



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

May be used to comply with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
Standard must be consulted for specific requirements.

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**PRODUCT NAME: SUPER GEL-X®****Section I MANUFACTURER'S INFORMATION****MANUFACTURER'S NAME & ADDRESS:****Date Prepared: January 1, 2007**

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**Section II HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION****HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS:**

(Specific Chemical Identity: Common Name(s))	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other Limits Recommended	% (optional)
<b>Crystalline Quartz:</b> CAS# 14808-60-7			* NIOSH	< 6% < 2%
<b>Respirable Crystalline Quartz:</b>				
Present (TWA)	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	50 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	
Proposed (TWA)		50.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Nuisance Dust:</b>				
Respirable	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Total Dust	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>		

\* **WARNING:** This product contains a small amount of crystalline silica, which may cause delayed respiratory disease if inhaled over a prolonged period of time. Avoid breathing dust. Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator where TLV for crystalline silica (Quartz) may be exceeded. IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans (volume 68, 1997) concludes that crystalline silica is carcinogenic to humans in the form of quartz. IARC classification 1.

The small quantities of crystalline silica (quartz) found in this product are, under normal conditions, naturally coated with an unremovable layer of amorphous silica and/or bentonite clay. IARC (vol. 68, 1997, pg. 191-192) has stated that crystalline silica (quartz) can differ in toxicity depending on the minerals with which it is combined, citing studies in IARC (vol. 42, 1987, p. 86) which stated that the toxic effect of crystalline silica (quartz) is reduced by the "protective effect...due mainly to clay minerals..."

**National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)** has recommended that the permissible exposure limit be changed to 50 micrograms respirable free silica per cubic meter of air (0.05 mg/ m<sup>3</sup>) as determined by a full shift sample up to a 10 hour working day, 40 hours per week. *See:* 1974 NIOSH criteria for a recommended Standard for Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica should be consulted for more detailed information.

**PEL** - OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit.

**TLV** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value.

**TWA** - 8 hour time weighted average

**Note:** The Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) reported above are the pre - 1989 limits that were reinstated by OSHA June 30, 1993 following a decision by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Federal OSHA is now enforcing these PELs. More restrictive exposure limits may be enforced by some other jurisdictions.

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:**

**Chemical Name:** Dry Mixture of Inorganic Mineral Compounds.

**NFPA/HMIS:** Health - 2, Fire - 0, Reactivity - 0, Specific Hazard - *See Section VI.*

**Shipping Class:** Not Regulated (DOT / 49CFR, IMDG, ICAO / IATA).

**Section III PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Boiling Point:** Not Applicable.

**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1):** 2.5

**Vapor Pressure (mm Hg.):** Not Applicable.

**Melting Point:** 1400°F

**Vapor Density (AIR = 1):** Not Applicable.

**Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1):** Not Applicable.

**Solubility in Water:** Negligible.

**Appearance and Odor:** Tan or beige to light gray colored powder to fine granules, odorless.

**PRODUCT NAME: SUPER GEL-X®****Section IV FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA****Flash Point (Method Used):** Not Available.**Flammable Limits:** Not Available. LEL - NA. UEL - NA.**Extinguishing Media:** Not Applicable.**Special Fire Fighting Procedure:** Not Applicable.**Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards:** Product may pose possible dust explosion under *extremely rare* circumstances or conditions.**Section V REACTIVITY DATA****Stability:** Stable**Conditions to Avoid** - None Known.**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):** Powerful oxidizing agents such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trioxide, etc.**Hazardous Decomposition or By-products:** Silica will dissolve in hydrofluoric acid producing a corrosive gas, silicon tetrafluoride.**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will Not Occur **Conditions to Avoid** - None Known.**Section VI HEALTH HAZARD DATA****Route(s) of Entry:** Inhalation? Yes Skin? No Ingestion? No**Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):****Inhalation:** Breathing silica dust may not cause noticeable injury or illness even though permanent lung damage may be occurring. Inhalation of dust may have the following serious chronic health effects:**Silicosis:** Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling and sometimes-fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness and reduced pulmonary function. Smoking exacerbates this disease. Individuals with silicosis are predisposed to develop tuberculosis.**Cancer Status:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1 - carcinogenic to humans). Refer to *IARC Monograph 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibers* (published in June 1997) in conjunction with the use of thesematerials. The National Toxicology Program classifies respirable crystalline silica as "reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen". For further information *See:* "Adverse effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure" published by the American Thoracic Society Medical Section of the American Lung Association, American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, page 761-765, 1997.**Other Data with Possible Relevance to Human Health:** The small quantities of crystalline silica (quartz) found in this product are, under normal conditions, naturally coated with an unremovable layer of amorphous silica and/or bentonite clay. IARC (Vol. 68, 1997, pg. 191-192) has stated that crystalline silica (quartz) can differ in toxicity depending on the minerals with which it is combined, citing studies in IARC (Vol. 42, 1987 pg. 86) which stated that the toxic effect of crystalline silica (quartz) is reduced by the "protective effect....due mainly to clay minerals..."**Carcinogenicity:** NTP? No IARC Monographs? Yes OSHA Regulated? No**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** Excessive inhalation of generated dust may result in shortness of breath and reduced pulmonary function.**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** Individuals with respiratory disease, including but not limited to, asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation should not be exposed to respirable crystalline silica (quartz) dust.**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:**

Eyes &amp; Skin: Flush with water.

Gross Inhalation of Dust: Remove to fresh air; give oxygen or artificial respiration if necessary; seek medical attention.

Ingestion: If large amounts are swallowed, get immediate medical attention.

**Section VII PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE****Steps to be Taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled:** Vacuum if possible to avoid generating airborne dust. Avoid breathing dust. Wear an approved respirator. Avoid adding water; product will become slippery when wet.**Waste Disposal Method:** Dispose in accordance with federal, state and local regulations. Super Gel X, when mixed with water, can be safely land farmed in accordance with local and state regulations. Prevent the product from reaching sewage and waterways in large quantities.**Precautions to Be Taken in Handling and Storing:** Avoid breathing dust, use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator where TLV limits for Crystalline Silica may be exceeded.

**PRODUCT NAME: SUPER GEL-X®****Section VIII CONTROL MEASURES**

**Respiratory Protection:** Use appropriate respiratory protection for respirable particulate based on consideration of airborne workplace concentration and duration of exposure arising from intended end use. Refer to the most recent standards of ANSI (z88.2) OSHA (29 CFR 1910.134), MSHA (30 CFR Parts 56 and 57) and NIOSH Respirator Decision Logic.

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust as required to maintain exposures below applicable occupational exposure limits (*See Section II*). See also ACGIH "Industrial Ventilation – A Manual for Recommend Practice", (*current edition*).

**Protective Gloves:** Not Required. **Eye Protection:** Recommended.

**Other Protective Clothing or Equipment:** None. **Work/Hygienic Practices:** Use good housekeeping practices.

**Section IX REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 311/312:** Hazard Categories for SARA Section 311/312 Reporting: Chronic Health

**SARA 313:** This product contains the following chemicals subject to annual release reporting requirements under the SARA section 313 (40 CFR 372): None

**CERCLA section 103 Reportable Quantity:** None

**California Proposition 65:** *This product contains the following substances known to the state of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive harm: This product contains crystalline silica (respirable); however, the user should note that the small quantities of crystalline silica (quartz) found in this product are, under normal conditions, naturally coated with an unremovable layer of amorphous silica and/or bentonite clay. IARC (Vol. 68, 1997, pg. 191-192) has stated that crystalline silica (quartz) can differ in toxicity depending on the minerals with which it is combined. Citing studies in IARC (Vol. 42, 1987, p. 86) which stated that the toxic effect of crystalline silica (quartz) is reduced by the "protective effect...due mainly to clay minerals..."*

**Toxic Substances Control Act:** All of the components of this product are listed on the EPA TSCA Inventory or are exempt from notification requirements.

**Canadian Environmental Protection Act:** All the components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List or exempt from notification requirements.

**European Inventory of Commercial Chemical Substances:** All the components of this product are listed on the EINECS Inventory or exempt from notification requirements. (The EINECS number for Quartz: 231-545-5)

**European Community Labeling Classification:** Harmful (Xn)

**European Community Risk and Safety Phrases:** R40, R48, S22

**Japan MITI:** All the components of this product are existing chemical substances as defined in the Chemical Substance Control Law.

**Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances:** All the components of this product are listed on the AICS Inventory or exempt from notification requirements.

**Canadian WHMIS Classification:** Class D, Division 2, Subdivision A (Very Toxic Material causing other Toxic Effects)

**NF-PA Hazard Rating:** Health: 2 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0

**HMS Hazard Rating:** Health: \* Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0

**\*Warning -** Chronic health effect possible - inhalation of silica dust may cause lung injury/disease (silicosis). Take appropriate measures to avoid breathing dust. *See Section II.*

**REFERENCES:**

- Registry for Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS), 1995.
- Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology.
- NTP Seventh Annual Report on Carcinogens, 1994.
- IARC Monograph Volume 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibers, 1997.

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