

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Identifier****SRM Number:** 2141**SRM Name:** Urea**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in the calibration and standardization of microchemical procedures for the determination of nitrogen in organic matter. A unit of SRM 2141 consists of approximately 2 g of high purity urea powder.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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**Classification****Physical Hazard:** Not classified.**Health Hazard:** Not classified.**Label Elements****Symbol**

No symbol/No pictogram.

**Signal Word**

No signal word.

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable.**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

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### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

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**Substance:** Urea**Other Designations:** Carbamide; carbonylamide; ureaphil; wreophil; varioformII; ureapearl; CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Urea	57-13-6	200-315-5	100

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

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### Description of First Aid Measures

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to well-ventilated (uncontaminated) area. If not breathing, qualified personnel should give artificial respiration. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse affected skin with water for at least 15 minutes, then wash thoroughly with soap or mild detergent and water. If skin irritation persists, seek medical aid and bring the container or label.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

**Ingestion:** Contact local poison control.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** May cause mild or mechanical eye, skin, or respiratory tract irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary:** If any of the above symptoms are present, seek immediate medical attention.

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## 5. Fire Fighting Measures

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**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Slight fire hazard. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode. See Section 9, "Physical and Chemical Properties" for flammability properties.

### Extinguishing Media

Suitable: Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, or alcohol-resistant foam.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Not applicable.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Move container from fire area if it can be done without personal risk. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion by-products. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

**NFPA Ratings** (0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)

Health = 2

Fire = 1

Reactivity = 0

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection". Keep out of waters supplies and sewers.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Collect in appropriate container for disposal.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Avoid dust formation. Avoid breathing vapors, mist or gas. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage and Incompatible Materials:** Store in a well-ventilated area. Keep separated from incompatible substances (see Section 10, "Stability and Reactivity").

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupational exposure limits have been established for urea. This material is a crystalline material and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure.

Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR)

OSHA (PEL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total dust)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable fraction)

NIOSH (REL): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total dust)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable fraction)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with applicable exposure limits.

**Personal Protection Measures:** In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.

**Respiratory Protection:** If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye Protection:** Splash resistant safety goggles and emergency eyewash are recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Chemical resistant clothing and gloves are recommended.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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Properties	Urea
Molar Mass (g/mol)	60.06
Molecular Formula	CH <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Appearance (physical state, color, etc.)	colorless to white crystalline powder; hygroscopic
Odor	ammonia odor
Odor threshold	not available
pH	7.2
Evaporation rate	not available
Melting point/freezing point	135 °C (275 °F)
Relative Density (water = 1)	1.323
Density	not available
Vapor Pressure	not available
Vapor Density (air = 1)	not available
Viscosity	not available
Solubilities	water: 100 %; soluble: methanol, pyrimidine, absolute alcohol, glycerol, concentrated hydrochloric acid, acetic acid slightly soluble: ether insoluble: chloroform
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	not available
<b>Thermal Stability Properties</b>	
Autoignition Temperature	not available
Thermal Decomposition	>135 °C (275 °F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	not available
Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %)	not available
Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %)	not available
Flash Point (Closed Cup)	not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	not available

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**Reactivity:** Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.

**Stability:**  Stable  Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** Not applicable.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing materials, acids, bases, metal salts, and combustible materials.

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Biuret, cyanuric acid; ammonia, oxides of nitrogen and carbon.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**  Will Occur  Will Not Occur

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**  Inhalation  Skin  Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Irritation of skin, eye or respiratory tract may occur.

### Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic, and Delayed)

**Inhalation:** Acute exposure may cause irritation with sore throat, sneezing, coughing, and shortness of breath. Repeated and prolonged occupational exposure to high concentrations has been reported to cause emphysema.

**Skin Contact:** May cause irritation with redness and burning.

**Eye Contact:** Contact may cause irritation with redness.

**Ingestion:** May cause irritation.

### Numerical Measures of Toxicity

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Oral, Rat LD50: 8471 mg/kg

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified.

Human skin: 22 mg/3 days intermittent – mild; 20 % human skin – moderate.

**Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not classified; no data available.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified.

Human, 50 mmol/L.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  X  No

Urea is not listed by IARC, NTP or OSHA as a carcinogen or potential carcinogen.

Tumorigenic: Rat, Oral TDLo: 821 g/kg (1 year)

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

Intraplacental, Woman TDLo: 1600 mg/kg (pregnant 16 weeks)

**STOT, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**STOT, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not applicable.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity Data

Fish: Guppy (*Poecilia reticulata*), LC50: 16200 mg/L to 18300 mg/L (96 h)

Invertebrate: Water flea (*Daphnia magna*) EC50 static: 3910 mg/L (48 h)

**Persistence and Degradability:** No data available.

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** Bioconcentration factor: <10.

**Mobility in Soil:** No data available.

**Other Adverse effects:** No data available.

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**Waste Disposal:** Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** This material is not regulated by DOT or IATA.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH: No  
CHRONIC HEALTH: No  
FIRE: No  
REACTIVE: No  
PRESSURE: No

#### State Regulations

California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Urea is listed.

**TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:** Not listed.

**Canadian Regulations:** WHMIS Information is not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Sources: ChemADVISOR, Inc., SDS *Urea*, 19 June 2014.

CDC; NIOSH; *NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*; Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Safety and Health; *Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated*, 4 April 2011; available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Aug 2014)

#### Key of Acronyms:

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists	NTP	National Toxicology Program
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
DOT	Department of Transportation	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances	RQ	Reportable Quantity
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer	SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
IATA	International Air Transportation Agency	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health	SRM	Standard Reference Material
LC50	Lethal Concentration	STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity
LD50	Median Lethal Dose or Lethal Dose, 50 %	STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit	TLV	Threshold Limit Value
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet	TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	TWA	Time Weighted Average
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	UEL	Upper Explosive Limit
n.o.s.	Not Otherwise Specified	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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