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SECTION VI - Health Hazard Data

Primary Routes of Entry:

Inhalation - YES      Skin - YES      Ingestion - NO

Health Hazards:

Acute: Portland Cement mortar can dry the skin & cause alkali burns. Dust can irritate the eyes & upper respiratory system.

Chronic: Dust can cause inflammation of interior of nose & eyes. Prolonged exposure to dust over the TLV may cause scarring of lungs, & delayed lung injury (silicosis).

Carcinogenicity: NTP - No      IARC Monographs - Yes

OSHA Regulated - No

This product itself is not regulated but it contains small amount of naturally occurring crystalline silica. IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemical to humans (volume 42, 1987) concludes that there is sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica to experimental animals, and that there is limited evidence of the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica to humans. IARC Class 2A.

Signs & symptoms of exposure: Shortness of breath, coughing, reddening of eyes.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure: Hypersensitive individuals may develop allergenic dermatitis.

Emergency and First Aid procedures: Irrigate eyes with water, wash exposed skin areas with water, remove patient to fresh air. If accidentally ingested mortar may set & cause bowel obstruction - consult physician.

SECTION VII - Precautions for Safe Handling and Use

Released or Spilled: Collect spills using dustless method, material can be returned to container for later use, wear OSHA approved respirator for silica dust when cleaning area.

Waste Disposal Method: Mortar can be disposed of as common waste, unrestricted sanitary land fill.

Precautions to be taken in handling and storing: Eliminate exposure to dust, use OSHA approved mask for silica dust, if freshly mixed mortar gets into eyes or contacts skin - flush immediately & repeatedly with water & contact physician immediately.

SECTION VIII - Control Measures

Respiratory Protection: OSHA approved respirator for silica

dust.

Ventilation: Local exhaust - YES

Mechanical - N/A

Special - N/A

Other - N/A

Protective Gloves: Rubber recommended.

Eye Protection: Tight fitting goggles in busy area.

Other Protective Clothing: Barrier cream, boots & clothing should protect skin from dust and wet mortar.

Work/Hygienic Practices: Workers should shower with soap & water after working with mortar.