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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Rev. # 3 

= SECTION I: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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TRADE NAME: NB-17

potassium hydroxide

CHEMICAL NAME: Sulfite/phosphate CHEMICAL FAMILY: BOILER CONVENIENCE TREATMENT

= SECTION II: HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

CAS # TI V 1310-58-3 7757-83-7 5-10 7758-29-4 6834-92-0 1-5 2mq/m3not est.

sodium sulfite sodium tripolyphosphate not est. sodium metasilicate not est.

= SECTION III: PHYSICAL DATA

Boiling point (F): Above 212°F Specific Gravity: 1.282

Vapor Pressure (mm Hg): Unknown Percent Volatile (water): 68.5

Vapor Density (air=1): Same as water Evap. Rate (water=1):

Solubility in Water: Miscible pH: 13.5 - 14.0

Density: pH (1% soln.): 12.0

Appearance and Odor: Clear, dark brown solution with slight odor

= SECTION IV: FIRE PROTECTION INFORMATION

Flash Point: N/A Flammable Limits: N/A

Extinguishing Media: Water, foam, CO2 or dry chemical.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Keep drums that are exposed to fire cool with water. Wear protective clothing and SCBA.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: May generate sulfur oxides on decomposition.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating (in fire conditions): Toxicity: 2 Fire: 0 Reactivity: 0 Special: -

Hazard Rating: 4=extreme 3=high 2=moderate 1=slight 0=insignificant

Date: 1/12/00

SECTION V: HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION

PRIMARY ROUTE(S) OF ENTRY:

Skin: X Eye: X Inhalation: X Ingestion: X

Acute Effects of Exposure: May cause severe burns or tissue damage to skin, eyes or mucous membrane. Inhalation of mists may lead to chemical pneumonia. Sulfite sensitive individuals, upon ingestion of this product may experience allergic reaction characterized by nausea, diarrhea, itching, swelling, hives, acute asthma attack, loss of consciousness or anaphylactic shock.

Chronic Effects of Exposure: Not a known or suspect carcinogen. (Reference to OSHA, NTP, IARC)

Medical Conditions Which May Be Aggravated By Handling This Product: Persons with impaired breathing may be at increased risk if concentrated mists are inhaled. Open wounds, rashes or sores may be irritated.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

Skin: Flush with water, then wash thoroughly with soap and water.

Eyes: Flush with water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention.

Ingestion: Drink plenty of water and consult a physician immediately. Avoid

alcoholic beverages. Do not give anything by mouth to an

unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting.

Inhalation: Move victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention if breathing

difficulty persists. Apply artificial respiration if necessary.

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= SECTION VI: REACTIVITY DATA

Stable: Yes: X No: Hazardous Polymerization: Yes: No: X

Conditions to Avoid:

High heat

Materials to Avoid:

Acids, metals such as aluminum, tin, zinc and alloys containing these metals. Avoid contact with leather or wool.

Hazardous Decomposition Products:

Sulfur oxides

= SECTION VII: SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES/WASTF DISPOSAL

Spill or Leak Procedures: Contain spill if without risk. Neutralize small spills with a weak acid in a well ventilated area and flush to sanitary sewer if in accordance with local, state and federal requirements. Larger spills should be absorbed with inert material and containerized for disposal.

Waste Disposal: This product if disposed of as supplied, qualifies as a RCRA hazardous waste (D002). Dispose of in accordance with local, state and federal requirements.

Additional Regulatory Information:

CERCLA: Potassium Hydroxide RQ 1,000 LBS/NB-17 RQ 6,400 LBS.

SARA Title III:

Sec. 313 Toxic Chemical Release - This product does not contain any ingredients

(at 1% or greater) on the Toxic Chemical List. Sec. 302-304 Extremely Hazardous Substances - This product does not contain ingredients on the Extremely Hazardous Substance List.

Sec. 311-312 Inventory Reporting, Hazard Category - Acute

California Proposition 65: This product does not contain ingredients known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

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= SECTION VIII: OCCUPATIONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Eye:

Chemical safety glasses or face shield.

Respiratory:

Not required under normal conditions of use.

Skin:

Rubber or impervious gloves.

Local Exhaust:

Recommended in confined spaces. Mechanical exhaust ventilation

sufficient to remove air contaminants from operator's area.

Other:

Rubber apron if splashing likely, eye wash and emergency shower

equipment.

= SECTION IX: PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES Avoid skin and eye contact. Do not take internally. Keep container closed when not in use. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, or smoking. Keep from freezing.

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet Glossary of Terms for additional information.

= SECTION X: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT Label:

CORROSIVE

DOT Proper Shipping Name:

Caustic Alkali, N.O.S.

(contains potassium hydroxide)

DOT Hazard Class/I.D. #:

8, UN 1719, PG, II

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U.S. Surface Freight Classification: Compounds, Boiler Preserving, Liquid

= SECTION XI: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FDA: Complies with 21 CFR 173.310

USDA: As above

EPA: All ingredients reported on TSCA Inventory.

Aquatic Toxicity: Not tested

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