# Ethylenethiourea

# sc-207668

**Material Safety Data Sheet** 



The Power to Question

Hazard Alert Code Key: EXTREME HIGH MODERATE LOW

# Section 1 - CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

# **PRODUCT NAME**

Ethylenethiourea

# STATEMENT OF HAZARDOUS NATURE

CONSIDERED A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCORDING TO OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.



### **SUPPLIER**

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### **PRODUCT USE**

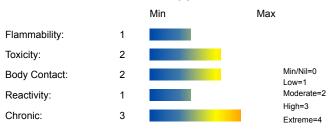
An accelerator in the curing of neoprene and other elastomers. Intermediate

### **SYNONYMS**

C3-H6-N2-S, 2-imidazolidinethione, "4, 5-dihydroimidazole-2(3H)-thione", ethylenethiourea, "1, 3-ethylene-2-thiourea", 2-mercaptoimidazoline, 2-thiol-dihydroglyoxaline, "imidazole-2(3H)-thione, 4, 5-dihydro", "sodium-22 neoprene accelerator", "ETUAkrochem ETU-22", NA-22, NA-22D, NCI-C03372, "Pennac CRA", "Robac 22", "Rodanin S-62", "Sanceller 22", "USAF EL-62", "Vulkacit NPV/C2", "Warecure C"

# **Section 2 - HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

### **CHEMWATCH HAZARD RATINGS**







### **CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS**



# **EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

#### **RISK**

Harmful if swallowed.

Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.

May cause harm to the unborn child.

Toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### **ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS**

#### **SWALLOWED**

- Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.
- The thioureas, which are antithyroid drugs, can cause headache,anxiety, fever, rash and stomach upset.

#### **EYE**

■ Limited evidence or practical experience suggests, that the material may cause eye irritation in a substantial number of individuals. Prolonged eye contact may cause inflammation characterized by a temporary redness of the conjunctiva (similar to windburn).

#### SKIN

- The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (as classified using animal models). Abrasive damage however, may result from prolonged exposures. Good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.
- Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.
- Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.
- 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.
- Skin sensitivity to thiourea derivatives has been demonstrated in several studies. Allergic contact dermatitis and photocontact dermatitis have been described. A Russian study published in 1970 reported that workers handling thiourea products showed ready penetration through the skin which lead to clinical evidence of destructive changes in the thyroid gland.

#### **INHALED**

- The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of dusts, or fume, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory discomfort and occasionally, distress.
- Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.
- Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ There has been concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations, but there is not enough data to make an assessment.

Ample evidence exists, from results in experimentation, that developmental disorders are directly caused by human exposure to the material. Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.

There is limited evidence that, skin contact with this product is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Exposure to the material may cause concerns for human fertility, on the basis that similar materials provide some evidence of impaired fertility in the absence of toxic effects, or evidence of impaired fertility occurring at around the same dose levels as other toxic effects, but which are not a secondary non-specific consequence of other toxic effects.

Apart from occupational exposures ethylene thiourea (ETU) may be introduced to the organism as a result of exposure to ethylene bisthiocarbamate fungicides where it is a metabolite.

The substance is stored in thyroid tissue and effects the output of the thyroid gland (hypothyroidism). Symptoms of exposure include thickening of skin and goiter.

Single oral doses of 30 mg/kg ETU, or more, given to pregnant rats on day 15 of gestation produced prompt foetal brain damage and a high incidence of late-developing hydrocephalus (characterised by enlargement of the head) and microphthalmia (reduction in eye size) in surviving off-spring.

Tail and limb defects and urogenital malformations were evident following oral administration of ETU during organogenesis (10 mg/kg). Thyroid carcinomas were produced when a diet containing 125 ppm or more was fed to rats.

Imidazole is structurally related to histamine and has been used as an antagonist to counteract the effects of excess histamine found in certain induced physiological conditions (it therefore acts as an antihistamine).

Imidazoles have been reported to disrupt male fertility through disruption of testicular function.

2-Methylimidazole decreased luteinising hormone secretion and tissue interstitial fluid testosterone concentration two hours after injection into Sprague Dawley rats.

Imidazoles bind to cytochrome P450 haeme, resulting in inhibition of catalysis. However, 2-substituted imidazoles are considered to be poor inhibitors. Imidazole is probably an inducer of cytochrome P4502E1. In general, inducers of this isozyme stabilise the enzyme by preventing phosporylation of a serine which leads to haeme loss.

Several drugs containing an imidazole moiety were retained and bound in connective tissue when administered to laboratory animals. The bound material was primarily recovered from elastin (70%) and the collagen. It is postulated that reaction with aldehydes gives an aldol condensation product.

Exposure to thiourea can result in reduced thyroid function. Prolonged exposure to high doses causes enlargement of the thyroid and

reduced levels of circulating thyroid hormone. Thiourea derivatives are thought to be capable of changing cellular genetic material and they may cause birth defects.

# Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

NAME CAS RN % ethylene thiourea 96-45-7 >98

# **Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES**

# **SWALLOWED**

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- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Center or a doctor.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- If conscious, give water to drink.
- INDUCE vomiting with fingers down the back of the throat, ONLY IF CONSCIOUS. Lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.

NOTE: Wear a protective glove when inducing vomiting by mechanical means.

- In the mean time, qualified first-aid personnel should treat the patient following observation and employing supportive measures as indicated by the patient's condition.
- If the services of a medical officer or medical doctor are readily available, the patient should be placed in his/her care and a copy of the MSDS should be provided. Further action will be the responsibility of the medical specialist.
- If medical attention is not available on the worksite or surroundings send the patient to a hospital together with a copy of the MSDS.

### **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.
- 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 contact occurs:
- Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear
- Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).
- Seek medical attention in event of irritation.

# **INHALED**

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- 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**

■ for poisons (where specific treatment regime is absent):

### BASIC TREATMENT

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- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary edema .
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Anticipate seizures .
- DO NOT use emetics. Where ingestion is suspected rinse mouth and give up to 200 ml water (5 ml/kg recommended) for dilution where
  patient is able to swallow, has a strong gag reflex and does not drool.

### ADVANCED TREATMENT

- Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.

- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary edema.
- Hypotension with signs of hypovolemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

BRONSTEIN, A.C. and CURRANCE, P.L.

EMERGENCY CARE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EXPOSURE: 2nd Ed. 1994.

Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES			
Vapour Pressure (mmHG):	Negligible		
Upper Explosive Limit (%):	Not available		
Specific Gravity (water=1):	Not available		
Lower Explosive Limit (%):	Not available		

### **EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

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- · Water spray or fog.
- Foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- · Carbon dioxide.

### **FIRE FIGHTING**

- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.
- DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.
- Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.
- If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.
- Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.

# GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.
- Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and
  any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a
  particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.
- Dry dust can be charged electrostatically by turbulence, pneumatic transport, pouring, in exhaust ducts and during transport.
- Build-up of electrostatic charge may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion venting.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur oxides (SOx), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

# FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY Avoid contamination with oxidi

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

# PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses:

Chemical goggles.

Gloves:

Respirator:

Particulate dust filter.

### **Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

# MINOR SPILLS

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- Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.
- Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof
  machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- Place in suitable containers for disposal.

Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

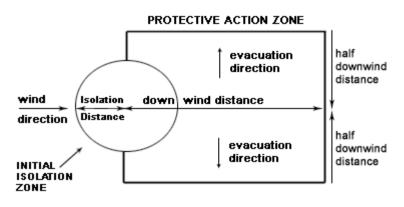
#### **MAJOR SPILLS**

■ Environmental hazard - contain spillage.

Moderate hazard.

- CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.
- · Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.
- Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.
- Recover product wherever possible.
- IF DRY: Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. IF WET: Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.
- ALWAYS: Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.
- If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.

### PROTECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SPILL



From IERG (Canada/Australia)
Isolation Distance Downwind Protection Distance 10 meters

From US Emergency Response Guide 2000 Guide 171

#### **FOOTNOTES**

1 PROTECTIVE ACTION ZONE is defined as the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure. This zone assumes that random changes in wind direction confines the vapour plume to an area within 30 degrees on either side of the predominant wind direction, resulting in a crosswind protective action distance equal to the downwind protective action distance.

2 PROTECTIVE ACTIONS should be initiated to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill and working away from the site in the downwind direction. Within the protective action zone a level of vapour concentration may exist resulting in nearly all unprotected persons becoming incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incurring serious or irreversible health effects.

3 INITIAL ISOLATION ZONE is determined as an area, including upwind of the incident, within which a high probability of localised wind reversal may expose nearly all persons without appropriate protection to life-threatening concentrations of the material.

4 SMALL SPILLS involve a leaking package of 200 litres (55 US gallons) or less, such as a drum (jerrican or box with inner containers). Larger packages leaking less than 200 litres and compressed gas leaking from a small cylinder are also considered "small spills". LARGE SPILLS involve many small leaking packages or a leaking package of greater than 200 litres, such as a cargo tank, portable tank or a "one-tonne" compressed gas cylinder.

5 Guide 171 is taken from the US DOT emergency response guide book.

6 IERG information is derived from CANUTEC - Transport Canada.

### ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS (AEGL) (in ppm)

AEGL 1: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience notable discomfort, irritation, or certain asymptomatic nonsensory effects. However, the effects are not disabling and are transient and reversible upon cessation of exposure.

AEGL 2: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience irreversible or other serious, long-lasting adverse health effects or an impaired ability to escape.

AEGL 3: The airborne concentration of a substance above which it is predicted that the general population, including susceptible individuals, could experience life-threatening health effects or death.

### 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.
- Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.
- Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained. Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.
- Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.
- In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

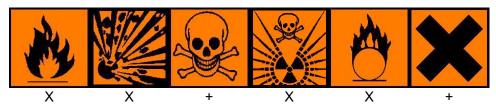
# **RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

#### STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

■ Observe manufacturer's storing and handling recommendations.

# SAFE STORAGE WITH OTHER CLASSIFIED CHEMICALS



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

# **Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak ppm	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-3)	ethylene thiourea (Inert or Nuisance Dust: Total dust)		10						(d)
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	ethylene thiourea (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Respirable fraction)		5						
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z3	ethylene thiourea (Inert or Nuisance Dust: (d) Total dust)		15						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	ethylene thiourea (Particulates not other wise regulated - Total dust)		10						
US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits	ethylene thiourea (Particulates not other wise regulated - Respirable fraction)		5						
US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-3)	ethylene thiourea (Inert or Nuisance Dust: Respirable fraction)		5						(d)
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	ethylene thiourea (Particles (Insoluble or Poorly Soluble) [NOS] Inhalable particles)		10						See Appendix B current TLV/BEI Book
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	ethylene thiourea (Particulates not otherwise regulated Respirable fraction)		5						

US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants	ethylene thiourea (Particulates not otherwise regulated (PNOR)(f)- Respirable fraction)	5	
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	ethylene thiourea (Particulates not otherwise regulated, Respirable dust)	5	
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	ethylene thiourea (Particles (Insoluble or Poorly Soluble) [NOS] Inhalable particles)	10	See Appendix B current TLV/BEI Book

#### MATERIAL DATA

ETHYLENE THIOUREA:

■ 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 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.

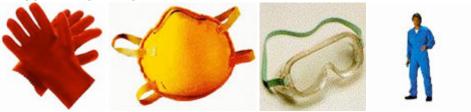
OSHA (USA) concluded that exposure to sensory irritants can:

- 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.

MAK IIIB: Substances suspected of having carcinogenic potential.

MAK values, and categories and groups are those recommended within the Federal Republic of Germany.

# PERSONAL PROTECTION



Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

### **EYE**

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- Safety glasses with side shields.
- · Chemical goggles.
- Contact lenses pose a special hazard; soft lenses may absorb irritants and all lenses concentrate them. DO NOT wear contact lenses.

### HANDS/FEET

■ Wear chemical protective gloves, eg. PVC.

Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, eg. Rubber.

NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.
- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed

moisturiser is recommended.

#### **OTHER**

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

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

The local concentration of material, quantity and conditions of use determine the type of personal protective equipment required.

Use appropriate NIOSH-certified respirator based on informed professional judgement. In conditions where no reasonable estimate of exposure can be made, assume the exposure is in a concentration IDLH and use NIOSH-certified full face pressure demand SCBA with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, or a combination full facepiece pressure demand SAR with auxiliary self-contained air supply. Respirators provided only for escape from IDLH atmospheres shall be NIOSH-certified for escape from the atmosphere in which they will be used.

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

- · Local exhaust ventilation is required where solids are handled as powders or crystals; even when particulates are relatively large, a certain proportion will be powdered by mutual friction.
- Exhaust ventilation should be designed to prevent accumulation and recirculation of particulates in the workplace.
- If in spite of local exhaust an adverse concentration of the substance in air could occur, respiratory protection should be considered. Such protection might consist of:
- (a): particle dust respirators, if necessary, combined with an absorption cartridge;
- (b): filter respirators with absorption cartridge or canister of the right type;
- (c): fresh-air hoods or masks
- Build-up of electrostatic charge on the dust particle, may be prevented by bonding and grounding.
- Powder handling equipment such as dust collectors, dryers and mills may require additional protection measures such as explosion

Air contaminants generated in the workplace possess varying "escape" velocities which, in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to efficiently remove the contaminant.

Type of Contaminant: Air Speed:

direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas discharge (active generation into zone of 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 2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.) motion)

Within each range the appropriate value depends on:

Lower end of the range	Upper end of the range
1: Room air currents minimal or favorable to capture	1: Disturbing room air currents
2: Contaminants of low toxicity or of nuisance value only	2: Contaminants of high toxicity
3: Intermittent, low production.	3: High production, heavy use
4: Large hood or large air mass in motion	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 4-10 m/s (800-2000 f/min) for extraction of crusher dusts generated 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

# **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Mixes with water.

State	DIVIDED SOLID	Molecular Weight	102.16	
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Melting Range (°F)	386.6- 392	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not available
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not available
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not available
ethylene thiourea			
■ log Kow (Prager 1995):			- 0.66
■ log Kow (Sangster 1997):			- 0.66
APPEARANCE Off-white crystalline powder; mixes with	n water (2 g/100 ml).		
Material			Value
■ log Kow (Prager 1995)			- 0.66
■ log Kow (Sangster 1997)			- 0.66

### Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- .
- Presence of incompatible materials.
- Product is considered stable.
- Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

■ Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ethylene thiourea

# **TOXICITY AND IRRITATION**

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

TOXICITY IRRITATION

Oral (rat) LD50: 1832 mg/kg Eye (rabbit): 500 mg/24h - Mild

Oral (rat) LD50: 710 mg/kg \*

### ■ For ethylene thiourea:

Ethylene thiourea was administered repeatedly by oral gavage to male and female Crj:CD(SD)IGS rats at dose levels of 0, 1, 6, and 30 mg/kg for 28 days, and its toxicity was examined.

Changes attributable to the test substance were apparent in clinical signs, body weights, food consumption, blood chemistry, organ weights and necropsy findings, and on histopathological examination of both sexes of the 6 and 30 mg/kg groups.

On observation of clinical signs, abnormal fur (loss of gloss) was noted consistently in both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group. During the recovery period, although not completely this gradually disappeared.

Decreases in body weight and food consumption were observed in both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group, but disappeared by the final week of the recovery period.

The following changes in blood chemistry were observed in the 30 mg/kg group; increases in total cholesterol as well as decreases in ALP and inorganic phosphorus among males, and increases in chloride in both sexes. These changes had disappeared by the end of the recovery period.

On measurement of organ weights, the following changes were observed; increases in relative liver weights in females of the 30 mg/kg group, increases in absolute and relative thyroid weights in both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group, and decreases in absolute and relative thymus weights in females of the 6 and 30 mg/kg groups. These changes disappeared or were alleviated by the end of the recovery period.

At necropsy, enlargement of the thyroids was observed in males of the 6 mg/kg group and in both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group. This change disappeared or was alleviated by the end of the recovery period.

On histopathological examination, centrilobular hypertrophy of hepatocytes, basophilic hypertrophy in the anterior lobe in the pituitary, and atrophy of sebaceous glands were observed in both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group. Furthermore, decreases in colloid in the thyroid and diffuse hypertrophy of follicular cells were observed in 6 mg/kg males and both sexes of the 30 mg/kg group. Although basophilic hypertrophy of the anterior lobe in the pituitary were still seen in males of the 30 mg/kg group at the end of the recovery period, it gradually disappeared. Moreover, the other changes had disappeared by the end of the recovery period.

There were no changes considered attributable to the test substance in the functional observation battery, hematology, or urinalysis.

In summary, significant changes considered attributable to the test substance were found in both sexes of the 6 mg/kg or higher groups. The NOEL is considered to be 1 mg/kg/day for both males and females under the conditions of this study.

ethylene thiourea proved mutagenic in Salmonella typhimurium TA1535, with or without an exogenous metabolic activation system.

Ethylene thiourea did not induce structural chromosomal aberrations or polyploidy in CHL/IU cells with or without exogenous metabolic activation

The oral toxicity of ethylene thiourea (ETU) was investigated in a chronic feeding study in which Charles River CD-1 rats were fed 0, 5, 25, 125, 250 and 500 ppm of the test substance for 24 months. These doses provided 0, 0.25, 1.25, 6.25, 12.5 and 25 mg/kg/day based on the assumption that rats consume 5% of their body weight of food each day. Groups of rats (68/sex) were assigned to each of the dose groups. The major endpoints of this study were histological examination of endocrine organs and other major tissues, organ weights and thyroidal uptake of lodine-131. A significant incidence of thyroid carcinomas and adenocarcinomas was observed among rats receiving 250 and 500 ppm. Thyroid hyperplasia was observed among rats receiving 5, 25, 125 and 250 ppm with increased incidence at the higher doses. A significant decrease in body weight was found among rats receiving 500 ppm at both 18 and 24 months. A statistically significant decrease in liver-to-body weight ratio was seen in females receiving 5 or 25 ppm. Significant increases in thyroid-to-body weight ratios were seen in males and females receiving 500 ppm, and in females receiving 250 ppm. Studies of lodine-131 uptake performed at the end of the study did not show a significant dose-response relationship. The LOAEL derived from this study based upon detection of thyroid hyperplasia was 5 ppm (0.25 mg/kg/day).

Thyroid hyperplasia does not inevitably lead to development of adenomas and carcinomas. Thyroid hyperplasia can develop in response to many forms of physiologic stress and often regresses spontaneously. In the Graham et al. (1975) study many rats in the 5-ppm dose group exhibited thyroid hyperplasia following 2 years of dosing, but none of these rats showed thyroid adenomas or carcinomas. In addition, lodine-131 uptake tests were not significantly different for the 5-ppm dose group when compared with control rats, suggesting that the thyroids of the 5-ppm rats were functionally normal. The occurrence of thyroid hyperplasia at this dose is not considered to be preneoplastic since carcinomas were not seen at higher doses (25 or 125 ppm).

An interim report of the findings from the first year of the previous study was published separately by Graham et al. (1973); that study also involved feeding 0, 5, 25, 125, 250 and 500 ppm of ETU. Body weight, thyroid and other organ weights, thyroidal lodine-131 uptake, hematology and histology were the endpoints that were determined. There were significant decreases in total body weight and increases in thyroid weight for rats receiving 125, 250 and 500 ppm of ETU. At the time intervals for which interim determinations were made (2 and 6 months), hyperplasia of the thyroid was observed only at 500 ppm. The NOAEL for 6 months ETU treatment was 25 ppm (1.25 mg/kg/day). At 1 year of treatment the lowest level of ETU tested, 5 ppm or 0.25 mg/kg/day was the LOAEL for thyroid hyperplasia.

The NTP (1989) performed a chronic feeding study to determine the toxicity and carcinogenicity of ETU in F344 and B6C3F1 mice. This study combined a perinatal exposure with the traditional NTP chronic bioassay. A complicated 4x4 study design involving adult-only exposure, perinatal-only exposure, and combined perinatal-adult exposure was used. In the rats receiving adult-only exposure at 83 and 250 ppm of ETU in the diet for 36 and 105 weeks there was a dose-related increase in the incidence and severity of thyroid follicular cell hyperplasia, an increase in TSH levels, and a decrease in serum thyroxin levels. Perinatal-only exposure resulted in an increased incidence of thyroid follicular cell hyperplasia only at the highest tested level of 90 ppm. The lowest dietary level of ETU tested in adult-only exposure for rats, 83 ppm (4.1 mg/kg/day), was considered the LOAEL.

In mice, exposure to 330 or 1000 ppm for 105 weeks resulted in dose-related increases of thyroid follicular cell hyperplasia with associated increases in TSH levels. Hepatic hypertrophy was also observed. For mice 1000 ppm (0.15x1000=150 mg/kg/day) was considered the LOAEL.

### The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3:

NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.

Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing.

Exposure to the material for prolonged periods may cause physical defects in the developing embryo (teratogenesis). \*[Akzo Chemie]

# CARCINOGEN

Ethylenethiourea (NB: Overall evaluation downgraded from 2B to 3 with supporting evidence from other relevant data)	International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs	Group	3
ETHYLENE THIOUREA	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Recognized Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
ETHYLENE THIOUREA	US Environmental Defense Scorecard Suspected Carcinogens	Reference(s)	P65
Ethylene thiourea	US Air Toxics Hot Spots TSD for Describing Available Cancer Potency Factors	IARC Class	2B
Ethylene thiourea	ND	Carcinogen	Ca

# **Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Refer to data for ingredients, which follows:

ETHYLENE THIOUREA:

■ Hazardous Air Pollutant:	Yes
■ Fish LC50 (96hr.) (mg/l):	6000- 8000(
■ BCF<100:	- 0.73
■ log Kow (Prager 1995):	- 0.66
■ log Kow (Sangster 1997):	- 0.66
■ log Pow (Verschueren 1983):	- 0.66
■ Half- life Soil - High (hours):	672

■ Half- life Soil - Low (hours):	168
■ Half- life Air - High (hours):	4.7
■ Half- life Air - Low (hours):	0.5
■ Half- life Surface water - High (hours):	672
■ Half- life Surface water - Low (hours):	168
■ Half- life Ground water - High (hours):	1344
■ Half- life Ground water - Low (hours):	336
■ Aqueous biodegradation - Aerobic - High (hours):	672
■ Aqueous biodegradation - Aerobic - Low (hours):	168
■ Aqueous biodegradation - Anaerobic - High (hours):	2688
■ Aqueous biodegradation - Anaerobic - Low (hours):	672
■ Photolysis maximum light absorption - High (nano- m):	239
■ Photooxidation half- life air - High (hours):	4.7
■ Photooxidation half- life air - Low (hours):	0.5

■ Toxic to aquatic organisms.

■ 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.

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

■ For ethylene thiourea (ETU)

Half-life (hr) air : 205 Half-life (hr) soil : 168

BCF: 2.3

Bioaccumulation : unlikely Degradation Biological: significant processes Abiotic: slow hydrol,Rxn OH\*

Environmental fate:

ETU is a major degradation product of widely used ethylenebisdithiocarbamate (EBDC) fungicides. In water, ETU is relatively stable to hydrolysis but can be rapidly photolysed in the presence of photosensitizers, which are present in many natural waters. The photolysis half-lives of ETU in natural water are reported as 1 to 4 days.

The identified degradates are glycine sulfate, Jaffe's base, ethyleneurea (EU) and hydantoin. In soil, ETU is chemically and biologically degraded to EU with half-lives of 1 to 7 days under field conditions. Under aerobic conditions, ETU and EU can be further mineralised to CO2. ETU is fairly mobile in general wet soil due to its weak soil adsorption and high solubility. The field dissipation half-life of ETU is less than 1 week due to the rapid microbial degradation. If released to air, ETU can easily be removed by rain or through reacting with hydroxyl radicals.

The half-lives of ETU in air are 8-9 days.

Plant Metabolism

There have been numerous investigations on the transformation and degradation of ETU on and in crops. In an experiment, ETU was directly sprayed on the leaves or applied to the roots of lettuces. Results showed that ETU on leaves was rapidly decomposed with an estimated half-life of 10 hours. ETU applied to roots was rapidly translocated to the leaves within 4 days and its subsequent degradation in leaves was rapid with levels undetectable after 20 days. The rapid degradation of ETU was partially attributed to photolysis. Possible metabolites were EU, CO2 and other unknowns.

Ecotoxicity:

Fish LD50 (24 h ): 90 mg/L.

■ DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

### **Ecotoxicity**

Ingredient Persistence: Water/Soil Persistence: Air Bioaccumulation Mobility ethylene thiourea LOW LOW LOW HIGH

### Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### **US EPA Waste Number & Descriptions**

B. Component Waste Numbers

When ethylene thiourea is present as a solid waste as a discarded commercial chemical product, off-specification species, as a container residue, or a spill residue, use EPA waste number U116 (waste code T).

### **Disposal Instructions**

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

| Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- Reduction
- Reuse
- Recycling

• Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: Burial in a licensed land-fill or Incineration in a licensed apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

# Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



### DOT:

Symbols:	G	Hazard class or Division:	9
Identification Numbers:	UN3077	PG:	III
Label Codes:	9	Special provisions:	8, 146, 335, B54, IB8, IP3, N20, T1, TP33
Packaging: Exceptions:	155	Packaging: Non-bulk:	213
Packaging: Exceptions:	155	Quantity limitations: Passenger aircraft/rail:	No limit
Quantity Limitations: Cargo aircraft only:	No limit	Vessel stowage: Location:	Α
Vessel stowage: Other:	None		

Hazardous materials descriptions and proper shipping names:

Environmentally hazardous substance, solid, n.o.s

### Air Transport IATA:

ICAO/IATA Class:	9	ICAO/IATA Subrisk:	None
UN/ID Number:	3077	Packing Group:	III
Special provisions:	A97		

Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S. \*(CONTAINS ETHYLENE THIOUREA)

### **Maritime Transport IMDG:**

IMDG Class:	9	IMDG Subrisk:	None
UN Number:	3077	Packing Group:	III
EMS Number:	F-A , S-F	Special provisions:	179 274 335 909
Limited Quantities:	5 kg		

Shipping Name: ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, SOLID, N.O.S.(contains ethylene thiourea)

# **Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**





### **REGULATIONS**

### ethylene thiourea (CAS: 96-45-7) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Designated Chemical Substances", "Canada ARET (Accelerated Reduction / Elimination of Toxics) Substance List", "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)", "Canada National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (French)", "International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Reviewed by the IARC Monographs", "International Chemical Secretariat (ChemSec) REACH SIN\* List (\*Substitute It Now!) 1.0", "US - California Air Toxics ""Hot Spots"" List (Assembly Bill 2588)

Substances for which emissions must be quantified", "US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List", "US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - Priority List for the Development of MADLs for Chemicals Causing Reproductive Toxicity", "US - California Proposition 65 - Priority List for the Development of NSRLs for Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity","US - California Toxic Air Contaminant List Category II","US - Connecticut Hazardous Air Pollutants","US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List", "US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List", "US -Vermont Hazardous Constituents", "US - Vermont Hazardous wastes which are Discarded Commercial Chemical Products or Off-Specification Batches of Commercial Chemical Products or Spill Residues of Either", "US - Washington Class A toxic air pollutants: Known and Probable Carcinogens", "US - Washington Dangerous waste constituents list", "US - Washington Discarded Chemical Products List - ""U"" Chemical Products", "US Clean Air Act - Hazardous Air Pollutants", "US Department of Transportation (DOT) List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities - Hazardous Substances Other Than Radionuclides", "US DOE Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits (TEELs)", "US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List", "US List of Lists - Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act","US National Toxicology Program (NTP) 11th Report Part B. Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen", "US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)", "US RCRA (Resource Conservation & Recovery Act) - Hazardous Constituents - Appendix VIII to 40 CFR 261", "US RCRA (Resource Conservation & Recovery Act) - List of Hazardous Wastes", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Inventory", "WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality -Chemicals excluded from guideline value derivation"

# **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

### LIMITED EVIDENCE

- Inhalation and/or skin contact may produce health damage\*.
- Cumulative effects may result following exposure\*.
- May produce discomfort of the eyes\*.
- Possible skin sensitizer\*.
- May possibly affect fertility\*.
- \* (limited evidence).

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- Classification of the mixture 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.

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