

## BENTONITE NATURAL GEL

### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

<b>Product Identifier</b>	BENTONITE NATURAL GEL
<b>Other Means of Identification</b>	Natural Mineral, Montmorillonite
<b>Product Family</b>	Viscosifier
<b>Recommended Use</b>	Drilling Fluid Additive.
<b>Supplier Identifier</b>	Bri-Chem Supply Ltd., Bay 4, 5510 - 3rd Street SE, Calgary, Alberta, T2H 1J9, Bri-Chem Supply, 403-252-5904, www.brichemsupply.com
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### SECTION 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification

Carcinogenicity - Category 1A; Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) - Category 1

#### Label Elements



Signal Word:

Danger

Hazard Statement(s):

May cause cancer.

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention:

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

Wash hands and skin thoroughly after handling.

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Response:

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice or attention.

Storage:

Store locked up.

Disposal:

Dispose of contents and container in accordance with local, regional, national and international regulations.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS No.	%	Other Identifiers	Other Names
Silica, quartz	14808-60-7	1-6		

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## Notes

Non-hazardous components > 94%.

## SECTION 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

### First-aid Measures

#### Inhalation

Move to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, trained personnel should begin rescue breathing. If breathing is difficult, have qualified personnel administer oxygen. Get prompt medical attention.

#### Skin Contact

No first aid should be needed since this product does not affect the skin. Wash exposed skin with soap and water before breaks and at the end of the work day.

#### Eye Contact

Immediately rinse the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 15-20 minutes, while holding the eyelid(s) open. If a contact lens is present, DO NOT delay flushing or attempt to remove the lens. If eye irritation persists, get medical advice or attention.

### Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

If in eyes:

May cause mild irritation. Symptoms include sore, red eyes, and tearing.

## SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing Media

#### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Not combustible. Use extinguishing agents compatible with product and suitable for surrounding fire.

### Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-fighters

Material is slippery when wet.

A full-body encapsulating chemical protective suit with positive pressure SCBA may be necessary.

## SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment, and Emergency Procedures

Use the personal protective equipment recommended in Section 8 of this safety data sheet. Evacuate the area immediately.

### Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up

Avoid generating dust. Collect using shovel/scoop or approved HEPA vacuum and place in a suitable container for disposal.

## SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for Safe Handling

Only use where there is adequate ventilation. Avoid generating dusts. Avoid repeated or prolonged skin contact with product or with contaminated equipment/surfaces. Material is slippery when wet.

It is good practice to: avoid breathing product; avoid skin and eye contact and wash hands after handling.

### Conditions for Safe Storage

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place. Storage place may become slippery if wetted.

## SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

(silica, quartz)

ACGIH® = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. TLV® = Threshold Limit Value. TWA = Time-Weighted Average. 0.025 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable fraction)

OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration. PEL = Permissible Exposure Limits.

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Respirable quartz = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> divided by the value of "%SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2"

Total quartz = 30 mg/m<sup>3</sup> divided by the value of "%SiO<sub>2</sub> + 2"

(nuisance dust)

OSHA = US Occupational Safety and Health Administration. PEL = Permissible Exposure Limits. 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (total dust); 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (respirable dust).

#### **Appropriate Engineering Controls**

Use local exhaust ventilation, if general ventilation is not adequate to control amount in the air. Provide eyewash in work area, if contact or splash hazard exists.

#### **Individual Protection Measures**

##### **Eye/Face Protection**

Wear chemical safety goggles.

##### **Skin Protection**

Protective gloves are recommended. Protective clothing or equipment as appropriate for work environment. Dusty clothing should be laundered before re-use.

##### **Respiratory Protection**

Wear a NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with an appropriate cartridge.

## **SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

### **Basic Physical and Chemical Properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Tan - grey powder. Particle Size: Not available
<b>Odour</b>	Odourless
<b>pH</b>	8 - 10 (5% solution)
<b>Melting Point/Freezing Point</b>	Not applicable (melting)
<b>Initial Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Pressure</b>	Not applicable
<b>Vapour Density (air = 1)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relative Density (water = 1)</b>	2.45 - 2.55
<b>Solubility</b>	Insoluble in water
<b>Other Information</b>	
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid
<b>Bulk Density</b>	800 - 1169 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (50 - 73 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )

## **SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

### **Chemical Stability**

Normally stable.

### **Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

### **Conditions to Avoid**

Water, moisture, humidity.

## **SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Skin Corrosion/Irritation**

Possible drying resulting in dermatitis.

No adverse effects expected.

### **Serious Eye Damage/Irritation**

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May cause mild irritation. Symptoms include sore, red eyes, and tearing.  
Contact may cause mechanical irritation and possible injury. Individuals subject to eye irritation should not be exposed to crystalline silica dust.

### **STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Single Exposure**

#### **Inhalation**

Short term exposure to dust levels exceeding PEL may cause irritation of the respiratory tract resulting in a dry cough.

OSHA PEL: Nuisance Dust (respirable fraction) = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; (total dust) = 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Individuals with respiratory disease, including but not limited to asthma and bronchitis should not be exposed to crystalline silica dust.

#### **Ingestion**

No adverse effects expected for normal, incidental ingestion.

### **STOT (Specific Target Organ Toxicity) - Repeated Exposure**

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 by inhalation of silica dust, which can lead to inflammation and fibrosis of the lung tissue.

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. This disease is exacerbated by smoking. 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).

#### **Carcinogenicity**

(silica quartz): IARC: Group 1 – Carcinogenic to humans. ACGIH®: A2 – Suspected human carcinogen. NTP: Known human carcinogen.

No information was located for: Respiratory and/or Skin Sensitization, Sexual Function and Fertility, Germ Cell Mutagenicity

## **SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

No ecotoxicity or environmental fate data available.

## **SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Disposal Methods**

Dispose of in accordance with federal, provincial/state and local regulations. Caution: slippery when wet.

## **SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Not regulated under Canadian TDG regulations.

**Special Precautions** Not applicable

**Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

Not applicable

## **SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations**

#### **Canada**

##### **WHMIS 1988 Classification**

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Class D2A

D2A - Very Toxic

**Domestic Substances List (DSL) / Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)**

All the components of this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List or exempt from notification requirements.

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**NFPA Rating**                      **Health - 1**    **Flammability - 0**    **Instability - 0**

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