

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier:** Sodium Hydroxide, 50% Solution

### Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

#### Distributor Information

**Name:** CH2O, Inc.  
**Address:** 8820 Old Hwy. 99 SE  
Olympia, WA 98501  
**Telephone:** 360-943-6063

**Emergency telephone number:** 24 Hour Emergency = Chemtrec 800-424-9300

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Hazard classification

Physical hazards  
Corrosive to metals Category 1

### Health hazards

Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1A  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 1  
Specific target organ toxicity –single exposure Category 3

### Environmental hazards

Acute hazards to the aquatic environment Category 3

### Label elements

Hazard symbol(s):



**Signal word:** Danger

### Hazard statement:

May be corrosive to metals.  
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
May cause respiratory irritation.  
Harmful to aquatic life.

### Precautionary statement(s)

**Prevention:** Keep only in original container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response:** Absorb spillage to prevent material damage. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

**Storage:** Store in corrosive resistant container with a resistant inner liner. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container to an appropriate treatment and disposal facility in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and product characteristics at time of disposal.

**Other hazards which do not result in GHS classification:** None.

### 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Chemical identity	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	Content in percent (%)*
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	LYE, CAUSTIC SODA	1310-73-1	40-60

\* All concentrations are percent by weight unless ingredient is a gas. Gas concentrations are in percent by volume.

### 4. First-aid measures

**General information:** Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.

**Ingestion:** Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do NOT induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air. If breathing stops, provide artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

**Skin contact:** Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Destroy or thoroughly clean contaminated shoes.

**Eye contact:** Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If easy to do, remove contact lenses. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.

### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

**Symptoms:** Corrosive to skin and eyes. Respiratory tract irritation.

## Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

**Treatment:** Treat symptomatically. Symptoms may be delayed.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

**General fire hazards:** No data available.

**Suitable extinguishing media:** The product is non-combustible. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical:** Product is highly caustic. Wear appropriate protective gear if spilled during fire fighting. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

### Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters

**Special fire fighting procedures:** Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. Use water spray to keep fire-exposed containers cool.

**Special protective equipment for fire fighters:** Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA.

## 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures:

Put on protective equipment before entering danger area. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Keep upwind. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:

Neutralize spill area and washings with dilute acetic acid. Absorb spill with vermiculite or other inert material, then place in a container for chemical waste. Collect in a non-combustible container for prompt disposal. Dike far ahead of larger spill for later recovery and disposal.

**Notification Procedures:** Dike for later disposal. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas. Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk.

**Environmental precautions:** Do not contaminate water sources or sewer. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

**Precautions for safe handling:** Use personal protective equipment as required. Avoid breathing mists or vapors. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Do not taste or swallow. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using the product. See Section 8 of the MSDS for Personal Protective Equipment.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities:** Do not store in metal containers. Keep container tightly closed. Store in a well-ventilated place. Store in a dry place.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Chemical identity	Type	Exposure Limit Values	Source
SODIUM HYDOXIDE	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (2011)
	Ceiling_Time	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (2010)
	PEL	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)(02 2006)
	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	US OSHA Table Z-1A (29 CFR 1910.1000) (1989)

**Appropriate engineering controls:** No data available.

### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

**General information:** Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level.

**Eye/face protection:** Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles) and a face shield.

#### Skin protection

**Hand protection:** Chemical resistant gloves

**Other:** Wear suitable protective clothing.

**Respiratory protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation use suitable respirator.

**Hygiene measures:** Provide eyewash station and safety shower. Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

Physical state:	Liquid
Form:	Liquid
Color:	Colorless to grayish, slightly opaque
Odor:	Odorless
Odor threshold:	No data available.
pH:	14
Melting point/freezing point:	12 °C
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	140 °C
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate:	No data available.
Flammability (solid, gas):	No data available.
Upper/lower limit on flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit -upper (%):	No data available.

Flammability limit -lower (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit -upper (%):	No data available.
Explosive limit -lower (%):	No data available.
Vapor pressure:	No data available.
Vapor density:	No data available.
Relative density:	1.53 (20 °C)
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility in water:	Miscible with water.
Solubility (other):	No data available.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):	No data available.
Auto-ignition temperature:	No data available.
Decomposition temperature:	No data available.
Viscosity:	No data available.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity:** Reacts violently with strong acids.

**Chemical stability:** Material is stable under normal conditions.

**Possibility of hazardous reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid contact with oxidizing agents. Reacts violently with strong acids.

**Incompatible materials:** Oxidizing agents. Acids. Maleic Anhydride Halogens. Nitromethane. Contact with metals may evolve flammable hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Sodium oxides

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Ingestion:** May cause burns of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

**Inhalation:** May cause damage to mucous membranes in nose, throat, lungs and bronchial system.

**Skin contact:** Causes severe skin burns.

**Eye contact:** Causes serious eye damage.

### Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity (list all possible routes of exposure)

Oral

Product: No data available.

Dermal

Product: No data available.

Inhalation

Product: No data available.

Repeated dose toxicity

Product: No data available.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Product: Causes severe skin burns.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Product: Causes serious eye damage.

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Product: Not a skin sensitizer.

Carcinogenicity

Product: This substance has no evidence of carcinogenic properties.

IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans:

*No carcinogenic components identified*

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens:

*No carcinogenic components identified*

US OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050):

*No carcinogenic components identified*

Germ cell mutagenicity

In vitro

Product: No mutagenic components identified

In vivo

Product: No mutagenic components identified

Reproductive toxicity

Product: No components toxic to reproduction

Specific target organ toxicity -single exposure

Product: Respiratory tract irritation.

Specific target organ toxicity -repeated exposure

Product: None known.

Aspiration hazard

Product: Not classified

Other effects: None known.

## 12. Ecological information

### Ecotoxicity:

#### Acute hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Specified substance(s):

SODIUM HYDROXIDE LC 50 (Western mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*), 96 h): 125 mg/l mortality

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: No data available.

#### Chronic hazards to the aquatic environment:

Fish

Product: No data available.

Aquatic invertebrates

Product: No data available.

Toxicity to Aquatic Plants

Product: No data available.

### **Persistence and degradability**

Biodegradation

Product: Expected to be readily biodegradable.

BOD/COD ratio

Product: No data available.

### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Bioconcentration factor (BCF)

Product: No data available on bioaccumulation.

Partition coefficient n-octanol / water (log Kow)

Product: No data available.

**Mobility in soil:** The product is water soluble and may spread in water systems.

Other adverse effects: Harmful to aquatic organisms. The product may affect the acidity (pH-factor) in water with risk of harmful effects to aquatic organisms.

## **13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions:** Discharge, treatment, or disposal may be subject to national, state, or local laws.

**Contaminated packaging:** Since emptied containers retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## **14. Transport information**

### **DOT**

UN number:	UN 1824
UN proper shipping name:	Sodium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

### **IMDG**

UN number:	UN 1824
UN proper shipping name:	SODIUM HYDROXIDE SOLUTION
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8
EmS No.:	F-A, S-B
Packing group:	II
Marine Pollutant:	No

### **IATA**

UN number:	UN 1824
Proper Shipping Name:	Sodium hydroxide solution
Transport hazard class(es):	
Class(es):	8
Label(s):	8

Marine Pollutant: No  
Packing group: II

## 15. Regulatory information

### US federal regulations

#### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

US. OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4):

SODIUM HYDROXIDE Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.

#### Superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories

YES: Acute (Immediate), NO: Chronic (Delayed), NO: Fire Reactive, NO: Pressure Generating

#### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Chemical identity	RQ
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	1000 lbs.

#### SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Chemical identity	Threshold Planning Quantity
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	500 lbs

#### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

#### Clean Water Act Section 311 Hazardous Substances (40 CFR 117.3)

SODIUM HYDROXIDE	Reportable quantity: 1000 lbs.
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#### Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130):

None present or none present in regulated quantities.

### US state regulations

#### US California Proposition 65

No ingredient regulated by CA Prop 65 present.

#### US New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

SODIUM HYDROXIDE	Listed
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US Massachusetts RTK -Substance List	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	Listed
US. Pennsylvania RTK -Hazardous Substances	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	Listed
US. Rhode Island RTK	
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	Listed

### Inventory Status:

Australia AICS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada DSL Inventory List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU EINECS List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU ELINCS List:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan (ENCS) List:	On or in compliance with the inventory
EU No Longer Polymers List:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
China Inv. Existing Chemical Substances:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Korea Existing Chemicals Inv. (KECI):	On or in compliance with the inventory
Canada NDSL Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Philippines PICCS:	On or in compliance with the inventory
US TSCA Inventory:	On or in compliance with the inventory
New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals:	On or in compliance with the inventory
Switzerland Consolidated Inventory:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan ISHL Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.
Japan Pharmacopoeia Listing:	Not in compliance with the inventory.

### 16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

#### NFPA Hazard ID

Hazard rating: 0 -Minimal; 1 -Slight; 2 -Moderate; 3 -Serious; 4 -Severe COR: Corrosive

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Further Information: No data available.

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