



SAFETY DATA SHEET

M-I GEL

1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY/UNDERTAKING

PRODUCT NAME	M-I GEL
APPLICATION	Viscosifier
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2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Not regarded as a health or environmental hazard under current legislation.

HUMAN HEALTH

This product contains a small quantity of quartz, crystalline silica. IARC Monographs, Vol 68, 1997, concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources causes cancer in humans. IARC classification Group 1. Because of quantity and composition, the health hazard is small.

3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	EC No.	CAS-No.	Content	Classification (67/548)
BENTONITE	215-108-5	1302-78-9	60-100%	-
QUARTZ, CRYSTALLINE SILICA	238-878-4	14808-60-7	5-10%	Xn;R48/20.

The Full Text for all R-Phrases are Displayed in Section 16

COMPOSITION COMMENTS

The data shown is in accordance with the latest EC Directives. This product contains a small quantity of quartz, crystalline silica. Prolonged and repeated exposure to concentrations of crystalline silica exceeding the workplace exposure limit (WEL) may lead to chronic lung disease such as silicosis. Because of quantity and composition, the health hazard is small.

4 FIRST-AID MEASURES

INHALATION

Move the exposed person to fresh air at once. If respiratory problems, artificial respiration/oxygen. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

INGESTION

Immediately give a couple of glasses of water or milk, provided the victim is fully conscious. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

SKIN CONTACT

Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash skin with soap and water. Get medical attention promptly if symptoms occur after washing.

EYE CONTACT

Make sure to remove any contact lenses from the eyes before rinsing. Promptly wash eyes with plenty of water while lifting the eye lids. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

5 FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

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SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES

Containers close to fire should be removed immediately or cooled with water.

UNUSUAL FIRE & EXPLOSION HAZARDS

High concentrations of dust may form explosive mixture with air.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN FIRE

Self contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

Wear protective clothing as described in Section 8 of this safety data sheet.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS

Do not allow to enter drains, sewers or watercourses.

SPILL CLEAN UP METHODS

Avoid generation and spreading of dust. Shovel into dry containers. Cover and move the containers. Flush the area with water.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

USAGE PRECAUTIONS

Avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes. Avoid handling which leads to dust formation.

STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Store in tightly closed original container in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Name	Std	TWA - 8 hrs		STEL - 15 min		Notes
QUARTZ, CRYSTALLINE SILICA	WEL		0,1 mg/m3			

WEL = Workplace Exposure Limit.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



ENGINEERING MEASURES

Provide adequate general and local exhaust ventilation.

RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT

No specific recommendation made, but respiratory protection may still be required under exceptional circumstances when excessive air contamination exists.

HAND PROTECTION

For prolonged or repeated skin contact use suitable protective gloves. Use protective gloves made of: Nitrile. or Neoprene.

EYE PROTECTION

Wear approved chemical safety goggles where eye exposure is reasonably probable.

OTHER PROTECTION

Wear appropriate clothing to prevent any possibility of skin contact. Provide eyewash station.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE	Powder, dust		
COLOUR	Cream to Grey		
ODOUR	Odourless		
SOLUBILITY	Insoluble in water		
RELATIVE DENSITY	2.3 - 2.6	pH-VALUE, CONC. SOLUTION	9 - 10

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

STABILITY

Stable under normal temperature conditions and recommended use.

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11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

INHALATION

Dust in high concentrations may irritate the respiratory system.

INGESTION

May cause discomfort if swallowed.

SKIN CONTACT

Prolonged and frequent contact may cause redness and irritation.

EYE CONTACT

Particles in the eyes may cause irritation and smarting.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ECOTOXICITY

Contact M-I SWACO's QHSE Department for ecological information at env@miswaco.com.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

DISPOSAL METHODS

Recover and reclaim or recycle, if practical. Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

GENERAL

The product is not covered by international regulation on the transport of dangerous goods (IMDG, IATA, ADR/RID).

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

RISK PHRASES

NC Not classified.

SAFETY PHRASES

NC Not classified.

UK REGULATORY REFERENCES

Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging) Regulations. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended) Workplace Exposure Limits EH40.

EU DIRECTIVES

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, including amendments.

INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL INVENTORIES

Contact REACH@miswaco.com for REACH information. Complies with the following national/regional chemical inventory requirements: AICS, DSL / NDSL, IECSC, EINECS / ELINCS, TCCL ECL, NZIoC, PICCS, TSCA

16 OTHER INFORMATION

INFORMATION SOURCES

Product information provided by the commercial vendor(s). Material Safety Data Sheet, Misc. manufacturers. Micromedex. European Chemicals Bureau - ESIS (European Chemical Substances Information).

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RISK PHRASES IN FULL

R48/20 Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure through inhalation.

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