuum, or wet-vacuum. Dispose of vacuumed material carefully, since any organic contaminants may cause combustion.

Respiratory protection If used in open areas, natural ventilation may be sufficient. Otherwise, wear a NIOSH/MSHA approved high efficiency particulate respirator to remove dust.

Skin protection Wear impervious gloves, such as neoprene or nitrile rubber.

Eye / face protection Chemical safety glasses with side shields or splash proof goggles.

Other protective equipment Safety shoes, non-flammable work clothing.

SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state	Crystalline solid.	Appearance	White solid.
Odour	Odourless.	Odour threshold	Not applicable.
pH	Not known.		
Boiling point	Solid - extremely high boiling point. Decomposition temperature: 132 °C (269.6 °F),	Specific gravity	N/Av
Melting/Freezing point	42.74 °C (108.9 °F)	Coefficient of water/oil distribution	Not available.
Vapour pressure (mmHg @ 20° C / 68° F)	Not applicable.	Solubility in water	Soluble in cold water and acetone.
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not applicable.	Evaporation rate (n-Butyl acetate = 1)	Not applicable.
Volatile organic Compounds (VOCs)	0 (approximately)	Volatiles (% by weight)	0 (approximately)
Absolute pressure of container	Not applicable.	Viscosity	Not applicable.

SECTION 10 - REACTIVITY AND STABILITY DATA

Stability and reactivity Stable under normal conditions. May decompose at temperatures above 132 °C. Reacts dangerously with organic materials, or when mixed with other chemicals. May explode if contaminated with other materials.

Conditions to avoid Extremely high temperatures. Contamination with dust or organic materials.

Materials To Avoid And Incompatibility Organic materials, reducing agents such as powdered metals.

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Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire the following can be released: Ammonia, metallic oxides, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen.

SECTION 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicological data	See Section 2 for toxicity levels.
Carcinogenic status	No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen by IARC or ACGIH.
Reproductive effects	No known effect.
Teratogenicity	No known effect.
Mutagenicity	No known effect.
Sensitization to material	Not expected to be a sensitizer. However, sensitive people may have reactions to any chemical.
Synergistic materials	None known.
Medical conditions aggravated by overexposure	Skin conditions such as dermatitis, respiratory problems.
Additional Health Hazards	None known.

SECTION 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environmental effects	Not acutely toxic.
Important environmental characteristics	Product is a fertilizer. May cause excessive plant growth (eutrophication) if released improperly.
Ecotoxicological	Aquatic toxicity : :LC50 (fish) 10,000 mg/L; EC50 (daphnia) 2355 mg/L.

SECTION 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Handling for Disposal	Handle waste according to recommendations in Section 7.
Methods of Disposal	Dispose of in accordance with federal, provincial and local hazardous waste laws. If necessary, dike well ahead of the spill to prevent runoff into drains, sewers, or any natural waterway or drinking supply. Avoid generation of wastes where possible. Empty containers or liners may contain product residues.

SECTION 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Regulatory Information	UN Number	Shipping Name	Class	Packing Group	Label
TDG	UN3139	OXIDIZING LIQUID, N.O.S. (Calcium nitrate)	5.1	III	

SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

WHMIS information:
Class C (Oxidizing Material)
Class D2B (Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects, Toxic Material)



This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and this MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA): All ingredients listed appear on the Domestic Substances List (DSL) or Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL).

TSCA: All listed ingredients appear on the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory.

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SECTION 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

Legend

N/Ap: not applicable
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
TLV: Threshold Limit Values
DSL: Domestic Substances List
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
NIOSH: National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer
TDG: Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act & Regulations
CEPA: Canadian Environmental Protection Act
N/Av: not available
Inh: Inhalation
TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act
NDSL = Non-Domestic Substances List

References

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety databases. Material Safety Data Sheets from ingredient manufacturers.

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