

**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Identifier**

**SRM Number:** 3105a  
**SRM Name:** Beryllium (Be) Standard Solution  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

The certified value delivered by this Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use as a primary calibration standard for the quantitative determination of beryllium. A unit of SRM 3105a consists of five 10 mL sealed borosilicate glass ampoules of solution prepared gravimetrically to contain a known mass fraction of beryllium.

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**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Classification**

|                         |                                   |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Physical Hazard:</b> | Not classified.                   |             |
| <b>Health Hazard:</b>   | Skin Corrosion/Irritation         | Category 1B |
|                         | Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation | Category 1  |
|                         | Carcinogenicity                   | Category 1A |
|                         | STOT-Repeat Exposure              | Category 1  |

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**



**Signal Word**

DANGER

**Hazard Statement(s)**

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.  
 H350 May cause cancer through inhalation.  
 H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure <lungs and blood>.

**Precautionary Statement(s)**

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 P260 Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapors, or spray.  
 P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
 P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, and eye protection.  
 P301 + P330 + P331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
 P303 + P361 + P353 If on skin (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.

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| P304 + P340        | If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.   |
| 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 doctor.   |
| P363               | Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.   |
| P405               | Store locked up.   |
| P501               | Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.  |

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients(s) with Unknown Acute Toxicity:** Not applicable.

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**Substance:** Beryllium in nitric acid solution

**Other Designations:**

Nitric acid (aqua fortis; hydrogen nitrate; azotic acid; engraver's acid)  
 Beryllium nitrate (beryllium dinitrate; beryllium nitric acid salt)

**NOTE:** Beryllium in nitric acid solution forms a solvated beryllium nitrate salt.

Components are listed in compliance with OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200; for the actual values see the NIST Certificate of Analysis.

| Hazardous Component(s)            | CAS Number | EC Number (EINECS) | Nominal Mass Concentration (%) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nitric acid                       | 7697-37-2  | 231-714-2          | <20                            |
| Beryllium nitrate                 | 13597-99-4 | 237-062-5          | 1                              |
| <b>Non-Hazardous Component(s)</b> |            |                    |                                |
| Water                             | 7732-18-5  | 231-791-2          | >79                            |

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Description of First Aid Measures:**

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or oxygen by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get immediate medical attention. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse. Destroy contaminated shoes.

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

**Ingestion:** Contact a poison control center immediately for instructions. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to rinse out mouth. Never give liquids to a person with reduced awareness or becoming unconscious. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration. If not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Acid burns to skin, eyes, and lungs.

**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:** Negligible fire hazard. See Section 9, “Physical and Chemical Properties” for flammability properties.

**Extinguishing Media:**

Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** Thermal decomposition will form oxides of nitrogen and beryllium.

**Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters:** Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:** Immediately contact emergency personnel. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use suitable protective equipment; see Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:** Do not touch spilled material. Notify safety personnel of spills. Absorb with sand or other non-combustible material. Collect spilled material in appropriate container for disposal. Isolate hazard area and deny entry.

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8, “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”. Handle glass ampoules with care.

**Storage:** Store and handling in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances (acids, combustible materials, halo carbons, amines, bases, oxidizing materials, metals, halogens, metal salts, metal oxides, reducing agents, peroxides, metal carbide, cyanides).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:**

**Component:** Nitric acid

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| NIOSH (REL): | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)    |
|              | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)  |
|              | 65 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (25 ppm; IDLH) |
| ACGIH (TLV): | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)    |
|              | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)  |
| OSHA (PEL):  | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)    |

**Component:** Beryllium nitrate (as Be, related to Beryllium compounds, n.o.s.)

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| NIOSH (REL): | 4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (IDLH)   |
|              | 0.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (Ceiling)  |
| ACGIH (TLV): | 0.05 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA) (inhalable fraction)<br>Skin - potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous route. |
| OSHA (PEL):  | 2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA)  |
|              | 5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (Ceiling)  |

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

**Personal Protection:** 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 29 CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable certified respirators.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eyewash station should be readily available near areas of use.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Chemical-resistant gloves should be worn at all times when handling chemicals.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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### Descriptive Properties:

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| <b>Appearance</b><br>(physical state, color, etc.):               | liquid                     |
| <b>Molecular Formula:</b>   | not available              |
| <b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>  | not available              |
| <b>Odor:</b>  | not available              |
| <b>Odor threshold:</b>  | not available              |
| <b>pH:</b>  | acidic                     |
| <b>Evaporation rate:</b>  | not available              |
| <b>Melting point/freezing point (°C):</b>                         | not available              |
| <b>Relative Density (g/L) as specific gravity</b><br>(water = 1): | 1 (water)                  |
| <b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>                                     | 17.5 mmHg at 20 °C (water) |
| <b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>                                   | not available              |
| <b>Viscosity (cP):</b>  | not available              |
| <b>Solubility(ies):</b>   | 100 % (water)              |
| <b>Partition coefficient</b><br>(n-octanol/water):                | not available              |
| <b>Particle Size (if relevant)</b>                                | not applicable             |

### Thermal Stability Properties:

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| <b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>                | not available |
| <b>Thermal Decomposition (°C):</b>                   | not available |
| <b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):</b> | Not available |
| <b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>             | not available |
| <b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>             | not available |
| <b>Flash Point (°C)</b>                              | not available |
| <b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>                    | not available |

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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

**Stability:**      X      Stable              Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Contact with combustible or incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Acids, combustible materials, halo carbons, amines, bases, oxidizing materials, metals, halogens, metal salts, metal oxides, reducing agents, peroxides, metal carbide, cyanides.

**Fire/Explosion Information:** See Section 5, "Fire Fighting Measures".

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce oxides of nitrogen and beryllium.

**Hazardous Polymerization:**        Will Occur      X   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:** Burning pain and severe skin corrosion, eye, lung, and blood damage, and cancer.

**Potential Health Effects (Acute, Chronic and Delayed):**

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of nitric acid can damage the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. Short term exposure may cause irritation and inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, coughing, choking, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness, and nausea. Long term exposure to acid fumes may cause damage to teeth, bronchial irritation, chronic cough, bronchial pneumonia, and gastrointestinal disturbances. Beryllium nitrate can cause respiratory irritation; chronic exposure may result in lung damage, absorption by the blood, and cancer.

**Skin Contact:** Nitric acid can cause severe skin burns. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure. Effects of acid burns may be delayed. Beryllium nitrate can cause irritation and itching.

**Eye Contact:** Nitric acid can cause severe eye irritation, corneal burns, permanent eye damage, or blindness. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure. Contact with beryllium nitrate vapors may cause pain, redness, conjunctival edema, and corneal destruction.

**Ingestion:** If ingested, nitric acid can cause severe burns and damage to the gastrointestinal tract. Beryllium nitrate can cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, and diarrhea; chronic exposure may result in anemia, nephritis, and possibly methemoglobinemia.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.

Nitric acid, Rat, Inhalation LC50: 130 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (4 h); 67 ppm (4 h)

Beryllium nitrate: No data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** This SRM contains >1 % of nitric acid and it is classified as Category 1B.

**Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation:** This SRM contains >1 % of nitric acid and it is classified as Category 1.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available.

**Skin Sensitization:** Classification not possible.

This SRM contains 1 % beryllium nitrate which is classified as Category 1 for skin sensitization; however since this is a corrosive mixture, classification is not possible.

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** No data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Category 1A.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen**  Yes  No

Nitric acid is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen.

Beryllium compounds are listed as Group 1 (carcinogenic to humans) by IARC and reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen by NTP. Beryllium or beryllium compounds are not listed by OSHA as carcinogens.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified.

Nitric acid, Rat, Oral TDLo: 21 150 mg/kg (pregnant 1 d to 21 d)

Nitric acid, Rat, Oral TDLo: 2345 mg/kg (pregnant 18 d)

Beryllium nitrate, Rat, Intravenous TDLo: 31 ug/kg (pregnant 18 d)

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** This SRM contains 1 % beryllium nitrate and it is classified as Category 1, may cause damage to lungs and absorbed into the blood.

**Aspiration Hazard:** No data available.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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### Ecotoxicity Data:

Nitric acid: Starfish (*Asterias rubens*) LC50: 100-300 mg/L (48 h, renewal/aerated water)  
Beryllium nitrate (as Be): Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) TLm [soft water]: 0.15 ppm (96 h)  
Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) TLm [hard water]: 20 ppm (96 h)

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

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** Bioconcentration of 100-fold can occur under constant exposure (beryllium nitrate).

**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 of waste in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Nitric acid subject to disposal regulations: U.S. EPA 40 CFR 262, Hazardous Waste Numbers: D001, D002.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** UN1760, Corrosive liquid, n.o.s. (contains nitric acid), Hazard Class 8, Packing Group II, Excepted Quantities E2.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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### U.S. Regulations:

CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) final RQ  
Beryllium nitrate, 1 lb (0.454 kg) final RQ

SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) TPQ

SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Nitric acid, 1000 lbs (454 kg) EPCRA RQ

SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): 0.1 % de minimis concentration (Be related compounds, n.o.s.);  
1 % de minimis concentration (nitric acid)

OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Regulated for nitric acid at higher concentrations  
500 lbs TQ ( $\geq 94.5$  % by weight).

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

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| ACUTE HEALTH:   | Yes. |
| CHRONIC HEALTH: | Yes. |
| FIRE:           | No.  |
| REACTIVE:       | No.  |
| PRESSURE:       | No.  |

### State Regulations:

California Proposition 65: WARNING! This product contains a chemical known (related to beryllium compounds) to the state of California to cause cancer.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Nitric acid and beryllium nitrate are listed.

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

### Canadian Regulations:

WHMIS Information: Not provided for this material.

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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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**Sources:** ChemADVISOR, Inc., MSDS *Nitric Acid*, 09 December 2015.

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### 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 Transport Association                               | SCBA  | Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus               |
| IDLH   | Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health                              | SRM   | Standard Reference Material                      |
| LC50   | Lethal Concentration  | STEL  | Short Term Exposure Limit                        |
| LD50   | Median Lethal Dose or Lethal Dose, 50 %                               | STOT  | Specific Target Organ Toxicity                   |
| LEL    | Lower Explosive Limit   | TLV   | Threshold Limit Value                            |
| MSDS   | Material Safety Data Sheet  | TPQ   | Threshold Planning Quantity                      |
| NIOSH  | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health                 | TSCA  | Toxic Substances Control Act                     |
| NIST   | National Institute of Standards and Technology                        | TWA   | Time Weighted Average                            |
| n.o.s. | Not Otherwise Specified   | UEL   | Upper Explosive Limit                            |
|        |   | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |

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