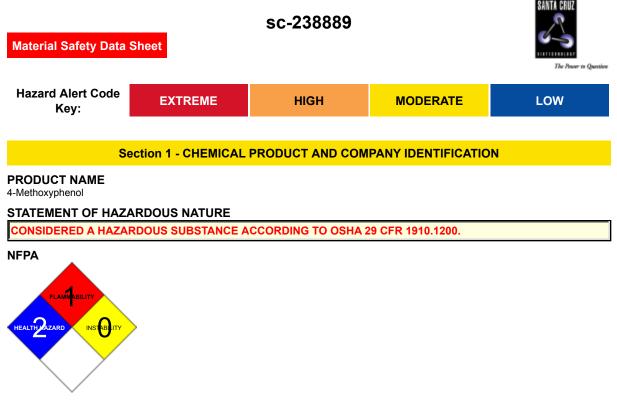
## 4-Methoxyphenol

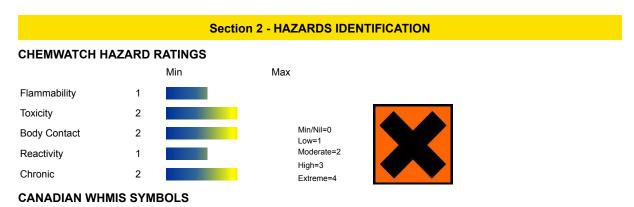


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#### SYNONYMS

C7-H8-O2, CH3OC6H4OH, "phenol p-methoxy-", p-hydroxyanisole, HMME, MME, Mequinol, p-methoxyphenol, 4-methoxyphenol, 4-hydroxyanisole, "hydroquinone monomethyl ether", "hydroquinone methyl ether", "monomethyl ether hydroquinone", "methyl ether hydroquinone", "Ansul HA"



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#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK

Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes. May cause SENSITIZATION by skin contact.

#### 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.

Gross signs of acute parenteral poisoning by 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ), in rabbits, includes paralysis and anoxia at lower doses and narcosis at higher doses.

MEHQ does not accumulate in the body.

#### EYE

- This material can cause eye irritation and damage in some persons.
- Eye contact with 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) dust may result in burns and permanent damage.
- Repeated exposure may cause discoloration of the eyes.

#### SKIN

Skin contact is not thought to produce harmful health effects (as classified under EC Directives using animal models).

Systemic harm, however, has been identified following exposure of animals by at least one other route and the material may still produce health damage following entry through wounds, lesions or abrasions.

Prolonged skin contact with 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) may cause redness, swelling, severe burns and scars.

Repeated contact may cause discolouration of the skin.

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.

Solution of material in moisture on the skin, or perspiration, may increase irritant effects.

#### INHALED

• The material is not thought to produce either adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract following inhalation (as classified by EC Directives using animal models).

Nevertheless, adverse systemic effects have been produced following exposure of animals by at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting.

• 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.

If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.

#### **CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS**

■ Skin contact with the material is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population. Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. Prime symptom is breathlessness; lung shadows show on X-ray.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS					
NAME	CAS RN	%			
4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ)	150-76-5	> 99			

#### Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

#### **SWALLOWED**

- IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY.
- For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.
- Urgent hospital treatment is likely to be needed.
- 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.

#### 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 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

- If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.
- Other measures are usually unnecessary.

#### NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

■ for poisons (where specific treatment regime is absent)

BASIC TREATMENT

- 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 oedema .

Treat symptomatically.

#### Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Vapor Pressure (mmHG)	Not available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.
Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.55
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.

#### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

- Alcohol stable foam.
- Dry chemical powder.
- BCF (where regulations permit).
- Carbon dioxide.

#### FIRE FIGHTING

- Alert Fire Brigade 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 courses.
- Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.

#### GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

- Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty; it is estimated that most organic dusts are combustible (circa 70%) according to the circumstances under which the combustion process occurs, such materials may cause fires and / or dust explosions.
- 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 (420 micron or less) may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited - particles exceeding this limit will generally not form flammable dust clouds.; once initiated, however, larger particles up to 1400 microns diameter will contribute to the propagation of an explosion.
- In the same way as gases and vapors, dusts in the form of a cloud are only ignitable over a range of concentrations; in principle, the concepts of lower explosive limit (LEL) and upper explosive limit (UEL).are applicable to dust clouds but only the LEL is of practical use; this is because of the inherent difficulty of achieving homogeneous dust clouds at high temperatures (for dusts the LEL is often called the "Minimum Explosible Concentration", MEC)
- A dust explosion may release of large quantities of gaseous products; this in turn creates a subsequent pressure rise of explosive force capable of damaging plant and buildings and injuring people.

Combustion products include carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material. May emit poisonous fumes.

### May emit corrosive fumes.

### FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

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

#### Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### MINOR SPILLS

- Remove all ignition sources.
- Clean up all spills immediately.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Control personal contact by using protective equipment.

MAJOR SPILLS

#### Moderate hazard.

- CAUTION Advise personnel in area.
- Alert Emergency Services 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.

#### 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.

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 authorization or permit.

#### **RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS**

- Glass container is suitable for laboratory quantities
- Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- 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.

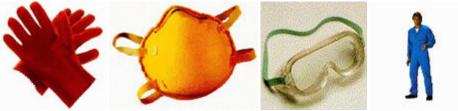
#### Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **EXPOSURE CONTROLS**

Source	Material	TWA ppm	TWA mg/m³	STEL ppm	STEL mg/m³	Peak mg/m³	TWA F/CC	Notes
Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)		5					
Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)		5					
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)		5					TLV® Basis Eye irr; skin dam
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)		5					

US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5	10	
Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5	10	
Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		TLV Basis eye irritation; skin damage
Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		
Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits	4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (4-Methoxyphenol)	5		TLV® Basis Eye irr; skin dam

## PERSONAL PROTECTION



RESPIRATOR
Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 1432000 & 1492001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent) 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 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], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]

#### HANDS/FEET

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.
- Contaminated leather items, such as shoes, belts and watch-bands should be removed and destroyed.
- Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include
- frequency and duration of contact,
- chemical resistance of glove material,
- glove thickness and
- dexterity

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene
- nitrile rubber
- butyl rubber
- fluorocaoutchouc

#### OTHER

- Overalls.
- P.V.C. apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

• Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection.

The basic types of engineering controls are

Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk.

Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment.

#### Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid. Does not mix with water. Sinks in water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	124.14
Melting Range (°F)	127	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	475- 477	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	270(COC).	pH (1% solution)	Not available.
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not available.	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	774	Vapor Pressure (mmHG)	Not available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Specific Gravity (water=1)	1.55
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available.	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	4.3
Volatile Component (%vol)	Not available	Evaporation Rate	Not available

#### APPEARANCE

Waxy powder; slightly soluble in water (4.1%). Soluble in benzene, acetone, ethanol and ethyl acetate. Viscosity 8.50 cps @ 65 deg.C. Odor of caramel and phenol.

#### Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

#### CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

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

#### STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

#### Methoxyphenol (MEHQ)

- reacts violently with strong oxidizers
- is incompatible with sulfuric acid, nitric acid, caustics, aliphatic amines, amides
- Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents
- Avoid strong bases.

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

#### Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ)

#### TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

• 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 sensitization potential the distribution of the substance and the opportunities for contact with it are equally important. A weakly sensitizing substance which is widely distributed can be a more important allergen than one with stronger sensitizing 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.

The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin.

#### CARCINOGEN

4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ)	US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List	ARC
4-methoxyphenol	US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern	Carcinogen CA Prop 65; IARC; NTP 11th
(MEHQ)	List	ROC

#### Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### No data

#### Ecotoxicity Persistence: Persistence: Air Bioaccumulation Mobility Ingredient Water/Soil LOW 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) No Data Available LOW MED **GESAMP/EHS COMPOSITE LIST - GESAMP Hazard Profiles** Name / EHS TRN A1a B1 B2 C1 C2 F3 A1b A1 A2 C3 D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 Cas No RTECS No R Phenol 112 566 1 2 3 0 2 2 (3) 3 3 NT S 3 CAS:150 - 76- 5 1

Legend: EHS=EHS Number (EHS=GESAMP Working Group on the Evaluation of the Hazards of Harmful Substances Carried by Ships) NRT=Net Register Tonnage, A1a=Bioaccumulation log Pow, A1b=Bioaccumulation BCF, A1=Bioaccumulation, A2=Biodegradation, B1=Acuteaquatic toxicity LC/ECIC50 (mg/l), B2=Chronic aquatic toxicity NOEC (mg/l), C1=Acute mammalian oral toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C2=Acutemammalian dermal toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C3=Acute mammalian inhalation toxicity LC50 (mg/kg), D1=Skin irritation & corrosion, D2=Eye irritation& corrosion, D3=Long-term health effects, E1=Tainting, E2=Physical effects on wildlife & benthic habitats, E3=Interference with coastal amenities, For column A2: R=Readily biodegradable, NR=Not readily biodegradable. For column D3:

C=Carcinogen, M=Mutagenic, R=Reprotoxic, S=Sensitizing, A=Aspiration hazard, T=Target organ systemic toxicity, L=Lunginjury, N=Neurotoxic, I=Immunotoxic. For column E1: NT=Not tainting (tested), T=Tainting test positive. For column E2: Fp=Persistent floater, F=Floater, S=Sinking substances. The numerical scales start from 0 (no hazard), while higher numbers reflect increasing hazard. (GESAMP/EHS Composite List of Hazard Profiles - Hazard evaluation of substances transported by ships)

#### Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Disposal Instructions**

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

- Containers may still present a chemical hazard/ danger when empty.
- Return to supplier for reuse/ recycling if possible.
- Otherwise:
- If container can not be cleaned sufficiently well to ensure that residuals do not remain or if the container cannot be used to store the same product, then puncture containers, to prevent re-use, and bury at an authorized landfill.
- Where possible retain label warnings and MSDS and observe all notices pertaining to the product.

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. In most instances the supplier of the material should be consulted.

- DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning or process equipment to enter drains.
- It may be necessary to collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.
- In all cases disposal to sewer may be subject to local laws and regulations and these should be considered first.
- Where in doubt contact the responsible authority.
- Recycle wherever possible.
- Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult local or regional waste management authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.
- Dispose of by: burial in a land-fill specifically licenced to accept chemical and / or pharmaceutical wastes or Incineration in a licenced apparatus (after admixture with suitable combustible material)
- Decontaminate empty containers. Observe all label safeguards until containers are cleaned and destroyed.

#### Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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

#### **Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### 4-methoxyphenol (MEHQ) (CAS: 150-76-5) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada - Alberta Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - British Columbia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Nova Scotia Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Prince Edward Island Occupational Exposure Limits", "Canada - Quebec Permissible Exposure Values for Airborne Contaminants (English)","Canada - Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety Regulations - Contamination Limits", "Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)", "Canada Ingredient Disclosure List (SOR/88-64)", "Canada Toxicological Index Service Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - WHMIS (English)","International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Standards Prohibited","US - California Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (CAL/OSHA) - Hazardous Substances List","US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants", "US - Connecticut Hazardous Air Pollutants", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - Massachusetts Oil & Hazardous Material List", "US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Minnesota Hazardous Substance List", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US - New Jersey Right to Know Hazardous Substances", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List", "US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants","US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants","US -Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants", "US - Wisconsin Control of Hazardous Pollutants - Emission Thresholds, Standards and Control Requirements (Hazardous Air Contaminants)","US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)","US Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) Ingredients found unsafe for use in cosmetics", "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 NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory","US TSCA Section 12(b) - List of Chemical Substances Subject to Export Notification Requirements", "US TSCA Section 4/12 (b) - Sunset Date/Status", "US TSCA Section 8 (a) - Preliminary Assessment Information Rules (PAIR) - Reporting List", "US TSCA Section 8 (d) - Health and Safety Data Reporting"

#### **Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION**

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.

■ 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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