

Flinders University

Hazardous Chemical Process Risk Assessment

ASSESSMENT NUMBER												
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Title of Procedure:					I		8					Risk Score:
Assessor's Name:							P	Posit	tion	:		
Contact Number:							V	Vork	loc	cat	ion:	
Date of assessment:							R	Revie	ew d	dat	e:	
Task/Procedure:												
Diagram:												

Section 1 IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

All hazardous chemicals (solid, liquid, gas, vapour, mist, fume, mixtures) that are or will be used in the work area must be identified and assessed. This includes any hazardous chemicals that might be produced during any work processes such as the finished products as well as intermediates and by-products given off as wastes, residues or emissions.

Where a chemical is produced as an intermediate or by-product and an SDS is not available, the equivalent information must be obtained by researching appropriate texts or consulting qualified, expert personnel.

Hazardous Chemicals to be used in Project:						
Chemical Name	CAS Number	GHS Hazard Statement/s				

Section 2 USAGE OF THE CHEMICAL/S

	YES	NO
Are any of the chemicals used in pure form ?		
Are any of the chemicals used in concentrated form?		
Are any chemicals used in diluted form?		
Are the health effects different if diluted or concentrated?		
Are procedures in place to deal with a minor and major spill?		
Are safe decanting and usage procedures in place?		
Are safe storage, transport and segregation procedures in place?		
Are first aid procedures in place in the event of a minor and major accident?		
Are any of the chemicals Regulation 25 controlled substances (Acrolein, Arsenic, Chloropicrin, Inorganic Cyanide, Cyanogen, DDT, Fluoroacetamide Fluoroacetic acid, Hydrocyanic acid, Methyl bromide, Mirex, Sodium fluoroacetate, Strychnine and /or Thallium)-if YES, the substance must be kept in a locked container in the work area and a register of use must be kept		
Are any of the chemicals restricted or prohibited carcinogens (Prohibited and Restricted Carcinogens are listed in Tables C1 and C2 in Appendix C of the Code of Practice, <i>Managing</i> <i>Risks of Hazardous Chemicals in the</i> <i>Workplace</i>)? (if using a restricted or prohibited carcinogen, the worker will need to register with the WHS Unit and health surveillance may be required)		
Are any of the chemicals energetic materials (explosives)?, if YES, a permit to acquire/possess will be required		
Are any of the chemicals radioactive, if YES please ensure all workers handling the substance are registered with the WHS Unit and that a radiation licence is obtained where applicable		
Are there any chemicals of security concern (listed in Appendix A of the <i>National Code of</i> <i>Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern)?</i>		
Are appropriate record keeping and secure storage facilities in place for controlled substances, chemicals of security concern, energetic or radiaoctive materials?		

	YES	NO
Is specific training required for the use of any chemical (Eg inorganic cyanide, HF, cytotoxics, radioactive materials etc.), if YES, ensure training is conducted before the use of the chemical		
Does any chemical have a Chemwatch Hazard Rating of 4 for toxicity, reactivity or chronic, if YES, as a minimum ensure all controls listed in "recommended in SDS" in section 5 are implemented prior to use.		
Is any chemical a dry nanomaterial, if YES, ensure all controls listed in "recommended in SDS" in section 5 are implemented prior to use		

Section 3 IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE HAZARDS

OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE CHEMICAL/S TO BE ASSESSED AND IDENTIFY AND ANALYSE THE HAZARDS AND HEALTH EFFECTS

What types of hazards are associated and what health effects may the chemicals cause?

	Irritant Corrosive Sensitising agent Asphyxiant Toxic		Carcinogenic Mutagenic Teratogenic Cytotoxic		Explosive Flammable Spontaneous reactivity Water reactivity Oxidiser Cryogenic Other dangerous reactions
lf	the chemical is toxic-what is t	the site o	f the toxic action? (refer	SDS-	-Toxicological Information)
	Local (one area)		Systemic (multiple		Local & systemic
	lf s	systemic,	what are the target orga	ns?	
	Liver Kidneys Lungs Blood		 Blood forming t Central nervous Cardiovascular 	s syst	em (CNS)
	What type	of toxic	effects does the substan	ce/s	have?
	Acute (immediate)		Chronic (long-term)		Acute & chronic
	Wha	t are the _l	potential routes of expos	sure?	
	Inhalation		Skin absorption		Injection
	Ingestion		Eye 🛛		Other

Section 4 ASSESSING THE DEGREE OF EXPOSURE TO THE CHEMICAL/S

EVALUATE THE DEGREE OF EXPOSURE

It is wise to limit your exposure to any hazardous chemical by keeping the amount of chemical used and the duration of exposure to a minimum. The following section determines the amount of chemical that will be used over a certain time period and a value estimating the exposure from low to high is then calcuated

AMOUNT OF CHEMICAL USED

VOLUME QUANTITY

0-9 ml:	0-9g
10-49 ml:	10-49g
50-99 ml:	50-99g
100-999 ml:	100g-999g

VOLUME QUANTITY

□ 1-4 litres: 1kg-4kg □ 5-10 litres: 5kg-10kg □ >10 litres:>10kg

CALCULATE PERCENTAGE OF EXPOSURE VALUE TO ABOVE AMOUNT

NUMBER OF TIMES; how frequently would employees or others be exposed to the substance/s?

- □ once □ seven times
- □ twice □ eight times
- □ three times □ nine times
- □ four times □ ten times
- \Box five times \Box eleven times
- \Box six times \Box twelve times
 - □ specify if greater than twelve

DURATION: what is the expected duration of each exposure to the substance/s in hours?

<u>TIME PERIOD</u>; amount of time employees or others will be exposed to the substance/s if used daily, weekly, monthly or yearly (daily use is assumed to be 8 working hrs).

- □ (8 hours)- if substance/s used daily
- □ (40 hours)- if substance/s used weekly
- □ (160 hours)- if substance/s used monthly
- □ (1920 hours)- if substance/s used yearly

Complete the equation below depending on what you answered for the <u>TIME PERIOD</u> above.

<u>NUMBER OF TIMES x DURATION (in hours) x 100</u> = % of Exposure (in hours)						
		TIME PERIO	D (in h	nours)		
If used daily:	X	× 100	=	%		
	8					
If used weekly:	×	× 100	=	%		
	40					
If used monthly:	×	× 100	=	%		
	160					
If used yearly:	×	× 100	=	%		
	1920					

Tick the box that corresponds to the percentage of exposure value calculated above:

□ (1) Low: <20% □ (2) Moderate: 20-60% □ (3) High: >60%

Section 5 CONTROL MEASURE ANALYSIS

Considering the task/procedure, nature and usage of substance/s, potential adverse health effects and degree of exposure, determine what control measures must be implemented to minimize the risk of harm to health and safety.

NOTE: when considering control measures to minimize the risk of harm, use the Hierarchy of Controls below as a guide and consider using all controls recommended in the SDS for all substances

HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS

ELIMINATE:- remove the substance from the task/procedure entirely SUBSTITUTE:- replace a harmful substance with a less harmful one or minimize the quantities ISOLATE:- separate personnel from the process by distance or barriers ENGINEERING:- use machinery, equipment or processes to minimize workplace contamination ADMINISTRATION:- use policies, procedures, instructions or signage PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:- provide and wear equipment/clothing to provide protection

	ALREADY IN WORK AREA	RECOMMENDED IN SDS
Air conditioning		
Extraction fans		
Exhaust ventilation systems		
Fume cupboards		
Enclosures to reduce dusts or fumes		
Engineering controls		
e.g. isolation of the process		
Enclosure of the process		
Containers to reduce solvent evaporation		
Written safe work/handling procedures		
Written emergency procedures		
Training of workers in these procedures		
Good housekeeping practices		
Good personal hygiene practices		
Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
Respirator e.g dust mask (Refer to AS 1715 and 1716) Specify type Filter cartridge detail type Filter cartridge detail life 		
Eye protection e.g goggles (Refer to AS 1336 and 1337)		
Hearing protection devices e.g soft plugs, hard plugs, ear muffs (Refer to AS 1269 and 1270)		
Gloves (Refer to AS 2161, 4011 and 4179) • Long • Short • State type, eg.Nitrile, Rubber		
Other protective clothing (Refer to SAA HB9) Lab coat Apron Polypropylene overalls 		

other specify:

Section 6 ASSESSING THE CURRENT RISKS

Considering the task/procedure, nature and usage of substance/s, potential adverse health effects, likelihood and degree of exposure and current control measures implemented, assess the risk of harm to health and safety,

Use the CONSEQUENCE/PROBABILITY matrix below to produce the maximum risk score from Low to Extreme.

Very Likely	Will probably occur immediately or within a short period of time	Fatality	May cause death or loss of facility
Likely	Will probably occur in time	Major	Severe injury or illness or major property damage
Possible	Could happen occasionally	Minor	Injury or illness requiring days off work or minor property damage
Unlikely	Could eventually happen (rare)	First Aid	First aid level treatment
Highly unlikely	Has potential to occur, but probably never will	Negligible	No medical treatment

Consequence	Likelihood							
consequence	Very likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Highly unlikely			
Fatality	Extreme	High	High	High	Medium			
Majorinjury	High	High	High	Medium	Medium			
Minorinjury	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium			
First aid	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low			
Negligible	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low			

MAXIMUM RISK SCORE

(if above Medium-review Sections 4 and 5)

If Low or Low/Medium, the risk assessment is complete

This assessment is to be reviewed immediately if any of the following occur:

- Exposure standard is revised
- Control measures are modified
- Monitoring or surveillance

- There is a significant change in the process
- New information becomes available
- Work related illness, accident or incidents indicate a loss of control

Completion of this documented process by the person responsible for the work is prerequisite for continuation of the project. A hard copy of this document must be stored for five years, or until replaced by revised document.

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ASSESSOR: I	confirm that I have endeavoured to complete this risk assessment in a conscientious and diligent manner.			
SIGNATURE:	DATE:			
SUPERVISOR: I	confirm that this risk assessment accurately represents the subject activity / process.			
SIGNATURE:	DATE:			