

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



## CAUSTIC SODA

Drilling Fluids

### 1. Product and Company Identification

**Material name** CAUSTIC SODA  
**Chemical name** Sodium hydroxide  
**Applications** Alkalinity Control  
**Supplier** Baker Hughes Drilling Fluids  
2001 Rankin Rd.  
Houston, TX 77073  
Emergency telephone number 713-439-8900

### 2. Composition / Information on Ingredients

Components	CAS #	Percent
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1310-73-2	> 97
Non-hazardous and other components below reportable levels		1 - 2.5
<b>Composition comments</b>	This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA.	

### 3. Hazards Identification

**Emergency overview** May cause severe irritation or burns to the eyes, skin, gastrointestinal tract, and respiratory system. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

**Potential health effects**

**Routes of exposure** Inhalation. Skin contact. Eye contact.

**Eyes** Causes severe eye burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness.

**Skin** Contact causes severe skin irritation and possible burns.

**Inhalation** Can cause severe respiratory irritation. Inhalation of mists or vapors may produce upper airway edema, wheezing, pulmonary edema, pneumonitis and respiratory failure.

**Ingestion** Ingestion may produce burns to the lips, oral cavity, upper airway, esophagus and possibly the digestive tract. Ingestion of this product may cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

**Target organs** Eyes. Respiratory system. Skin.

**Chronic effects** Prolonged skin contact may defat the skin and produce dermatitis.

### 4. First Aid Measures

**First aid procedures**

**Eye contact** Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention immediately.

**Skin contact** Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Wash affected area with mild soap and water. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention immediately. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Inhalation** Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

**Ingestion** Immediately give large quantities of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs naturally, have victim lean forward to reduce risk of aspiration. Get medical attention immediately.

**General advice** Keep victim warm. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. Immediate medical attention is required. Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Flammable properties** None known.

**Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media** Do not use water. Use extinguishing agent suitable for type of surrounding fire.

## Protection of firefighters

### Protective equipment for firefighters

Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Wear full protective clothing, including helmet, self-contained positive pressure or pressure demand breathing apparatus, protective clothing and face mask.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

### Evacuation procedures

Ventilate closed spaces before entering. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

### Methods for containment

Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

### Methods for cleaning up

Shovel or sweep up. Avoid dust formation.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

Handle and open container with care. Avoid breathing dusts from this material. Do not get this material in your eyes, on your skin, or on your clothing. Wash hands after handling and before eating. Considerable heat is generated when water or acid is added, therefore when making solutions always add the caustic to the water or acid with constant stirring.

### Storage

Use care in handling/storage. Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep this material away from food, drink and animal feed. Keep out of the reach of children.

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Exposure guidelines

#### ACGIH - Threshold Limits Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 2 Mg/m3 Ceiling

#### ACGIH - Threshold Limits Values - TLV Basis - Critical Effects

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 irritation

#### OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 2 Mg/m3 TWA

### Engineering controls

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

### Personal protective equipment

#### Eye / face protection

Wear chemical goggles. Face-shield. Eye wash fountain and emergency showers are recommended.

#### Skin protection

Use of protective coveralls and long sleeves is recommended. Use of impervious boots is recommended. Use of an impervious apron is recommended. Recommended gloves include rubber, neoprene, nitrile or viton.

#### Respiratory protection

When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

#### General hygiene considerations

Avoid contact with the skin and the eyes. Keep away from food and drink. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

### Appearance / Color / Form

Pellets. White. Solid.

### Odor

Odourless.

### Clarity

Not available

### Odor threshold

Not available

### Physical state

Solid

### pH

12, conc: 0.05% (solution); 13, conc: 1% (solution); 14, conc: 5% (solution)

### Melting point

604.4 °F (318 °C) estimated

### Freezing point

Not available

### Boiling point

2534 °F (1390 °C) estimated

### Flash point

Not available

### Evaporation rate

Not available

### Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume

Not available

### Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume

Not available

### Vapor pressure

0 HPa at 20 °C

### Vapor density

Not available

Specific gravity	2.13 @20 C
Relative density	2.1322 estimated
Solubility	Soluble in water.
Octanol/H2O coeff	Not available
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available
Decomposition temperature	Not available
Molecular weight	40.01 g/mol
Molecular formula	NaOH

## 10. Chemical Stability and Reativity Information

Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid contact with water. Direct contact with water may cause an exothermic reaction.
Incompatible materials	Alkali sensitive metals or alloys including aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, lead, tin, and zinc. Acids. Halogenated compounds.
Hazardous decomposition products	None known.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	Will not occur.

## 11. Toxicological Information

Acute effects	Causes severe burns.
Component analysis - LD50	
Toxicology Data - Selected LD50s and LC50s	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1310-73-2 Dermal LD50 Rabbit: 1350 mg/kg
Chronic effects	Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause lung injury. Prolonged skin contact may defat the skin and produce dermatitis.

## 12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity	Because of the high pH of this product, it would be expected to produce significant ecotoxicity upon exposure to aquatic organisms and aquatic systems.
Environmental effects	Harmful to aquatic life.
Persistence / degradability	This material is inorganic and not subject to biodegradation.
Bioaccumulation / accumulation	Not expected to bioaccumulate.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
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## 14. Transport Information

### Department of Transportation (DOT) Requirements

#### Basic shipping requirements:

Proper shipping name	Sodium hydroxide, solid
Hazard class	8
UN number	UN1823
Packaging group	II

#### Additional information:

Special provisions	IB8, IP2, IP4
Packaging exceptions	154
Packaging non bulk	212
Packaging bulk	240
ERG number	154



**IATA****Basic shipping requirements:**

**Proper shipping name** Sodium hydroxide, solid  
**Hazard class** 8  
**UN number** 1823  
**Packaging group** II

**IMDG****Basic shipping requirements:**

**Proper shipping name** SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID  
**Hazard class** 8  
**UN number** 1823  
**Packaging group** II  
**Additional information:**  
**Hazard ID** 80  
**Item** C6  
**Labels required** 8  
**Transport Category** 2

**15. Regulatory Information**

**US federal regulations** This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.  
 All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

**FDA - Direct Food Additives**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 21 CFR 173.310

**FDA - Food Additives Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS)**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 21 CFR 184.1763

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)**

**29 CFR 1910.1200 hazardous chemical** Yes

**CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity** SODIUM HYDROXIDE: 1000

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - Yes  
 Delayed Hazard - No  
 Fire Hazard - No  
 Pressure Hazard - No  
 Reactivity Hazard - Yes

**Section 302 extremely hazardous substance** No

**Section 311 hazardous chemical** Yes

**Inventory status**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (CCS)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of New and Existing Chemicals (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Japanese Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Korean Inventory of Chemicals (KICS)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

**International regulations**

The product is classified and labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws.

**State regulations****Massachusetts - Right To Know List**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 Present

**New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 sn 1706

**Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List**

SODIUM HYDROXIDE 1310-73-2 Environmental hazard

**16. Other Information****HMIS ratings**

Health: 3\*  
Flammability: 0  
Physical hazard: 2  
Personal protection: D

**NFPA ratings**

Health: 3  
Flammability: 0  
Instability: 2

**Disclaimer**

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