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## SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

### Product Identifier

**Product Name:** Lafarge Portland Cement (cement)

**Synonyms:** Cement, Portland Cement, Hydraulic Cement, Oil Well Cement, Trinity® White Cement, Antique White Cement, Portland Limestone Cement, Portland Cement Type I, IA, IE, II, I/II, IIA, II L.A., III, IIIA, IV, IVA, V, VA, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, GU, GUL, MS, MH, HE, LH, HS, OWH, OWG Cement, OW Class G HSR, InfiniCem™

**Note:** This SDS covers many types of Portland cement. Individual composition of hazardous constituents will vary between types of Portland cement.

### Intended Use of the Product

Cement is used as a binder in concrete and mortars that are widely used in construction. Cement is distributed in bags, totes and bulk shipment.

### Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party

#### Company

Lafarge North America Inc.

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Website: [www.lafarge-na.com](http://www.lafarge-na.com)

### Emergency Telephone Number

**Emergency number** : 1-800-451-8346 (3E Hotline)

## SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification of the Substance or Mixture

#### Classification (GHS-US)

Skin Corr. 1C H314

Eye Dam. 1 H318

Skin Sens. 1 H317

Carc. 1A H350

STOT SE 3 H335

### Label Elements

#### GHS-US Labeling

#### Hazard Pictograms (GHS-US)



#### Signal Word (GHS-US)

: Danger

#### Hazard Statements (GHS-US)

: H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  
H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
H318 - Causes serious eye damage  
H335 - May cause respiratory irritation  
H350 - May cause cancer (Inhalation)

#### Precautionary Statements (GHS-US)

: P201 - Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P260 - Do not breathe dust.  
P264 - Wash hands, forearms, and exposed areas thoroughly after handling.  
P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, face protection, eye protection.  
P301+P330+P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P303+P361+P353+P352 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all

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contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305+P351+P338 - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  
P321 - Specific treatment (see Section 4).  
P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.  
P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
P405 - Store locked up.  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container according to local, regional, state, national, territorial, provincial, and international regulations.

### Other Hazards

**Other Hazards Not Contributing to the Classification:** Inhalation can cause serious, potentially irreversible lung/respiratory tract tissue damage due to chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns. Individuals with lung disease (e.g. bronchitis, emphysema, COPD, pulmonary disease) or sensitivity to hexavalent chromium can be aggravated by exposure.

**Unknown Acute Toxicity (GHS-US)** Not available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Mixture

Name	Product identifier	% (w/w)	Classification (GHS-US)
Cement, portland, chemicals	(CAS No) 65997-15-1	100	Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 STOT SE 3, H335
Limestone	(CAS No) 1317-65-3	0 - 15	Not classified
Gypsum (Ca(SO <sub>4</sub> ).2H <sub>2</sub> O)	(CAS No) 13397-24-5	2 - 10	Not classified
Calcium oxide	(CAS No) 1305-78-8	0 - 5	Skin Corr. 1C, H314 Eye Dam. 1, H318 STOT SE 3, H335
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	(CAS No) 1309-48-4	0 - 4	Not classified
Quartz	(CAS No) 14808-60-7	0 - 0.2	Carc. 1A, H350 STOT SE 3, H335 STOT RE 1, H372

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of First Aid Measures

**General:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label if possible).

**Inhalation:** When symptoms occur: go into open air and ventilate suspected area. Keep at rest and in a position comfortable for breathing. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 60 minutes. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing for at least 60 minutes. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Most Important Symptoms and Effects Both Acute and Delayed

**General:** Corrosive to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Exposure may produce an allergic reaction.

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**Inhalation:** The three types of silicosis include: 1) Simple chronic silicosis – which results from long-term exposure (more than 20 years) to low amounts of respirable crystalline silica. Nodules of chronic inflammation and scarring provoked by the respirable crystalline silica form in the lungs and chest lymph nodes. This disease may feature breathlessness and may resemble chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); 2) Accelerated silicosis – occurs after exposure to larger amounts of respirable crystalline silica over a shorter period of time (5-15 years); 3) Acute silicosis – results from short-term exposure to very large amounts of respirable crystalline silica. The lungs become very inflamed and may fill with fluid, causing severe shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels. Inflammation, scarring, and symptoms progress faster in accelerated silicosis than in simple silicosis. Progressive massive fibrosis may occur in simple or accelerated silicosis, but is more common in the accelerated form. Progressive massive fibrosis results from severe scarring and leads to the destruction of normal lung structures. Some studies show that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis may be associated with the increased incidence of several autoimmune disorders such as scleroderma (thickening of the skin), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases affecting the kidneys. Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis. Some studies show an increased incidence of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica. Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

**Skin Contact:** Cement may cause dry skin, discomfort, irritation, severe burns, and dermatitis. Exposure of sufficient duration to wet cement, or to dry cement on moist areas of the body, can cause serious, potentially irreversible damage to skin, eye, respiratory and digestive tracts due to chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns. A skin exposure may be hazardous even if there is no pain or discomfort. Cement is capable of causing dermatitis by irritation and allergy. Skin affected by dermatitis may include symptoms such as, redness, itching, rash, scaling, and cracking. Irritant dermatitis is caused by the physical properties of cement including alkalinity and abrasion. Allergic contact dermatitis is caused by sensitization to hexavalent chromium (chromate) present in cement. The reaction can range from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to the first contact with cement. Others may develop allergic dermatitis after years of repeated contact with cement.

**Eye Contact:** Airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact with large amounts of dry powder or with wet cement can cause moderate eye irritation, chemical burns and blindness. Eye exposures require immediate first aid and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Ingestion:** May cause burns or irritation of the linings of the mouth, throat, and gastrointestinal tract.

**Chronic Symptoms:** If dust is generated, repeated exposure through inhalation may cause cancer or lung disease.

### **Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed**

If exposed or concerned, get medical advice and attention.

## **SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

### **Extinguishing Media**

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

### **Special Hazards Arising From the Substance or Mixture**

**Fire Hazard:** Not flammable.

**Explosion Hazard:** Product is not explosive.

**Reactivity:** Wet cement is alkaline and is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal. Cement dissolves in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Cement reacts with water to form silicates and calcium hydroxide. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, and oxygen difluoride.

### **Advice for Firefighters**

**Precautionary Measures Fire:** Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

**Firefighting Instructions:** Do not get water inside containers. Do not apply water stream directly at source of leak.

**Protection During Firefighting:** Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** None.

### **Reference to Other Sections**

Refer to section 9 for flammability properties.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures**

**General Measures:** Do not breathe dust. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.

#### **For Non-Emergency Personnel**

**Protective Equipment:** Use appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).

**Emergency Procedures:** Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

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### For Emergency Personnel

**Protective Equipment:** Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

**Emergency Procedures:** Ventilate area.

### Environmental Precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters.

### Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

**For Containment:** Place spilled material into a container. Avoid actions that cause the cement to become airborne. Avoid inhalation of cement and contact with skin. Wear appropriate protective equipment as described in Section 8. Scrape wet cement and place in container. Allow material to dry or solidify before disposal. Do not wash cement down sewage and drainage systems or into bodies of water (e.g. streams).

**Methods for Cleaning Up:** Avoid actions that cause dust to become airborne during clean-up such as dry sweeping or using compressed air. Use HEPA vacuum or thoroughly wet with water to clean-up dust. Use PPE described in Section 8.

### Reference to Other Sections

See heading 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection. Concerning disposal elimination after cleaning, see item 13.

## SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Precautions for Safe Handling

**Additional Hazards When Processed:** Keep bulk and bagged cement dry until used. Stack bagged material in a secure manner to prevent falling. Bagged cement is heavy and poses risks such as sprains and strains to the back, arms, shoulders and legs during lifting and mixing. Handle with care and use appropriate control measures. Engulfment hazard. To prevent burial or suffocation, do not enter a confined space, such as a silo, bin, bulk truck, or other storage container or vessel that stores or contains cement. Cement can buildup or adhere to the walls of a confined space. The cement can release, collapse or fall unexpectedly. Properly ground all pneumatic conveyance systems. The potential exists for static build-up and static discharge when moving cement powders through a plastic, non-conductive, or non-grounded pneumatic conveyance system. The static discharge may result in damage to equipment and injury to workers. Cutting, crushing or grinding hardened cement, concrete or other crystalline silica-bearing materials will release respirable crystalline silica. Use all appropriate measures of dust control or suppression, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) described in Section 8 below.

**Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and again when leaving work. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities

**Storage Conditions:** Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use.

**Incompatible Materials:** Wet cement is alkaline and is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal. Cement dissolves in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Cement reacts with water to form silicates and calcium hydroxide. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, and oxygen difluoride.

**Storage Temperature:** Unlimited

**Specific End Use(s)** Cement is used as a binder in concrete and mortars that are widely used in construction. Cement is distributed in bags, totes and bulk shipment.

## SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### Control Parameters

Limestone (1317-65-3)		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Mexico	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
New Brunswick	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Limestone, containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)

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Saskatchewan	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cement, portland, chemicals (65997-15-1)</b>		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Mexico	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA IDLH	US IDLH (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (particulate matter containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Manitoba	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (particulate matter containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
New Brunswick	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (particulate matter containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (particulate matter containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Ontario	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (particulate matter containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Gypsum (Ca(SO<sub>4</sub>).2H<sub>2</sub>O) (13397-24-5)</b>		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Manitoba	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Ontario	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (containing no Asbestos and <1% Crystalline silica)
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

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<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA IDLH	US IDLH (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Manitoba	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
New Brunswick	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Northwest Territories	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ontario	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Magnesium oxide (MgO) (1309-48-4)</b>		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA IDLH	US IDLH (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	750 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Manitoba	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
New Brunswick	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Northwest Territories	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ontario	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>		
Mexico	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (STEL) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	250 mppcf/%SiO <sub>2</sub> +5, 10mg/m <sup>3</sup> /%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>



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USA IDLH	US IDLH (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Alberta	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
British Columbia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Manitoba	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
New Brunswick	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nunavut	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total mass)
Ontario	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (designated substances regulation)
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Québec	VEMP (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Yukon	OEL TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	300 particle/mL

### Exposure Controls

**Appropriate Engineering Controls:** Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation or other suppression methods to maintain dust levels below exposure limits. Power equipment should be equipped with proper dust collection devices.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Gloves. In case of dust production: protective goggles. Dust formation: dust mask.



**Materials for Protective Clothing:** Chemically resistant materials and fabrics.

**Hand Protection:** Wear gloves impervious to water to prevent skin contact. Do not rely on barrier creams, in place of impervious gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear ANSI approved glasses or safety goggles when handling dust to prevent contact with eyes. Wearing contact lenses when using Limestone and Dolomite, under dusty conditions, is not recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear gloves, boot covers and protective clothing impervious to water to prevent skin contact. Do not rely on barrier creams, in place of impervious gloves.

**Respiratory Protection:** Wear a NIOSH approved respirator that is properly fitted and is in good condition when exposed to dust above exposure limits.

**Other Information:** When using, do not eat, drink or smoke

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	: Solid
Appearance	: Gray, off white or white powder
Odor	: Odorless
Odor Threshold	: Not available
pH	: 12 - 13 (in water)
Relative Evaporation Rate (butylacetate=1)	: Not available
Melting Point	: Not available
Freezing Point	: Not available
Boiling Point	: > 1000 °C (> 1832 °F)
Flash Point	: Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	: Not available
Decomposition Temperature	: Not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not available
Lower Flammable Limit	: Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	: Not available
Vapor Pressure	: Not available

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Relative Vapor Density at 20 °C	: Not available
Relative Density/Specific Gravity	: 3.15
Solubility	: Water: 0.1 - 1 % (slightly soluble)
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not available
Viscosity	: Not available
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to mechanical impact.
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Static Discharge	: Not expected to present an explosion hazard due to static discharge.

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** Wet cement is alkaline and is incompatible with acids, ammonium salts and aluminum metal. Cement dissolves in hydrofluoric acid, producing corrosive silicon tetrafluoride gas. Cement reacts with water to form silicates and calcium hydroxide. Silicates react with powerful oxidizers such as fluorine, boron trifluoride, chlorine trifluoride, manganese trifluoride, and oxygen difluoride.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable under recommended handling and storage conditions (see section 7).

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Extremely high or low temperatures. Incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids. Ammonium salts. Aluminum. Hydrofluoric acid. Water. Oxidizers.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None known.

## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on Toxicological Effects - Product

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified

**LD50 and LC50 Data:** Not available

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. (pH: 12 - 13 (in water))

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** Causes serious eye damage. (pH: 12 - 13 (in water))

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:** May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified

**Teratogenicity:** Not available

**Carcinogenicity:** May cause cancer (Inhalation).

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):** Not classified

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified

**Symptoms/Injuries After Inhalation:** The three types of silicosis include: 1) Simple chronic silicosis – which results from long-term exposure (more than 20 years) to low amounts of respirable crystalline silica. Nodules of chronic inflammation and scarring provoked by the respirable crystalline silica form in the lungs and chest lymph nodes. This disease may feature breathlessness and may resemble chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); 2) Accelerated silicosis – occurs after exposure to larger amounts of respirable crystalline silica over a shorter period of time (5-15 years); 3) Acute silicosis – results from short-term exposure to very large amounts of respirable crystalline silica. The lungs become very inflamed and may fill with fluid, causing severe shortness of breath and low blood oxygen levels. Inflammation, scarring, and symptoms progress faster in accelerated silicosis than in simple silicosis. Progressive massive fibrosis may occur in simple or accelerated silicosis, but is more common in the accelerated form. Progressive massive fibrosis results from severe scarring and leads to the destruction of normal lung structures. Some studies show that exposure to respirable crystalline silica (without silicosis) or that the disease silicosis may be associated with the increased incidence of several autoimmune disorders such as scleroderma (thickening of the skin), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and diseases affecting the kidneys. Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis. Some studies show an increased incidence of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica. Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Skin Contact:** Cement may cause dry skin, discomfort, irritation, severe burns, and dermatitis. Exposure of sufficient duration to wet cement, or to dry cement on moist areas of the body, can cause serious, potentially irreversible damage to skin, eye, respiratory and digestive tracts due to chemical (caustic) burns, including third degree burns. A skin exposure may be hazardous even if there is no pain or discomfort. Cement is capable of causing dermatitis by irritation and allergy. Skin affected by dermatitis may include symptoms such as, redness, itching, rash, scaling, and cracking. Irritant dermatitis is caused by the physical properties of cement including alkalinity and abrasion. Allergic contact dermatitis is caused by sensitization to hexavalent chromium



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(chromate) present in cement. The reaction can range from a mild rash to severe skin ulcers. Persons already sensitized may react to the first contact with cement. Others may develop allergic dermatitis after years of repeated contact with cement.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Eye Contact:** Airborne dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. Eye contact with large amounts of dry powder or with wet cement can cause moderate eye irritation, chemical burns and blindness. Eye exposures require immediate first aid and medical attention to prevent significant damage to the eye.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Ingestion:** May cause burns or irritation of the linings of the mouth, throat, and gastrointestinal tract.

**Chronic Symptoms:** If dust is generated, repeated exposure through inhalation may cause cancer or lung disease.

### Information on Toxicological Effects - Ingredient(s)

#### **LD50 and LC50 Data:**

<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
ATE CLP (oral)	500.000 mg/kg
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>	
LD50 Oral Rat	> 5000 mg/kg
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>	
IARC Group	1
National Toxicity Program (NTP) Status	Known Human Carcinogens.

## SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity** Not classified

<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
LC50 Fish 1	1070 mg/l (Exposure time: 96 h - Species: Cyprinus carpio [static])

**Persistence and Degradability** Not available

### **Bioaccumulative Potential**

<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
3CF fish 1	(no bioaccumulation)

**Mobility in Soil** Not available

**Other Adverse Effects** Not available

## SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Recommendations:** Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, state, national, provincial, territorial and international regulations.

**Additional Information:** If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste either by listing or characteristic. However, under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the product user to determine at the time of disposal, whether a material containing the product or derived from the product should be classified as a hazardous waste.

## SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**14.1 In Accordance with DOT** Not regulated for transport

**14.2 In Accordance with IMDG** Not regulated for transport

**14.3 In Accordance with IATA** Not regulated for transport

**14.4 In Accordance with TDG** Not regulated for transport

## SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION



### US Federal Regulations

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<b>SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes</b>	Immediate (acute) health hazard Delayed (chronic) health hazard
<b>Limestone (1317-65-3)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
<b>Cement, portland, chemicals (65997-15-1)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	

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<b>Magnesium oxide (MgO) (1309-48-4)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
<b>US State Regulations</b>	
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>	
U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List	WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.
<b>Limestone (1317-65-3)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Cement, portland, chemicals (65997-15-1)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Gypsum (Ca(SO<sub>4</sub>).2H<sub>2</sub>O) (13397-24-5)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Magnesium oxide (MgO) (1309-48-4)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Quartz (14808-60-7)</b>	
RTK - U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List	
RTK - U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List	
RTK - U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List	
<b>Canadian Regulations</b>	
<b>Lafarge Portland Cement (cement)</b>	
WHMIS Classification	Class D Division 2 Subdivision A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects Class E - Corrosive Material
 	
<b>Limestone (1317-65-3)</b>	
Listed on Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	
WHMIS Classification	Class D Division 2 Subdivision A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects
<b>Cement, portland, chemicals (65997-15-1)</b>	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.	
Listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List	
WHMIS Classification	Class E - Corrosive Material
<b>Calcium oxide (1305-78-8)</b>	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.	
Listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List	
WHMIS Classification	Class E - Corrosive Material

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Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.

Listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

WHMIS Classification	Uncontrolled product according to WHMIS classification criteria
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Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.

Listed on the Canadian Ingredient Disclosure List

WHMIS Classification	Class D Division 2 Subdivision A - Very toxic material causing other toxic effects
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This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the SDS contains all of the information required by CPR.

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**Other Information** : This document has been prepared in accordance with the SDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Carc. 1A	Carcinogenicity Category 1A
Eye Dam. 1	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1
Skin Corr. 1C	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1C
Skin Irrit. 2	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 2
Skin Sens. 1	Skin sensitization Category 1
STOT RE 1	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) Category 1
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H315	Causes skin irritation
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction
H318	Causes serious eye damage
H335	May cause respiratory irritation
H350	May cause cancer
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

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