



Noble Earth Technologies

Water Conserve Crystals

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

COMPANY DETAILS

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Not classified as hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC Australia.

I IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Water Conserve Crystals
Other Names: None.
Product Code: None.
UN No: None allocated
Hazchem Code: None allocated
Dangerous Goods Class: None allocated
Sub Risk Class: None allocated
Packaging Group: None allocated
Poison Schedule: Not scheduled.
Chemical Family: Sodium salt of a polymer.
Uses: Water absorber/modifier used to capture and absorb water in horticultural applications and to dewater industrial wastes.

Physical Appearance & Properties

Appearance & Odour: White powder. Faint, characteristic odour.
Melting/softening point: Decomposes before melting.
Boiling point and vapour pressure: Not applicable.
Volatile materials: As supplied - negligible, but will release water that it may have absorbed.
Flashpoint: Not flammable.
Flammability limits: Not applicable. This product does not burn.
Specific gravity: 0.9-1.1
Solubility in water: Insoluble, but absorbs large quantities of water, swelling in the process.
Corrosiveness: Not corrosive.
Vapour Pressure: No data.

Ingredients: Chemical entity	CAS No	Proportion %	Worksafe Exposure Limits	
			TWA mg/m ₃	STEL mg/m ₃
Sodium polyacrylate	9003-04-7	pure *	not set	not set

* Commercially pure.

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary. Trace quantities of impurities are also likely.

II HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Health Effects:

No specific data is available for the product for chronic exposure symptoms. The ingredients are not listed as carcinogenic in Worksafe's document "Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment" (May 1995), nor in NOHSC's "List of Designated Hazardous Substances" (April 1999).

Acute Effects:

Swallowed: Single dose oral toxicity is considered to be low. No hazards are anticipated from swallowing small amounts incidental to normal handling operations.

Eye: This product may be mildly irritating to eyes. However, it is unlikely to cause any more than mild transient discomfort. It is also unlikely to cause any lasting effects.

Skin: Exposure to this product is not likely to cause significant irritation, nor is it likely to be absorbed through skin in harmful amounts.

Inhalation: No inhalation hazards incidental to normal handling operations are anticipated from this product when used at room temperatures.

First Aid:

If poisoning occurs, contact a Doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 13 1126 from anywhere in Australia. If possible have this MSDS or product label with you.

Swallowed: If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and give a glass of water to drink.

Eyes: If product gets in eyes, wash material from them with running water. If they begin watering or reddening, take special care in washing thoroughly.

Skin: If product gets on skin, wash skin to remove material. No further measures should normally be required.

Inhalation: No first aid measures normally required. However, if vapours or dusts have been inhaled, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically. Note the nature of this product.

III PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Exposure Standards:

A time weighted average (TWA) concentration for an 8 hour day, and 5 day week has not been established by NOHSC Australia for any of the major ingredients in this product. There is a blanket limit of 10mg/m³ for dusts or mists when limits have not otherwise been established.

Engineering Controls:

In industrial situations, concentration values below the TWA value should be maintained. Values may be reduced by process modification, use of local exhaust ventilation, capturing substances at the source, or other methods. If you believe air borne concentrations of mists, dusts or vapours are high, you are advised to modify the process or environment to reduce the problem.

Personal Protection:

The following instructions are meant for people coming into frequent and lengthy contact with this product. For occasional use, take precautions suitable for the conditions under which the product is being used.

Respiratory Protection: It is usually safe to not use a dust mask or respirator protection on account of this product. However, if the product is being used in dusty or confined conditions, use of a mask or respirator may be preferred. For help in selecting suitable equipment, consult AS/NZS 1715.

Protective Gloves: Protective gloves are not normally necessary when using this product.

However, it is always prudent to wear gloves. For help in selecting suitable equipment, consult AS 2161.

Eye Protection: Protective eyewear is not normally necessary when using this product. However, it is always prudent to use protective eyewear.

Consult AS1336 and AS/NZS 1337 for advice on Industrial Eye Protection.

Clothing: This product is essentially safe to use without special protective clothing. However, its use is recommended as a good industrial practice. Consult AS2919 for advice on Industrial Clothing.

Safety Boots: Wearing safety boots in industrial situations is advisory. Consult AS/NZS2210 for advice on Occupational Protective Footwear.

Always wash hands before smoking, eating or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing and other protective equipment before storing or re-using.

IV SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Storage & Transport

No special storage and transport requirements. This product has no UN classification. Not a Scheduled Poison. Containers should be kept closed in order to minimise contamination. Keep from extreme heat and open flames, and make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" below.

Spills & Disposals

Minor spills do not normally need any special cleanup measures. In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and gloves. Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. This material may be suitable for approved landfill. Dispose of only in accord with all regulations.

Fire & Explosion Hazard

There is no risk of an explosion from this product under normal circumstances if it is involved in a fire.

Flashpoint: Not flammable.

Flammability limits: Not applicable. This product does not burn.

Extinguishing Media: carbon dioxide, foam.

Special Fire Fighting procedures: When fighting fires involving significant quantities of this product, wear safety boots, non-flammable overalls, gloves, hat and preferably, goggles.

Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards: Fire decomposition products from this product may form toxic mixtures in confined spaces.

Stability: This product is unlikely to spontaneously decompose.

Polymerisation: This product is unlikely to spontaneously polymerise.

Decomposition Products: Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Water. sodium compounds.

Materials to avoid: strong oxidising agents.

V OTHER INFORMATION

This MSDS is prepared in accord with the Worksafe Australia document "National Code of Practice for the Preparation of Material Safety Data Sheets", 1994.

National Poisons Information Centre: Dial 13 1126 (from anywhere in Australia)

