Manufacturer's Name, Address, & Phone Number: Applegate Insulation Manufacturing, Inc.
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Product Name: Applegate Cellulose Insulation

Product Composition: Manufactured out of secondary fiber paper stock, boric acid, and ammonium sulfate. Does not contain any hazardous fiberglass, rockwool, or formaldehyde.

Hazard Identification

Overview: Applegate Cellulose Insulation is gray, odorless and made from recycled newspapers and fire retardants. Applegate Insulation presents no unusual hazard if involved in a fire. It presents little hazard to humans. Care should be taken to minimize the amount of Applegate Insulation released to the environment to avoid ecological effects.

There may be some confusion about the health risks of insulation because fiberglass has been linked to cancer. It is important to note that Applegate Insulation is made from natural cellulose fibers and has not been linked to cancer. Unlike fiberglass, Applegate cellulose has not been determined to be "reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen" by the National Toxicology Program.

Also, Applegate cellulose is not required by OSHA to carry a cancer warning label that is mandated for fiberglass.

Health Information

Ingestion: Not intended for ingestion.

Inhalation: Although dust inhalation is the primary route of exposure, nose or throat irritation is rare and usually mild. Excessive exposure to dust may cause irritation.

First Aid Information

Ingestion: Rinse mouth and drink large amounts of water.

Inhalation: No specific treatment is necessary since Applegate Insulation is not likely to be hazardous. Avoid exposure to dust levels in excess of regulatory limits.

Skin Contact: Does not normally itch or irritate skin. If skin is wet, contact may cause irritation.

Eye Contact: Dust may cause eye irritation upon eye contact.

Carcinogenicity: No.

Physical Information

Appearance: Gray, milled paper. Slight damp odor, if any.

Vapor Pressure: Negligible @ 20°C.

Solubility in Water: Cellulose fibers are not soluble. Fire retardant additives are soluble at a rate of 4.7% @ 20°C.

Boiling Point: Not Applicable
Melting Point: Not Applicable
Flash Point: Not Applicable
Viscosity: Not Applicable

Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations of dust below permissible concentrations.

Personal Protection: Where airborne concentrations are expected to exceed exposure limits, NIOSH certified respirators must be used. Eye goggles and gloves are not required for normal industrial exposures, but may be recommended if the environment is excessively dusty.

Permissible Concentrations: Particulates not otherwise regulated; 15 mg/m³. OSHA PEL total dust; 15 mg/m³, respirable dust; 5 mg/m³, ACGIH TLV total dust; 10 mg/m³.
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Handling Information

In Case of Spill: Shovel or sweep up and place in container for disposal.

Respiratory & Eye Information

Where dusty conditions exist: Use a NIOSH approved dustmask or respirator. If dust is annoying, use dust goggles. Follow good personal hygiene and housekeeping practices.

Waste Disposal Information

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Fire & Explosion Information

Extinguishing Media: Water or any standard agent may be used.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Use standard procedures as dictated by the given situation. Material contains fire retardants and has a critical radiant flux greater than or equal to 0.12 w/cm² and a smoldering combustion less than or equal to 15.0% per ASTM C-739. Full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus should be used by firefighters.

Unusual Explosion Hazards: None.

Unusual Fire Hazards: None. However, material should not be applied where temperatures may exceed 180°F. (i.e. Make sure ductwork is sealed and maintain clearance around recessed lights, exhaust flues of furnaces and other heat producing devices, per National Electrical Code.)

Additional Information

This MSDS applies only to the identified product as of the effective date of this MSDS and the contents may not be valid or useful if the product is altered or combined with other products, or used in an unsafe manner or for other than its intended purpose.

The Manufacturer has endeavored to disclose accurate and current information, as of the effective date of this MSDS. However, the Manufacturer disclaims any warranties, express or implied, representations or guarantees of any kind, regarding accuracy of this information or the properties, fitness, or safety of the product identified herein. The user shall have the sole responsibility for the proper use of the information and for the establishment of proper conditions for, and the safe use of, the product identified herein.

Disclaimer: This MSDS is offered for your information and consideration only, and is not intended for any other person or purpose. It is your responsibility to conduct such investigations as you deem appropriate under the circumstances. To the best knowledge of the Manufacturer, there are no known serious health hazards related to its normal and intended use, except as may be disclosed, this product (as a whole) has not been tested by the Manufacturer for all potential health hazards or effects. There may be health hazards related to its components.

Whoever listens to the Lord shall live safely, and shall be at peace from the fear of evil. Proverbs 1:33