MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

SPECIALTY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
1407 Pennsylvania Ave.
South Houston, Texas 77587
Information: 713-944-0900

Emergency Contact:
CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300
Calls Originating Outside the US:
703-527-3887 (Collect Calls Accepted)

SUBSTANCE: METHANE

TRADE NAMES/SYNONYMS:
MTG MSDS 58; FIRE DAMP; MARSH GAS; METHYL HYDRIDE; NATURAL GAS; UN 1971; R50;
CH4; 00232327; RTECS PA1490000

CHEMICAL FAMILY: hydrocarbons, gas

CREATION DATE: Dec 18 2006
REVISION DATE: Dec 11 2008

2. COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT: METHANE
CAS NUMBER: 74-82-8
PERCENTAGE: 100.0

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NFPA RATINGS (SCALE 0-4): HEALTH=1  FIRE=4  REACTIVITY=0

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:
COLOR: colorless
PHYSICAL FORM: gas
ODOR: odorless
MAJOR HEALTH HAZARDS: difficulty breathing
PHYSICAL HAZARDS: Flammable gas. May cause flash fire. Electrostatic charges may be generated by
flow, agitation, etc.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:
INHALATION:
SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: nausea, vomiting, dizziness, tingling sensation, suffocation, convulsions,
LONG TERM EXPOSURE: no information on significant adverse effects
SKIN CONTACT:
SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: no information is available
LONG TERM EXPOSURE: no information is available
EYE CONTACT:
SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: no information is available
LONG TERM EXPOSURE: no information is available
INGESTION:
SHORT TERM EXPOSURE: ingestion of a gas is unlikely
LONG TERM EXPOSURE: no information is available

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

INHALATION: If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. If breathing is difficult, oxygen should be administered by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.

SKIN CONTACT: Wash exposed skin with soap and water.

EYE CONTACT: Flush eyes with plenty of water.

INGESTION: If a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: For inhalation, consider oxygen.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS: Severe fire hazard. Severe explosion hazard. Pressurized containers may rupture or explode if exposed to sufficient heat. Vapor/air mixtures are explosive above flash point. Electrostatic discharges may be generated by flow or agitation resulting in ignition or explosion.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: carbon dioxide, regular dry chemical

Large fires: Use regular foam or flood with fine water spray.

FIRE FIGHTING: Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. For fires in cargo or storage area: Cool containers with water from unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles until well after fire is out. If this is impossible then take the following precautions: Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Let the fire burn. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety device or any discoloration of tanks due to fire. For tank, rail car or tank truck: Stop leak if possible without personal risk. Let burn unless leak can be stopped immediately. For smaller tanks or cylinders, extinguish and isolate from other flammables. Evacuation radius: 800 meters (1/2 mile). Stop flow of gas.
6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**OCCUPATIONAL RELEASE:**

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**STORAGE:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Grounding and bonding required. Subject to storage regulations: U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.101. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

**EXPOSURE LIMITS:**
**METHANE:**
**ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBON GASES ALKANE (C1-C4):**
1000 ppm ACGIH TWA

**VENTILATION:** Ventilation equipment should be explosion-resistant if explosive concentrations of material are present. Provide local exhaust ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Eye protection not required, but recommended.

**CLOTHING:** Protective clothing is not required.

**GLOVES:** Wear appropriate chemical resistant gloves.

**RESPIRATOR:** Under conditions of frequent use or heavy exposure, respiratory protection may be needed. Respiratory protection is ranked in order from minimum to maximum. Consider warning properties before use.

For Unknown Concentrations or Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health -
Any supplied-air respirator with a full facepiece that is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode in combination with an auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus operated in pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.
Any self-contained breathing apparatus that has a full facepiece and is operated in a pressure-demand or other positive-pressure mode.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**PHYSICAL STATE:** gas
**COLOR:** colorless
**ODOR:** odorless
**TASTE:** tasteless

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** 16.04
**MOLECULAR FORMULA:** C-H4
**BOILING POINT:** -260 F (-162 C)
**FREEZING POINT:** -297 F (-183 C)
**VAPOR PRESSURE:** 760 mmHg @ -161 C
**VAPOR DENSITY (air=1):** 0.555
**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:** Not applicable
**DENSITY:** 0.717 g/L @ 0 C
**WATER SOLUBILITY:** 3.5% @ 17 C
**PH:** Not applicable
**VOLATILITY:** Not applicable
**ODOR THRESHOLD:** Not available
**EVAPORATION RATE:** Not applicable
**VISCOITY:** 0.01118 cP @ 27 C
**COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:** Not applicable
**SOLVENT SOLUBILITY:**
  - Soluble: alcohol, ether, benzene, organic solvents

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**REACTIVITY:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Containers may rupture or explode if exposed to heat.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** halogens, oxidizing materials, combustible materials

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION:**
  Thermal decomposition products: oxides of carbon

**POLYMERIZATION:** Will not polymerize.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
METHANE:
TOXICITY DATA: 326 gm/m3/2 hour(s) inhalation-mouse LC50
ACUTE TOXICITY LEVEL: Slightly Toxic: inhalation

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

FATE AND TRANSPORT:
KOW: 724.44 (log = 2.87) (estimated from water solubility)
KOC: 2192.80 (log = 3.34) (estimated from water solubility)
HENRY’S LAW CONSTANT: 4.6 E -4 atm-m3/mol
BIOCONCENTRATION: 1.68 (estimated from water solubility)
AQUATIC PROCESSES: 1.0416679 hours (River Model: 1 m deep, 1 m/s flow, 3 m/s wind)
ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY: Relatively non-persistent in the environment. Not expected to leach through the soil or the sediment. Accumulates very little in the bodies of living organisms. Moderately volatile from water.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262. Hazardous Waste Number(s): D001.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

U.S. DOT 49 CFR 172.101:
PROPER SHIPPING NAME: Methane, compressed
ID NUMBER: UN1971
HAZARD CLASS OR DIVISION: 2.1
LABELING REQUIREMENTS: 2.1
QUANTITY LIMITATIONS:
PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OR RAILCAR: Forbidden
CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY: 150 kg

CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS:
SHIPPING NAME: Methane, compressed
UN NUMBER: UN1971
CLASS: 2.1
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. REGULATIONS:
CERCLA SECTIONS 102a/103 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.


SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370 Subparts B and C):
ACUTE: Yes
CHRONIC: No
FIRE: Yes
REACTIVE: No
SUDDEN RELEASE: Yes


STATE REGULATIONS:
California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS:

NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS:
U.S. INVENTORY (TSCA): Listed on inventory.

TSCA 12(b) EXPORT NOTIFICATION: Not listed.

CANADA INVENTORY (DSL/NDSL): Listed on inventory.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

MSDS SUMMARY OF CHANGES
15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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