

# NUCOR<sup>®</sup>

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Trade Name:** Ferrous Sulfate Solution

**CAS Number:** 7720-78-7

**Synonyms:** Spent Pickle Liquor, K062 (only if a waste)

**Use/Description:** Liquid product from the Sulfuric Acid Pickling of Steel

**Company Identification:**

Nucor LMP Steel, Inc.  
2000 East First Street  
Maryville MO 64468

Nucor Fastener - Indiana  
6730 County Road 60  
St. Joe IN 46785

**24 Hour Contact – CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300**

Safety Officer [8:00 am – 5:00 pm]: 1-(660)-582-3127

Safety Officer [8:00 am – 5:00 pm]: 1-(260)-337-1600

For general product information, contact facility as listed above. For emergencies, use the 24 Hour Contact.

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

DANGER! CORROSIVE AVOID SKIN AND EYE CONTACT. CAUSES SERIOUS DAMAGE TO SKIN AND EYES.

**OSHA Hazards:** Corrosive  
Acute Toxicant

**GHS Classification:** Corrosive to Metals (Category 1)  
Acute Toxicity (Category 4)  
Skin/Eye Corrosion (Category 1A)

**Pictogram(s):**



**Signal Word:** Danger

**Hazard Statement(s):**

H290: May be corrosive to metals  
H302: Harmful if swallowed  
H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

**Precautionary Statement(s):**

P264: Wash thoroughly after handling  
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

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P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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.

### **Potential Health Effects**

#### **Primary Routes of Exposure**

Eye and skin contact, inhalation.

#### **Eye Contact**

Corrosive. Can cause redness, pain, blurred vision, severe burns, corneal scarring and blindness.

#### **Skin Contact and Absorption**

The effect of sulfuric acid on skin depends on the concentration and duration of exposure; at low concentrations for short periods of time, skin reddening, burning, and irritation may occur, while at higher concentrations or after long periods of exposure, sulfuric acid is corrosive and can cause severe skin damage. Absorption is not generally of concern with the components of this product although absorption of the metals could occur after sulfuric acid damage.

#### **Inhalation**

Inhalation of mists may produce severe respiratory irritation. Inhalation of mists or vapors generated by heating this product may be severely irritating to mucous membranes and respiratory system. Vapor from heating this product is primarily steam, but may contain sulfuric acid vapors and may cause irritation or damage to throat and upper respiratory tract.

#### **Ingestion**

Corrosive. Causes damage to gastrointestinal tract following oral exposure.

### **3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

| Components      |                                   | CAS No.   | % Weight | Exposure Limits                |  |                               |                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                 |                                   |           |          | ACGIH TLV (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |  | OSHA PEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |                                 |
| Ferrous Sulfate | (FeSO <sub>4</sub> )              | 7720-78-7 | 0-18%    | 1                              |  | 1                             | MSHA standard-air               |
| Sulfuric Acid   | (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ) | 7664-93-9 | 1-22%    | 0.2<br>3                       | TWA Sulfuric acid aerosol mists<br>STEL      | 1                             | TWA Sulfuric acid aerosol mists |
| Iron            | (Fe)                              | 1309-37-1 | 8-15%    | 5                              | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Dust and Fume | 10                            | Fume                            |

Exact specifications for specific products may be available from the facility upon request.

### **4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **Eye Contact**

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, for at least 20 minutes. Lift the upper and lower lids occasionally. Obtain medical attention immediately.

#### **Skin Contact**

Flush skin with plenty of water, for at least 20 minutes. If there is widespread contamination, remove contaminated clothing under safety shower and wash exposed areas with soap and large quantities of water. Obtain medical attention immediately. Launder contaminated clothing before reusing.

#### **Inhalation**

If symptomatic, move to fresh air. Perform artificial respiration, if necessary, and obtain medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial

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respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

### **Ingestion**

Rinse mouth. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give plenty of water to drink. Obtain medical attention immediately.

### **Rescue**

If the exposed person has been overcome, notify response personnel and put established emergency rescue procedures into effect. Understand the facility's emergency rescue procedures and know the locations to the rescue equipment before the need arises. Move the affected person from the hazardous exposure.

## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash Point (Method):** Not available

**Flammable Limits (% volume in air):** Not available

**Auto ignition Temperature:** Not available

### **Extinguishing Media**

Small Fires—Dry chemical, dry sand, alcohol resistant foam, or CO<sub>2</sub>.

Large Fires—Alcohol-resistant foam, water fog, or water spray (not water streams). Move containers from fire area if safe to do so. Dike fire control water for later disposal; do not scatter the material.

Fire involving tanks or car/trailer loads—Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Do not get water inside containers. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank. ALWAYS stay away from ends of tanks. ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Exposure to unknown concentrations of fumes or mists requires the wearing of a pressure-demand airline respirator or pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus.

**Unusual Fire or Explosion Hazards:** None known

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Precautions if Material is Spilled or Released:** Eliminate all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks, or flames in immediate area). Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Stop leaks if safe to do so. Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers. Isolate spill or leak area immediately for at least 25 to 50 meters (80 to 160 feet) in all directions. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Stay upwind. Keep out of low areas. Ventilate enclosed areas.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Store in drums or tanks that are designed to withstand low pH corrosive liquids. Store in well-ventilated, cool, dry places away from strong bases and sources of heat and ignition. Ground all transfer equipment. Use confined space entry procedures when entering vessels that have contained spent pickle liquor. Do not use air pressure or apply heat with open flame to remove spent pickle liquor from drums. "Empty" drums may retain solid, liquid, and/or vapor residues. Continue to observe all precautions on label as if empty drum were full. Do not cut, puncture, torch, or weld on or near the emptied drum. Do not use drum for other purposes.

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **Eye Protection**

Wear chemical goggles or face shield when the risk of splashing is present.

### **Skin**

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Wear polyvinyl chloride (PVC), natural rubber, neoprene, butyl rubber, viton, nitrile or polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) gloves and protective clothing appropriate for the risk of exposure. Structural firefighters' protective clothing will only provide limited protection.

### **Respiratory Protection**

When potential exposures are above the occupational limits shown in Section 3, approved respirators must be used as specified by an industrial hygienist or other qualified professional. Respirator users must be medically evaluated to determine if they are physically capable of wearing a respirator. Quantitative and/or qualitative fit testing and respirator training must be satisfactorily completed by all personnel prior to respirator use. Users of any style respirator must be clean shaven on those areas of the face where the respirator seal contacts the face. Exposure to unknown concentrations of vapors or mists requires the wearing of a pressure-demand airline respirator or pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus. Pressure-demand airline respirators are recommended when performing jobs with high potential exposures such as entering vessels that have contained spent pickle liquor.

### **Ventilation and Engineering Controls**

Good ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. Supplementary local exhaust ventilation may be needed in some circumstances. Ventilation equipment should be checked regularly to ensure it is functioning properly.

### **Recommended Decontamination Facilities**

Eye wash, washing facilities, and safety shower.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance and Odor:** Brown liquid

**Boiling Point:** Not available

**Melting Point:** Not available

**pH:** <2

**Specific Gravity (at 15.6°C):** 1.18-1.40

**Density (at 15.6 °C):** Not available

**Vapor Pressure:** Not available

**Vapor Density (air = 1):** Not available %

**Volatile, by Volume:** Not available

**Solubility in Water:** Infinite.

**Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate = 1):** Not available

**Other Physical and Chemical Data:** None

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Stability:** Stable under normal conditions

**Conditions to Avoid:** May react violently with bases. Reactions with metals can release flammable hydrogen gas. Hydrogen chloride can react with cyanide, forming lethal concentrations of hydrocyanic acid.

**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):** Bases, mercuric sulfate, perchloric acid, carbides of calcium, cesium, rubidium, acetylides of cesium and rubidium, phosphides of calcium and uranium and lithium silicide.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Oxides of iron, chrome, lead and cadmium may be formed.

## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

The ACGIH Threshold Limit Value for iron oxide was set in order to prevent the development of x-ray changes in the lung from long-term exposure. These changes are not considered to be associated with any physical impairment of lung function. This deposition and collection of iron, which is responsible for the x-ray changes noted above, is called siderosis and is considered benign. Iron oxide dust and fumes are categorized as A4 carcinogens (Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen) by ACGIH.

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Acute poisoning from cadmium oxide containing fumes has resulted in delayed effects (4-10 hours) of shortness of breath and cough. There could be a burning sensation, tightness, or pain in the chest. Symptoms of metal fume fever are possible. Acute pulmonary edema may develop 24 to 48 hours after exposure; in other cases only rales may be heard. Decreased FVC (forced vital capacity) and FEV<sub>1</sub> (forced expiratory volume during the first second) are found, and carbon monoxide diffusion capacity may be reduced. In mild cases, the symptoms are resolved over a week's time. In severe cases, the shortness of breath is progressive, leading to death (characteristically within the first week after exposure).

Chronic effects of cadmium exposure have been reported to the kidneys, liver, and lungs (emphysema), have been reported. The ACGIH has designated cadmium as a suspected human (A2) carcinogen. The criteria for A2 carcinogens are that the agent is carcinogenic in experimental animals at dose levels, by route(s) of administration, at site(s), of histological type(s), or by mechanism(s) that are considered relevant to worker exposure. Available epidemiologic studies are conflicting or insufficient to confirm an increased risk of cancer in exposed humans.

The primary health effects of sulfuric acid exposure are related to its strong corrosive properties. Contact with skin and other tissues and membranes may cause minor irritation and reddening but, at higher concentrations or over longer periods of exposure, can cause significant permanent tissue damage and possibly death.

After inhalation exposure, sulfuric acid may cause irritation of the respiratory tract with burning, choking, and coughing. Exposure to higher concentrations or over longer periods of time may cause significant tissue damage in the respiratory tract and potentially chronic breathing difficulties that may be delayed in onset. Breathing sulfuric acid fumes or vapors may also worsen other medical conditions, including asthma, emphysema, and bronchitis.

Ingestion may cause severe irritation and burns in the mouth and esophagus. More serious effects, including tissue damage, tissue necrosis, and aspiration into the lungs may also occur after ingestion. Etching and erosion of tooth enamel has also been reported.

Similar effects, including irritation, chemical burns, and severe tissue damage are possible with eye contact. Blindness may also result.

Chromium occurs in two commercially important valence states, tri- and hexavalent. There are two trivalent compounds (chromic oxide and chromic sulfate) and several hexavalent compounds (including chromium trioxide, chromic acid, and dichromate salts of sodium, potassium and other metals). Trivalent chromium compounds have low toxicity. Hexavalent chromium compounds are irritants and corrosive. Inhalation of high concentrations of hexavalent compounds produces coughing, wheezing, pain on inspiration, fever, loss of weight, and may cause pneumonitis. Skin contact can cause severe local irritation and corrosion. Chronic exposure to nonrespirable chromium dust can produce lesions in the upper respiratory system, eye lesions, and asthma in some individuals. Pneumoconiosis is also possible. Skin exposure to coarse mists and splashes can produce ulcers. Dermatitis is common to compounds of both chromium valence states. The ACGIH has designated hexavalent chromium compounds as confirmed human (A1) carcinogens. Chromium metal and trivalent chromium compound have been designated as A4 carcinogens (Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen) due to lack of data. IARC classifies chromium as a Group 3 carcinogen (Unclassifiable as to Carcinogenicity to Humans).

Lead poisoning is essentially a chronic disease, caused by gradual accumulation. At high levels of exposure, toxic levels may accumulate within days or weeks. Organs that are particularly sensitive to lead exposure are the hemopoietic system, kidneys and the central nervous systems. Joint pain and gastrointestinal symptoms, such as anorexia, nausea, weight loss, and abdominal discomfort, are also common. Male and female reproductive effects are also possible.

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This product may contain small amounts of manganese. Prolonged exposure to manganese dusts or fumes is associated with "manganism", a Parkinson-like syndrome characterized by a variety of neurological symptoms including muscle spasms, gait disturbances, tremors, and psychoses.

### **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Aquatic Ecotoxicological Data**

This material is toxic to fish and wildlife. Do not discharge into lakes, streams, ponds, etc.

### **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Dispose in accordance with federal, state, and local health and environmental regulations. Material may be considered an EPA listed waste (K062).

### **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**DOT Proper Shipping Name:** Ferrous Sulfate, solution  
**DOT Hazard Class:** 8  
**UN/NA Number:** UN3264  
**DOT Packing Group:** II  
**Labeling Requirements:** Required  
**Placards:** Required

### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

NOTE: The regulatory information contained in this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is not intended to be comprehensive.

#### **California Proposition 65:**

**⚠ WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including chromium [hexavalent], cadmium, lead and sulfuric acid which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

**Massachusetts Substance List:** Cadmium, Chromium, Ferrous sulfate, Lead, Manganese, Sulfuric acid

**Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List:** Cadmium, Chromium, Ferrous sulfate, Lead, Manganese, Sulfuric acid

**New Jersey Hazardous Substance List:** Cadmium, Chromium, Ferrous sulfate, Lead, Manganese, Sulfuric acid

#### **The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)**

Product is a RCRA listed Hazardous Waste (K062).

#### **Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**

Components of this product are listed on the TSCA Inventory.

#### **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

Unpermitted releases in excess of 10 pounds must be reported to the National Response Center.

#### **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Title III**

HAZARD CATEGORIES: Reactive, Immediate Health Effect, Delayed Health Effect

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This product contains the following EPCRA Section 313 chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right – To – Know Act of 1986 (40 CFR 372):

### SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS BASED ON NORMAL PRODUCTS:

| <u>Chemical Name</u> | <u>CAS Number</u> | <u>Concentration (% by weight)</u> | <u>Reportable</u>     |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sulfuric Acid        | 7664-93-9         | 1-22                               | Yes – Greater than 1% |

## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

### Disclaimer of Liability

Legally required information is given in accordance with applicable OSHA regulations. Information given herein is offered in good faith as accurate, but without guarantee. Conditions of use and suitability of the product for particular uses are beyond our control; all risks of use of the product are therefore assumed by the user and WE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE IN RESPECT TO THE USE OR SUITABILITY OF THE PRODUCT. Nothing is intended as a recommendation for uses, which infringe valid patents, or as extending any license under valid patents. Appropriate warnings and safe handling procedures should be provided to handlers and users. Use or retransmission of the information contained herein in any other format than the format as presented is strictly prohibited. Nucor neither represents nor warrants that the format, content or product formulas contained in this document comply with the laws of any other country except the United States of America.