THE PQ CORPORATION

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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SECTION 1.

## IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCT

MANUFACTURER: THE PQ CORPORATION

ADDRESS: 11 EXECUTIVE MALL, P.O. BOX 840, VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE MUMBER: (215) 293-7200

SALES RAME: Epsom Salt Magnesium Sulfate, U.S.P. CHEMICAL NAME: Magnasium sulfate, haptahydrate

TSCA CAS REGISTRY No.: 7487-88-9

DOT HAZARD CLASS: N.A. DOT SHIPPING HAME: N.A.

SECTION 2.

#### PHYSICAL DATA

APPEARANCE & ODOR: Colorless transparent crystals. Odorless. SPECIFIC GRAVITY (liquids only): H.A. (Bulk density is 1.05) SOLUBILITY IN WATER : Appreciable. VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg at °F, nonequeous liquids only): N.A. EVAPORATION RATE (Butyl acetate = 100, nonaqueous liquids only): N.A. SOLIDS CONTENT: (solutions, dispersions, or pastes only): N.A. BOILING POINT (°F, nonequeous liquids only): N.A. VAPOR DEMSITY (nonequeous liquids only) H.A. pH (aqueous liquids only): M.A.

#### SECTION 3. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT (°F): M.A. (material is noncombustible) FLAMMABLE LIMITS (vapor in air, Vol.%): N.A. FIRE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: N.A. SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: Use postitive pressure supplied air breathing apparatus. UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: At very high temperatures, magnesium oxide, sulfur dioxide, and sulfur trioxide may be generated.

#### SECTION 4.

### DEACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY: Stable CONDITIONS TO AVOID: N.A. INCOMPATIBILITY (Materials to Avoid): N.A. HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: At very high temperatures, magnesium oxide, sulfur dioxide, and sulfur trioxide may be generated.

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SECTION 5.

# SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD: No adverse effects known or suspected. SPILLAGE: Sweep, scoop, or vacuum discharged material. WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Dissolve in large excess of water and sewer, or landfill according to local, state and federal regulations.

SECTION 6.

### HEALTH HAZARD DATA

EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation.

SKIN CONTACT: No adverse effects known or suspected.

INHALATION: May cause irritation.

INGESTION: Purgative. Causes nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and

CHRONIC HAZARD: No known chronic hazards. Not listed by OSHA, NTP or IARC as a carcinogen.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE: Sneezing and dryness of mucous membranes (inhalation). Redness and tearing (eye exposure). Nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea (ingestion).

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE: Ingestion of large amounts by persons with impaired renal function may cause serious systemic

FIRST AID PROCEDURES: Induce vomiting if large amounts are ingested. Call a physician.

#### SECTION 7. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: N.A.

GLOVES: N.A.

EYE PROTECTION: Wear safety glasses with side shields or chemical goggles.

OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Safety shower and eyewash fountain should be within direct access.

PERSONAL HYGIENE: Avoid breathing dust. Wash thoroughly after handling.

ENGINEERING CONTROL: Use with adequate ventilation.

# SECTION 8. SUBSTANCES FOR WHICH STANDARDS HAVE BEEN SET

OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit or ACGIH Threshold Limit Value have not been established. PQ recommended Ceiling limit: 5 mg/m3 Respirable dust.

EXPOSURE ANALYSIS METHODS: Respirable sampler or Midget impinger see: J. Am. Ind. Hyg. Assoc., 28:554 (1967)

SECTION 9.

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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