

## 1. Identification

**Product identifier**                    **PEP**  
**Other means of identification**   None.  
**Recommended use**                    Not available.  
**Recommended restrictions**        None known.  
**Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information**  
**Manufacturer:**                        Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.  
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     Jackson, MS 39232  
**Website:**                                www.ergonasphalt.com  
**Telephone:**                            1-800-222-7122 (Customer Service)  
**E-mail:**                                  sds@ergon.com  
**24 hour Emergency**                    North America 1-800-424-9300; International 1-703-527-3887  
**(CHEMTREC):**

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Physical hazards**                        Not classified.  
**Health hazards**                         Not classified.  
**Environmental hazards**                Not classified.  
**OSHA defined hazards**                Not classified.

### Label elements

**Hazard symbol**                        None.  
**Signal word**                             None.  
**Hazard statement**                    The mixture does not meet the criteria for classification.

### Precautionary statement

**Prevention**                              Observe good industrial hygiene practices.  
**Response**                                Wash hands after handling.  
**Storage**                                  Store away from incompatible materials.  
**Disposal**                                 Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

**Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)**    None known.

**Supplemental information**        Vapors containing hydrogen sulfide may accumulate during storage or transport. HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H<sub>2</sub>S) can be harmful or fatal if inhaled.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Mixtures

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
ASPHALT		8052-42-4	50 - 70
WATER		7732-18-5	25 - 35
Petroleum distillate		Listed on TSCA Inventory	1 - 10
SODIUM HYDROXIDE		1310-73-2	< 0.2

## 4. First-aid measures

**Inhalation**                                If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

**Skin contact**                             If clothing sticks to the skin, do not remove. Lotion or hand cream may aid in the removal of asphalt. Wash contact areas with soap and water. If needed, seek medical attention.

<b>Eye contact</b>	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Treat symptomatically.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Water. Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Firefighters must use standard protective equipment including flame retardant coat, helmet with face shield, gloves, rubber boots, and in enclosed spaces, SCBA. Structural firefighters protective clothing will only provide limited protection.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in flame. Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray.
<b>Specific methods</b>	In the event of fire and/or explosion do not breathe fumes. In the event of fire, cool tanks with water spray.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak. Keep out of low areas. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ventilate closed spaces before entering them. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	This product is miscible in water.  Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Prevent entry into waterways, sewer, basements or confined areas.  Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.  Never return spills to original containers for re-use. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Absorb or cover with dry earth, sand or other non-combustible material and transfer to containers. Ventilate area and avoid breathing vapors or mist. For large spills, dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal. Do not release into sewers or waterways.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Avoid prolonged exposure. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Hydrogen sulfide, a very highly toxic gas, may be present with this material. Keep face clear of tank and/or tank car openings. Good personal hygiene is necessary. Wash hands and contaminated areas with water and soap before leaving the work site.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Prevent electrostatic charge build-up by using common bonding and grounding techniques. Store in original tightly closed container. Store in a well-ventilated place. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). Do not allow material to freeze.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

### Occupational exposure limits

#### US. OSHA Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants (29 CFR 1910.1000)

Components	Type	Value
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	PEL	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### US. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values

Components	Type	Value	Form
ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4)	TWA	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction.
Petroleum distillate	TWA	100 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Inhalable fraction and vapor.
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

#### US. NIOSH: Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

Components	Type	Value	Form
ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4)	Ceiling	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Fume.
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)	Ceiling	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	

**Biological limit values** No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

### Exposure guidelines

#### US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values: Skin designation

Petroleum distillate (CAS Listed on TSCA Inventory) Can be absorbed through the skin.

**Appropriate engineering controls** Provide adequate ventilation, including appropriate local extraction, to ensure that the defined occupational exposure limit is not exceeded.

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

**Eye/face protection** Wear safety glasses; chemical goggles (if splashing is possible).

#### Skin protection

**Hand protection** Chemical resistant gloves are recommended. If contact with forearms is likely wear gauntlet style gloves.

**Other** Wear appropriate clothing to prevent any possibility of liquid contact and repeated or prolonged vapor contact. Plastic or rubber gloves, apron and boots.

**Respiratory protection** When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators.

**Thermal hazards** Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

**General hygiene considerations** 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** Brown to black in color.

**Physical state** Liquid.

**Form** Liquid.

**Color** Brown. to Black.

**Odor** Tar-like

**Odor threshold** Not available.

**pH** 9 - 11

**Melting point/freezing point** Not available.

**Initial boiling point and boiling range** 212 °F (100 °C)

**Flash point** > 140.0 °F (> 60.0 °C) Cleveland Open Cup

**Evaporation rate** < 1

**Flammability (solid, gas)** Not available.

## Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

**Flammability limit - lower (%)** 0.7 %

**Flammability limit - upper (%)** 5 %

**Explosive limit - lower (%)** Not available.

**Explosive limit - upper (%)** Not available.

**Vapor pressure** < 1 mm Hg @ 70 F

**Vapor density** > 1

**Relative density** Not available.

### Solubility(ies)

**Solubility (water)** Slightly Soluble

**Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)** Not available.

**Auto-ignition temperature** > 444 °F (> 228.89 °C)

**Decomposition temperature** Not available.

**Viscosity** Not available.

### Other information

**Density** 8.42 lb/gal

**Percent volatile** 19 - 22 %

**Specific gravity** 1.01

## 10. Stability and reactivity

**Reactivity** The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

**Chemical stability** Stable under normal temperature conditions.

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

**Conditions to avoid** Avoid temperatures exceeding the flash point. Contact with incompatible materials. Do not overheat product.

**Incompatible materials** Strong oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products** Upon decomposition, this product may yield sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and/or low molecular weight hydrocarbons. Hydrogen sulfide.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Inhalation** Prolonged inhalation may be harmful.

**Skin contact** No adverse effects due to skin contact are expected.

**Eye contact** Harmful in contact with eyes.

**Ingestion** Expected to be a low ingestion hazard.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Direct contact with eyes may cause temporary irritation.

### Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Not available.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Harmful in contact with eyes. None known.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

**Respiratory sensitization** Not available.

**Skin sensitization** May cause skin disorders if contact is repeated or prolonged.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

**Carcinogenicity** Risk of cancer cannot be excluded with prolonged exposure. IARC: occupational exposures to straight-run bitumens and their emissions during road paving are "possibly carcinogenic to humans" (Group 2B).

**IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity**

ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4) 2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans.  
Petroleum distillate (CAS Listed on TSCA Inventory) 3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

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

Not listed.

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

Not regulated.

**Reproductive toxicity** Not classified.  
**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Not classified.  
**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Not classified.  
**Aspiration hazard** Not available.  
**Chronic effects** Prolonged exposure may cause chronic effects.  
**Further information** This product has no known adverse effect on human health.

**12. Ecological information**

**Ecotoxicity** Not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms.

Product	Species	Test Results
PEP		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	EC50	Daphnia 34590 mg/l, 48 hours estimated
<b>Components</b>		
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)		
<b>Aquatic</b>		
Crustacea	EC50	Water flea (Ceriodaphnia dubia) 34.59 - 47.13 mg/l, 48 hours
Fish	LC50	Western mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) 125 mg/l, 96 hours

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Persistence and degradability** No data is available on the degradability of this product.  
**Bioaccumulative potential** No data available.  
**Mobility in soil** No data available.  
**Other adverse effects** No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

**13. Disposal considerations**

**Disposal instructions** Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site. Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. No components are identified as hazardous wastes. Disposal recommendations are based on uncontaminated material.  
**Local disposal regulations** Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.  
**Hazardous waste code** The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company. Not applicable.  
**Waste from residues / unused products** Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions). Avoid discharge into water courses or onto the ground.  
**Contaminated packaging** Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

**14. Transport information**

**DOT**  
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**IATA**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**IMDG**

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not available.

**15. Regulatory information**

**US federal regulations** All components are on the U.S. EPA TSCA Inventory List.

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

Not regulated.

**CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)**

ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4) Listed.

SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2) Listed.

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

Not regulated.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**

**Hazard categories**  
 Immediate Hazard - No  
 Delayed Hazard - No  
 Fire Hazard - No  
 Pressure Hazard - No  
 Reactivity Hazard - No

**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312** No

**Hazardous chemical****SARA 313 (TRI reporting)**

Not regulated.

**Other federal regulations****Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)**

Not regulated.

**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** Not regulated.

**US state regulations** WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance**

ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4) Listed: January 1, 1990

**US. California. Candidate Chemicals List. Safer Consumer Products Regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 22, 69502.3, subd. (a))**

ASPHALT (CAS 8052-42-4)  
 Petroleum distillate (CAS Listed on TSCA Inventory)  
 SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAS 1310-73-2)

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)  
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

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

<b>Issue date</b>	11-18-2016
<b>Version #</b>	01
<b>Further information</b>	HMIS® is a registered trade and service mark of the NPCA.
<b>NFPA ratings</b>	Health: 2 Flammability: 1 Instability: 0
<b>References</b>	ACGIH EPA: AQUIRE database NLM: Hazardous Substances Data Base US. IARC Monographs on Occupational Exposures to Chemical Agents IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens ACGIH Documentation of the Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices
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