



GEL-NATURAL Safety Data Sheet

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1. Product and Company Identification

Material name	VOLCLAY® API GEL NT
Version #	02
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CAS #	1302-78-9
Synonym(s)	SMECTITE CLAY
Company	Prairie Mud Service 738 6 th Street, Estevan, SK S4A 1A4 (306) 634-3411
Emergency Number	CANUTEC - (613) 996-6666 or *666 on cellular phone

2. Hazards Identification

Potential health effects	GHS Classification Not classified under any GHS hazard classes. GHS Label Elements Not applicable
Routes of exposure	Inhalation. Eye contact.
Eyes	Dust or powder may irritate eye tissue. Symptoms include itching, burning, redness and tearing.
Skin	Non-irritating to the skin. Not expected to be a primary skin irritant.
Inhalation	Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause toxic effects. For additional information on inhalation hazards, see Section 11 of this safety data sheet.
Ingestion	No significant adverse effects are expected upon ingestion of the product.
Target organs	Lungs.
Chronic effects	This product has the potential for generation of respirable dust during handling and use. Dust may contain respirable crystalline silica. Overexposure to dust may result in pneumoconiosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of mineral dust, which can lead to fibrotic changes to the lung tissue, or silicosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of silica dust, which can lead to inflammation and fibrosis of the lung tissue.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

The manufacturer lists no ingredients as hazardous according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Composition comments	Bentonite contains naturally occurring crystalline silica (not listed in Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC) in quantities less than 6%. Occupational Exposure Limits for impurities are listed in Section 8.
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4. First Aid Measures

First aid procedures	
Eye contact	Flush eyes immediately with large amounts of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.
Skin contact	No special measures required. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.
Inhalation	If symptoms are experienced, remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If the affected person is not breathing, apply artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if symptoms persist.
Ingestion	No special measures required. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, seek medical attention.
Notes to physician	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
General advice	If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammable properties	The product is not flammable. This material will not burn.
Extinguishing media	
Suitable extinguishing media	Dry chemical, CO ₂ , water spray or regular foam. Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires.

Protection of firefighters

Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

Material can be slippery when wet.

Hazardous combustion products

None known.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions

Material can be slippery when wet. Forms smooth, slippery surfaces on floors, posing an accident risk. Wear a dust mask if dust is generated above exposure limits.

Environmental precautions

No special environmental precautions required.

Methods for containment

None necessary.

Methods for cleaning up

Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Collect dust or particulates using a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling

Material can be slippery when wet. Forms smooth, slippery surfaces on floors, posing an accident risk.

Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Storage

Guard against dust accumulation of this material. No special storage conditions required. No special restrictions on storage with other products.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Occupational exposure limits

ACGIH

Impurities

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUST (SEQ250)	TWA	10 mg/m3 3 mg/m3	Inhalable particles. Respirable particles.
QUARTZ (14808-60-7)	TWA	0.025 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.

U.S. - OSHA

Impurities

Impurities	Type	Value	Form
INERT OR NUISANCE DUST (SEQ250)	PEL	15 mg/m3	Total dust.
		5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
	TWA	5 mg/m3	Respirable fraction.
		50 mppcf	Total dust.
		15 mppcf	Respirable fraction.
		15 mg/m3	Total dust.
QUARTZ (14808-60-7)	TWA	2.4 mppcf	Respirable.
		0.3 mg/m3	Total dust.
		0.1 mg/m3	Respirable.
		0.1 mg/m3	Respirable dust.

Exposure guidelines

Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Engineering controls

If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

Personal protective equipment

Eye / face protection

Wear dust goggles.

Skin protection

No special protective equipment required.

Respiratory protection

Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit.

General hygiene considerations

Eye wash fountain is recommended. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material.

9. Physical & Chemical Properties

Appearance

Not available.

Color	Various.
Odor	None.
Odor threshold	Not available.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
pH	8 - 11
Melting point	Not available.
Freezing point	Not available.
Boiling point	Not available.
Flash point	Not flammable
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability	Not available.
Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume	Not explosive
Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume	Not explosive
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Specific gravity	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility (water)	Negligible
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Molecular formula	UNKNOWN

10. Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information

Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	None known.
Incompatible materials	None known.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.

11. Toxicological Information

Acute effects	Mild irritant to eyes (according to the modified Kay & Calandra criteria).
Chronic effects	<p>In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.)</p> <p>In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003)</p> <p>According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.</p>

Carcinogenicity

IARC Monographs: Overall evaluation

QUARTZ (14808-60-7)

1 Carcinogenic to humans.

US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values: A2 carcinogen

QUARTZ (14808-60-7)

A2 Suspected human carcinogen.

US NTP Report on Carcinogens: Known carcinogen

QUARTZ (14808-60-7)

Known carcinogen.

12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicological data

Product

Test Results

VOLCLAY® API GEL NT (1302-78-9)

LC50 Rainbow trout,donaldson trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss):
19000 mg/l 96.00 Hours

Ecotoxicity

This product has no known eco-toxicological effects. This product is not expected to produce significant ecotoxicity upon exposure to aquatic organisms and aquatic systems.

Environmental effects

Based on the physical properties of this product, significant environmental persistence and bioaccumulation would not be expected.

Persistence and degradability

Not available.

13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal instructions

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Material should be recycled if possible.

14. Transport Information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

15. Regulatory Information

US federal regulations

OSHA Process Safety Standard: This material is not known to be hazardous by the OSHA Highly Hazardous Process Safety Standard, 29 CFR 1910.119.

CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity

None

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - Yes
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

Section 302 extremely hazardous substance

No

Section 311 hazardous chemical

Yes

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Total food additive
Direct food additive
GRAS food additive

Inventory status

Country(s) or region

Inventory name

On inventory (yes/no)*

Australia

Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)

Yes

Canada

Domestic Substances List (DSL)

Yes

Canada

Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)

No

China

Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)

Yes

Europe

European Inventory of New and Existing Chemicals (EINECS)

Yes

Europe

European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)

No

Japan

Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)

No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

State regulations WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens & Reproductive Toxicity (CRT): Listed substance

QUARTZ (14808-60-7) Listed.

US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

QUARTZ (14808-60-7) Listed: October 1, 1988 Carcinogenic.

US - Pennsylvania RTK - Hazardous Substances: Listed substance

QUARTZ (14808-60-7) Listed.

16. Other Information

Further information

This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.

Recommended restrictions

Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

HMIS ratings

HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®
HMIS®						
HEALTH		*	1			
FLAMMABILITY		0				
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0				
PERSONAL PROTECTION						
HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®	HMIS®

NFPA ratings

Health: 1
Flammability: 0
Instability: 0

Disclaimer

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Other information

Prairie Mud Service.