

# Safety Data Sheet

## SECTION 1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

### Low Aromatic Petrol

**Product Use:** Fuel

**Company Identification**

Puma Energy Australia  
365 MacArthur Avenue  
Hamilton, QLD 4007  
Australia  
1 300 723 706

**Transportation Emergency Response**

- a. Transportation Emergency: 000
- b. Chevron Emergency Information Center: 1 800 009 010
- c. CHEMTREC: 02 9037 2994, +1 (800) 424-9300 or +1 (703) 527-3887

**Health Emergency**

- a. Health Emergency: 000
- b. Chevron Emergency Information Center: 1 800 009 010

## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**CLASSIFICATION:** Flammable liquid: Category 1. Aspiration toxicant: Category 1. Carcinogen: Category 1B. Skin irritation: Category 2. Target organ toxicant (central nervous system): Category 3. Acute aquatic toxicant: Category 2. Chronic aquatic toxicant: Category 2.



**Signal Word:** Danger

**Physical Hazards:** Extremely flammable liquid and vapour (H224).

**Health Hazards:** May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways (H304). Causes skin irritation (H315). May cause drowsiness or dizziness (H336). May cause cancer (H350).

**Environmental Hazards:** Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects (H411).

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:**

**General:** Keep out of reach of children (P102). Read label before use (P103).

**Prevention:** Obtain special instructions before use (P201). Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood (P202). Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking (P210). Keep container tightly closed (P233). Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment (P241). Use only non-sparking tools (P242). Take precautionary measures against static discharge (P243). Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray (P261). Wash thoroughly after handling (P264). Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area (P271). Avoid release to the environment (P273). Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face

protection (P280).

**Response:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician (P301+P310). IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower (P303+P361+P353). IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing (P304+P340). IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention (P308+P313). Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell (P312). Specific treatment (see Notes to Physician on this label) (P321). Do NOT induce vomiting (P331). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention (P332+P313). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse (P363). In case of fire: Use media specified in the SDS to extinguish (P370+P378). Collect spillage (P391).

**Storage:** Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed (P403+P233). Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool (P403+P235). Store locked up (P405).

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable local/regional/national/international regulations (P501).

### SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| COMPONENTS                       | CAS NUMBER | AMOUNT       |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Gasoline                         | 86290-81-5 | > 99 %volume |
| Toluene                          | 108-88-3   | < 3 %volume  |
| Hexane                           | 110-54-3   | < 3 %volume  |
| Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons | Mixture    | < 1 %volume  |
| Diisopropyl ether                | 108-20-3   | < 1 %volume  |
| Benzene                          | 71-43-2    | < 1 %volume  |
| Tertiary-butyl alcohol           | 75-65-0    | < 1 %volume  |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether          | 1634-04-4  | < 1 %volume  |

### SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye:** No specific first aid measures are required. As a precaution, remove contact lenses, if worn, and flush eyes with water.

**Skin:** Wash skin with water immediately and remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if any symptoms develop. To remove the material from skin, use soap and water. Discard contaminated clothing and shoes or thoroughly clean before reuse.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, get immediate medical attention. Do not induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Inhalation:** Move the exposed person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention if breathing difficulties continue or if any other symptoms develop.

**Note to Physicians:** Ingestion of this product or subsequent vomiting may result in aspiration of light hydrocarbon liquid, which may cause pneumonitis.

#### IMMEDIATE HEALTH EFFECTS

**Eye:** Not expected to cause prolonged or significant eye irritation.

**Skin:** Contact with the skin causes irritation. Skin contact may cause drying or defatting of the skin. Symptoms may include pain, itching, discoloration, swelling, and blistering. Contact with the skin is not expected to cause an allergic skin response.

**Ingestion:** Highly toxic; may be fatal if swallowed. Because of its low viscosity, this material can directly enter the lungs, if swallowed, or if subsequently vomited. Once in the lungs it is very difficult to remove and can cause severe injury or death. May be irritating to mouth, throat, and stomach. Symptoms may include pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**Inhalation:** Excessive or prolonged breathing of this material may cause central nervous system effects. Central nervous system effects may include headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, weakness, loss of

coordination, blurred vision, drowsiness, confusion, or disorientation. At extreme exposures, central nervous system effects may include respiratory depression, tremors or convulsions, loss of consciousness, coma or death.

**DELAYED OR OTHER HEALTH EFFECTS:**

**Cancer:** Prolonged or repeated exposure to this material may cause cancer. Gasoline has been classified as a Group 2B carcinogen (possibly carcinogenic to humans) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Whole gasoline exhaust has been classified as a Group 2B carcinogen (possibly carcinogenic to humans) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Contains benzene, which has been classified as a carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP) and a Group 1 carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Contains ethylbenzene which has been classified as a Group 2B carcinogen (possibly carcinogenic to humans) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

See Section 11 for additional information. Risk depends on duration and level of exposure.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**HazChem Code:** 3YE

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Dry Chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) or alcohol resistant foam.

**Unusual Fire Hazards:** See Section 7 for proper handling and storage.

**PROTECTION OF FIRE FIGHTERS:**

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** For fires involving this material, do not enter any enclosed or confined fire space without proper protective equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus.

**Combustion Products:** Highly dependent on combustion conditions. A complex mixture of airborne solids, liquids, and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and unidentified organic compounds will be evolved when this material undergoes combustion.

**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Protective Measures:** Eliminate all sources of ignition in the vicinity of the spill or released vapor. If this material is released into the work area, evacuate the area immediately. Monitor area with combustible gas indicator.

**Spill Management:** Stop the source of the release if you can do it without risk. Contain release to prevent further contamination of soil, surface water or groundwater. Clean up spill as soon as possible, observing precautions in Exposure Controls/Personal Protection. Use appropriate techniques such as applying non-combustible absorbent materials or pumping. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. A vapor suppressing foam may be used to reduce vapors. Use clean non-sparking tools to collect absorbed material. Where feasible and appropriate, remove contaminated soil. Place contaminated materials in disposable containers and dispose of in a manner consistent with applicable regulations.

**Reporting:** Report spills to local authorities as appropriate or required.

**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**General Handling Information:** Avoid contaminating soil or releasing this material into sewage and drainage systems and bodies of water.

**Precautionary Measures:** This product presents an extreme fire hazard. Liquid very quickly evaporates, even at low temperatures, and forms vapor (fumes) which can catch fire and burn with explosive violence. Invisible vapor spreads easily and can be set on fire by many sources such as pilot lights, welding equipment, and electrical motors and switches. Never siphon gasoline by mouth.

Do not store in open or unlabeled containers. READ AND OBSERVE ALL PRECAUTIONS ON PRODUCT LABEL. Use only as a motor fuel. Do not use for cleaning, pressure appliance fuel, or any other such use. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Do not breathe vapor or fumes. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep out of the reach of children.

**Static Hazard:** Improper filling of portable gasoline containers creates danger of fire. Only dispense gasoline into approved and properly labeled gasoline containers. Always place portable containers on the ground. Be sure pump nozzle is in contact with the container while filling. Do not use a nozzle's lock-open device. Do not fill portable containers that are inside a vehicle or truck/trailer bed.

Electrostatic charge may accumulate and create a hazardous condition when handling this material. To minimize this hazard, bonding and grounding may be necessary but may not, by themselves, be sufficient. Review all operations which have the potential of generating and accumulating an electrostatic charge and/or a flammable atmosphere (including tank and container filling, splash filling, tank cleaning, sampling, gauging, switch loading, filtering, mixing, agitation, and vacuum truck operations) and use appropriate mitigating procedures.

**Container Warnings:** Container is not designed to contain pressure. Do not use pressure to empty container or it may rupture with explosive force. Empty containers retain product residue (solid, liquid, and/or vapor) and can be dangerous. Do not pressurize, cut, weld, braze, solder, drill, grind, or expose such containers to heat, flame, sparks, static electricity, or other sources of ignition. They may explode and cause injury or death. Empty containers should be completely drained, properly closed, and promptly returned to a drum reconditioner or disposed of properly.

**General Storage Information:** DO NOT USE OR STORE near heat, sparks, flames, or hot surfaces. USE AND STORE ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREA. Keep container closed when not in use.

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Consider the potential hazards of this material (see Section 2), applicable exposure limits, job activities, and other substances in the work place when designing engineering controls and selecting personal protective equipment. If engineering controls or work practices are not adequate to prevent exposure to harmful levels of this material, the personal protective equipment listed below is recommended. The user should read and understand all instructions and limitations supplied with the equipment since protection is usually provided for a limited time or under certain circumstances.

### ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to control airborne levels below the recommended exposure limits.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**Eye/Face Protection:** No special eye protection is normally required. Where splashing is possible, wear safety glasses with side shields as a good safety practice.

**Skin Protection:** Wear protective clothing to prevent skin contact. Selection of protective clothing may include gloves, apron, boots, and complete facial protection depending on operations conducted. Suggested materials for protective gloves include: Chlorinated Polyethylene (or Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene), Nitrile Rubber, Polyurethane, Viton.

**Respiratory Protection:** Determine if airborne concentrations are below the recommended occupational exposure limits for jurisdiction of use. If airborne concentrations are above the acceptable limits, wear an approved respirator that provides adequate protection from this material, such as: Air-Purifying

Respirator for Organic Vapors. When used as a fuel, this material can produce carbon monoxide in the exhaust. Determine if airborne concentrations are below the occupational exposure limit for carbon monoxide. If not, wear an approved positive-pressure air-supplying respirator. Use a positive pressure air-supplying respirator in circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

**Occupational Exposure Limits:**

| Component               | Country/<br>Agency | Form  | TWA       | STEL      | Ceiling | Notation |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Gasoline                | ACGIH              | Vapor | 300 ppm   | 500 ppm   | --      | A3       |
| Gasoline                | ACGIH              | --    | 300 ppm   | 500 ppm   | --      | --       |
| Toluene                 | ACGIH              | --    | 20 ppm    | --        | --      | --       |
| Toluene                 | Australia          | --    | 191 mg/m3 | 574 mg/m3 | --      | --       |
| Hexane                  | ACGIH              | --    | 50 ppm    | --        | --      | Skin     |
| Hexane                  | Australia          | --    | 72 mg/m3  | --        | --      | --       |
| Benzene                 | ACGIH              | Vapor | .5 ppm    | 2.5 ppm   | --      | --       |
| Benzene                 | ACGIH              | --    | .5 ppm    | 2.5 ppm   | --      | Skin     |
| Benzene                 | Australia          | --    | 3.2 mg/m3 | --        | --      | --       |
| Benzene                 | CVX                | Vapor | 1 ppm     | 5 ppm     | --      | --       |
| Tertiary-butyl alcohol  | ACGIH              | --    | 100 ppm   | --        | --      | --       |
| Tertiary-butyl alcohol  | Australia          | --    | 303 mg/m3 | 455 mg/m3 | --      | --       |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | ACGIH              | Vapor | 50 ppm    | --        | --      | --       |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | ACGIH              | --    | 50 ppm    | --        | --      | --       |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | Australia          | --    | 92 mg/m3  | 275 mg/m3 | --      | --       |
| Methyl tert-butyl ether | CVX                | --    | --        | 50 ppm    | --      | --       |

Consult local authorities for appropriate values.

**SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Attention: the data below are typical values and do not constitute a specification.**

**Color:** Colorless

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Petroleum odor

**Odor Threshold:** No data available

**pH:** Not Applicable

**Vapor Pressure:** 53.33 kPa @ 20 °C (68 °F)

**Vapor Density (Air = 1):** >2

**Initial Boiling Point:** 30°C (86°F) - 228°C (442.4°F)

**Solubility:** Insoluble in water.

**Freezing Point:** Not Applicable

**Melting Point:** Not Applicable

**Specific Gravity:** 0.72 - 0.7350 @ 15°C (59°F)

**Viscosity:** 0.50 cSt - 0.75 cSt @ 40°C (104°F)

**Coefficient of Therm. Expansion / °F:** No data available

**Evaporation Rate:** No data available

**Decomposition temperature:** No data available

**Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient:** 2 - 7

**FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES:**

**Flammability (solid, gas):** No Data Available

**Flashpoint:** < -30 °C (< -22 °F)

**Autoignition:** 280 °C - 456 °C (536 °F - 853 °F)

**Flammability (Explosive) Limits (% by volume in air):** Lower: 1.1 Upper: 7.6

## SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** May react with strong acids or strong oxidizing agents, such as chlorates, nitrates, peroxides, etc.

**Chemical Stability:** This material is considered stable under normal ambient and anticipated storage and handling conditions of temperature and pressure.

**Incompatibility With Other Materials:** Not applicable

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None known (None expected)

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on toxicological effects

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** The eye irritation hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials or product components.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** The skin irritation hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials.

**Skin Sensitization:** The skin sensitization hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials.

**Acute Dermal Toxicity:** The acute dermal toxicity hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials.

**Acute Oral Toxicity:** The acute oral toxicity hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials.

**Acute Inhalation Toxicity:** The acute inhalation toxicity hazard is based on evaluation of data for similar materials.

**Acute Toxicity Estimate:** Not Determined

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** The hazard evaluation is based on data for components or a similar material.

**Carcinogenicity:** The hazard evaluation is based on data for components or a similar material.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** The hazard evaluation is based on data for components or a similar material.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure:** The hazard evaluation is based on data for components or a similar material.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Repeated Exposure:** The hazard evaluation is based on data for components or a similar material.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available

### ADDITIONAL TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION:

Gasolines are highly volatile and can produce significant concentrations of vapor at ambient temperatures. Gasoline vapor is heavier than air and at high concentrations may accumulate in confined spaces to present both safety and health hazards. When vapor exposures are low, or short duration and infrequent, such as during refueling and tanker loading/unloading, neither total hydrocarbon nor components such as benzene are likely to result in any adverse health effects. In situations such as accidents or spills where exposure to gasoline vapor is potentially high, attention should be paid to potential toxic effects of specific components. Information about specific components in gasoline can be found in Sections 2/3, 8 and 15 of this MSDS. More detailed information on the health hazards of specific gasoline components can be obtained calling the Chevron Emergency Information Center (see

Section 1 for phone numbers).

Pathological misuse of solvents and gasoline, involving repeated and prolonged exposure to high concentrations of vapor is a significant exposure on which there are many reports in the medical literature. As with other solvents, persistent abuse involving repeated and prolonged exposures to high concentrations of vapor has been reported to result in central nervous system damage and eventually, death. In a study in which ten human volunteers were exposed for 30 minutes to approximately 200, 500 or 1000 ppm concentrations of gasoline vapor, irritation of the eyes was the only significant effect observed, based on both subjective and objective assessments.

Lifetime inhalation of wholly vaporized unleaded gasoline at 2056 ppm has caused increased liver tumors in female mice and kidney cancer in male rats. In their 1988 review of carcinogenic risk from gasoline, The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) noted that, because published epidemiology studies did not include any exposure data, only occupations where gasoline exposure may have occurred were reviewed. These included gasoline service station attendants and automobile mechanics. IARC also noted that there was no opportunity to separate effects of combustion products from those of gasoline itself. Although IARC allocated gasoline a final overall classification of Group 2B, i.e. possibly carcinogenic to humans, this was based on limited evidence in experimental animals plus supporting evidence including the presence in gasoline of benzene. The actual evidence for carcinogenicity in humans was considered inadequate.

**MUTAGENICITY:** Gasoline was not mutagenic, with or without activation, in the Ames assay (*Salmonella typhimurium*), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or mouse lymphoma assays. In addition, point mutations were not induced in human lymphocytes. Gasoline was not mutagenic when tested in the mouse dominant lethal assay. Administration of gasoline to rats did not cause chromosomal aberrations in their bone marrow cells. **EPIDEMIOLOGY:** To explore the health effects of workers potentially exposed to gasoline vapors in the marketing and distribution sectors of the petroleum industry, the American Petroleum Institute sponsored a cohort mortality study (Publication 4555), a nested case-control study (Publication 4551), and an exposure assessment study (Publication 4552). Histories of exposure to gasoline were reconstructed for cohort of more than 18,000 employees from four companies for the time period between 1946 and 1985. The results of the cohort mortality study indicated that there was no increased mortality from either kidney cancer or leukemia among marketing and marine distribution employees who were exposed to gasoline in the petroleum industry, when compared to the general population. More importantly, based on internal comparisons, there was no association between mortality from kidney cancer or leukemia and various indices of gasoline exposure. In particular, neither duration of employment, duration of exposure, age at first exposure, year of first exposure, job category, cumulative exposure, frequency of peak exposure, nor average intensity of exposure had any effect on kidney cancer or leukemia mortality. The results of the nested case-control study confirmed the findings of the original cohort study. That is, exposure to gasoline at the levels experienced by this cohort of distribution workers is not a significant risk factor for leukemia (all cell types), acute myeloid leukemia, kidney cancer or multiple myeloma.

This product contains toluene.

**GENERAL TOXICITY:** The primary effects of exposure to toluene in animals and humans are on the central nervous system. Solvent abusers, who typically inhale high concentrations (thousands of ppm) for brief periods of time, in addition to experiencing respiratory tract irritation, often suffer permanent central nervous system effects that include tremors, staggered gait, impaired speech, hearing and vision loss, and changes in brain tissue. Death in some solvent abusers has been attributed to cardiac arrhythmias, which appear to be have been triggered by epinephrine acting on solvent sensitized cardiac tissue. Although liver and kidney effects have been seen in some solvent abusers, results of animal testing with toluene do not support these as primary target organs.

**HEARING:** Humans who were occupationally exposed to concentrations of toluene as low as 100 ppm for long periods of time have experienced hearing deficits. Hearing loss, as demonstrated using behavioral and electrophysiological testing as well as by observation of structural damage to cochlear hair cells, occurred in experimental animals exposed to toluene. It also appears that toluene exposure and noise may interact to produce hearing deficits.

**COLOR VISION:** In a single study of workers exposed to toluene at levels under 50 ppm, small decreases in the ability to discriminate colors in the blue-yellow range have been reported for female workers. This effect, which should be investigated further, is very subtle and would not likely have been noticed by the people tested.

**REPRODUCTIVE/DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Toluene may also cause mental and/or growth retardation in the children of female solvent abusers who directly inhale toluene (usually at thousands of ppm) when they are pregnant. Toluene caused growth retardation in rats and rabbits when administered at doses that were toxic to the mothers. In rats, concentrations of up to 5000 ppm did not cause birth defects. No effects were observed in the offspring at doses that did not intoxicate the pregnant animals. The exposure level at which no effects were seen (No Observed Effect Level, NOEL) is 750 ppm in the rat and 500 ppm in the rabbit.

This product contains benzene.

**GENETIC TOXICITY/CANCER:** Repeated or prolonged breathing of benzene vapor has been associated with the development of chromosomal damage in experimental animals and various blood diseases in humans ranging from aplastic anemia to leukemia (a form of cancer). All of these diseases can be fatal. In some individuals, benzene exposure can sensitize cardiac tissue to epinephrine which may precipitate fatal ventricular fibrillation.

**REPRODUCTIVE/DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** No birth defects have been shown to occur in pregnant laboratory animals exposed to doses not toxic to the mother. However, some evidence of fetal toxicity such as delayed physical development has been seen at such levels. The available information on the effects of benzene on human pregnancies is inadequate but it has been established that benzene can cross the human placenta.

**OCCUPATIONAL:** The OSHA Benzene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1028) contains detailed requirements for training, exposure monitoring, respiratory protection and medical surveillance triggered by the exposure level. Refer to the OSHA Standard before using this product.

This product contains n-hexane.

**TARGET ORGAN TOXICITY:** Prolonged or repeated ingestion, skin contact or breathing of vapors of n-hexane has been shown to cause peripheral neuropathy. Recovery ranges from no recovery to complete recovery depending upon the severity of the nerve damage. Exposure to 1000 ppm n-hexane for 18 hr/day for 61 days has been shown to cause testicular damage in rats. However, when rats were exposed to higher concentrations for shorter daily periods (10,000 ppm for 6 h/day, 5 days/wk for 13 weeks), no testicular lesions were seen.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** Chronic exposure to commercial hexane (52% n-hexane) at a concentration of 9000ppm was not carcinogenic to rats or to male mice, but did result in an increased incidence of liver tumors in female mice. No carcinogenic effects were observed in female mice exposed to 900 or 3000 ppm hexane or in male mice. The relevance for humans of these hexane-induced mouse liver tumors is questionable.

**GENETIC TOXICITY:** n-Hexane caused chromosome aberrations in bone marrow of rats, but was negative in the AMES and mouse lymphoma tests.

This product contains MTBE

**GENERAL TOXICITY:** In rats, exposure to MTBE vapor for thirteen weeks produced changes to organ weights, mild lesions, and produced kidney changes consistent with accumulation of alpha-2-microglobulin, an effect specific to male rats and not relevant to human health assessment; none of the effects met the criteria for target organ classification.

**BIRTH DEFECTS AND REPRODUCTION:** In mice, MTBE inhalation during pregnancy harmed prenatal development at maternally toxic levels. No prenatal harm was observed in rats or rabbits exposed to MTBE vapor, nor to rat reproduction.

**GENETIC TOXICITY:** MTBE was positive under certain conditions in the mouse lymphoma test, but negative for mutagenicity in bacteria, chromosomal aberrations in rats or mice, and unscheduled DNA synthesis.



**CARCINOGENICITY:** A lifetime oral dosing study reported that MTBE increased tumors in Leydig cells of the testes and lymphomas and leukemias in female rats. A repeat study with MTBE in drinking water did not replicate these findings, but had a significant trend for brain astrocytomas in male rats that was within historical control values and interpreted as not associated with MTBE exposure. A follow up pathology study using immunohistochemistry staining reclassified all the brain lesions originally diagnosed as astrocytomas to malignant microglial tumors, which are not considered relevant to human health. A lifetime inhalation study in mice and rats showed increased liver tumors in female mice at the highest MTBE exposure, and testicular tumors and kidney tumors associated with male rat hydrocarbon nephropathy; neither rat tumor was considered relevant to human health assessment.

**OTHER:** Appropriate precautions should be taken to prevent releases of gasoline with MTBE into the environment. MTBE is generally more soluble in water than other gasoline constituents, and under certain circumstances, MTBE can move further and faster in groundwater than other gasoline constituents. MTBE may also take longer than other gasoline constituents to biodegrade in the environment, depending on local subsurface conditions. Therefore, MTBE has the potential to persist in the environment longer than other gasoline constituents.

MTBE can also adversely affect the taste and odor of drinking water at relatively low levels. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued guidance that MTBE in drinking water at levels of 20 ppb or higher may cause unpleasant taste and odor for some people.

#### G/MTBE vapor

Repeated inhalation exposure to high-levels of gasoline/MTBE vapor for thirteen weeks produced evidence of alpha-2-microglobulin accumulation, an effect specific to male rats and irrelevant to human health assessment. This exposure did not harm reproduction, prenatal development below exposure levels that harmed maternal health, or increase bone marrow micronuclei, but there was an increased incidence of sister chromatid exchange in peripheral lymphocytes in female rats, considered an indication of chromosomal instability rather than genetic toxicity. In male rats, chronic, high-level inhalation exposure to gasoline/MTBE vapor did not increase the incidence of any tumors thought to be relevant to humans.

## **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **ECOTOXICITY**

Gasoline studies have been conducted in the laboratory under a variety of test conditions with a range of fish and invertebrate species. An even more extensive database is available on the aquatic toxicity of individual aromatic constituents. The majority of published studies do not identify the type of gasoline evaluated, or even provide distinguishing characteristics such as aromatic content or presence of lead alkyls. As a result, comparison of results among studies using open and closed vessels, different ages and species of test animals and different gasoline types, is difficult.

The bulk of the available literature on gasoline relates to the environmental impact of monoaromatic (BTEX) and diaromatic (naphthalene, methylnaphthalenes) constituents. In general, non-oxygenated gasoline exhibits some short-term toxicity to freshwater and marine organisms, especially under closed vessel or flow-through exposure conditions in the laboratory. The components which are the most prominent in the water soluble fraction and cause aquatic toxicity, are also highly volatile and can be readily biodegraded by microorganisms.

This material is expected to be toxic to aquatic organisms and may cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from products of a similar structure and composition.

### **MOBILITY**

No data available.

### **PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY**

This material is expected to be readily biodegradable. Following spillage, the more volatile components of gasoline will be rapidly lost, with concurrent dissolution of these and other constituents into the water. Factors such as local environmental conditions (temperature, wind, mixing or wave action, soil type, etc), photo-oxidation, biodegradation and adsorption onto suspended sediments, can contribute to the weathering of spilled gasoline.

The aqueous solubility of non-oxygenated unleaded gasoline, based on analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene+xylenes and naphthalene, is reported to be 112 mg/l. Solubility data on individual gasoline constituents also available.

The product has not been tested. The statement has been derived from the properties of the individual components.

### **POTENTIAL TO BIOACCUMULATE**

Bioconcentration Factor: No data available.

Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient: 2 - 7

## **SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Use material for its intended purpose or recycle if possible. This material, if it must be discarded, may meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined by international, country, or local laws and regulations.

## **SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

The description shown may not apply to all shipping situations. Consult 49CFR, or appropriate Dangerous Goods Regulations, for additional description requirements (e.g., technical name) and mode-specific or quantity-specific shipping requirements.

**HazChem Code:** 3YE

**ADG/ADOT Shipping Description:** UN1203, GASOLINE, 3, II

**IMO/IMDG Shipping Description:** UN1203, GASOLINE, 3, II, FLASH POINT SEE SECTION 9, MARINE POLLUTANT (GASOLINE)

**ICAO/IATA Shipping Description:** UN1203, GASOLINE, 3, II

## **SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

REGULATORY LISTS SEARCHED:

01-1=IARC Group 1

01-2A=IARC Group 2A

01-2B=IARC Group 2B

The following components of this material are found on the regulatory lists indicated.

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Gasoline | 01-2B |
| Benzene  | 01-1  |

**CHEMICAL INVENTORIES:**

All components comply with the following chemical inventory requirements: AIIC (Australia), DSL (Canada), EINECS (European Union), KECI (Korea), NZIoC (New Zealand), PICCS (Philippines), TCSI (Taiwan).

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| <b>SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION</b> |
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**REVISION STATEMENT:** SECTION 01 - Product Identifier information was modified.  
 SECTION 02 - Hazard Statements information was modified.  
 SECTION 02 - Health Classification information was modified.  
 SECTION 02 - Precautionary Statements information was modified.  
 SECTION 03 - Composition information was modified.  
 SECTION 04 - Delayed Health Effects - Carcinogenicity information was modified.  
 SECTION 04 - Delayed Health Effects - Mutagenicity information was deleted.  
 SECTION 04 - Delayed Health Effects - Reproductive Toxicity information was modified.  
 SECTION 04 - Delayed Health Effects - Target Organ(s) information was modified.  
 SECTION 04 - First Aid - Eye information was modified.  
 SECTION 04 - Immediate Health Effects - Eye information was modified.  
 SECTION 08 - Eye/Face Protection information was modified.  
 SECTION 08 - Occupational Exposure Limit Table information was modified.  
 SECTION 09 - Physical/Chemical Properties information was modified.  
 SECTION 11 - Additional Toxicology Information information was modified.  
 SECTION 11 - Toxicological Information information was added.  
 SECTION 11 - Toxicological Information information was deleted.  
 SECTION 11 - Toxicological Information information was modified.  
 SECTION 12 - Ecological Information information was added.  
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| TLV - Threshold Limit Value                                       | TWA - Time Weighted Average                            |
| STEL - Short-term Exposure Limit                                  | PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit                       |
|   | CAS - Chemical Abstract Service Number                 |
| ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists | IMO/IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code |
| API - American Petroleum Institute                                | SDS - Safety Data Sheet                                |
| CVX - Chevron   | NTP - National Toxicology Program (USA)                |
| DOT - Department of Transportation (USA)                          |  |
| IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer                |  |

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