

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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**Product Identifier****SRM Number:** 4354**SRM Name:** Freshwater Lake Sediment Environmental Radioactivity Standard**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.**Recommended Use of This Material and Restrictions of Use**

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in tests or measurements of environmental radioactivity contained in matrices similar to the sample, for evaluating analytical methods, or as a generally available calibrated “real” sample matrix in interlaboratory comparisons. A unit of SRM 4354 consists of approximately 25 g of freeze-dried, pulverized freshwater lake sediment (gyttja) in a polyethylene bottle.

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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:** Lake sediment, powder.**Other Designations:** Fresh water lake sediment.

This product contains environmental level quantities of radioactive material. This SRM is designed for use only in a radiochemistry facility experienced in the handling of radioactive materials. All appropriate precautions for the handling of radioactive materials should be in place at all times. At a minimum, the basic radiation safety principles of time, distance, and shielding, and appropriate radiation contamination control should be practiced to avoid/minimize any external and/or internal exposure. Consult with your safety office for your facility's radiation safety requirements/precautions specific to the radionuclide(s) (including its activity and chemical/physical form) in this SRM.

SRM 4354 contains several radionuclides with an individual massic activities as high as 1.09 Bq•g<sup>-1</sup>.

| Component             | CAS Registry   | EC Number (EINECS) | Nominal Mass Fraction (%)  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Lake sediment         | Not available  | Not available      | 100                        |
|                       |                |                    |                            |
| Radionuclide          | CAS Registry   | EC Number (EINECS) | Nominal Mass Concentration |
| <sup>60</sup> Co      | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>90</sup> Sr      | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>137</sup> Cs     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>228</sup> Th     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>232</sup> Th     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>235</sup> U      | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>238</sup> U      | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>238</sup> Pu     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>239+240</sup> Pu | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>241</sup> Am     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>210</sup> Pb     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>226</sup> Ra     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>230</sup> Th     | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |
| <sup>234</sup> U      | Not applicable | Not applicable     | <0.0001                    |

**Note:**

(1) SRM 4354 is a fine powder with a readily respirable particle size. This material has not been tested as a whole. This SRM is a naturally occurring complex mixture that may contain harmful substances and should be handled with care; these substances are in concentrations below the reportable limits for hazardous components as required by OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.1200 for SDS information. For the actual values, see the NIST Certificate.

(2) Decay products are present in different stages of equilibrium with their parent nuclide and are not accounted for in the component listing.

#### 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. Thoroughly clean and dry contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes with water for at least 15 minutes. If necessary, seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If adverse effects occur after ingestion, seek medical treatment.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** Skin or eye mechanical irritation.

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

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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 for surrounding fire.

Unsuitable: None listed.

**Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical:** None listed.

**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).

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

Health = 1

Fire = 0

Reactivity = 0

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Occupational Release:** This product contains environmental level quantities of radioactive material. **DO NOT touch spilled material.** Immediately notify safety personnel of a spill.

**Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean up:**

**Radiological Emergency Procedures**

*The following is a guide for first responders. The following actions, including remediation, should be carried out by qualified individuals. In cases where a life-threatening injury occurs, concurrent with personal contamination, treat the injury **first**.*

Do not touch damaged packages or spilled material. Handle as a radioactive material spill.

**Spill and Leak Control**

- Alert and clear everyone from the area affected by the spill.
- Take actions to limit the spread of contamination.
- Summon aid.

**Damage to the Radioactive Source**

- Evacuate the immediate vicinity around the source.
- Place a barrier at a safe distance from the source.
- Identify area as a radiation hazard.

**Suggested Emergency Protective Equipment**

- Gloves
  - Footwear covers
  - Outer layer or easily removed protective clothing (as situation requires)
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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Handle in accordance with good laboratory practices. This product is intended for use only by people trained in the safety and handling of chemicals, radioactive materials, and laboratory preparations. See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Keep separated from incompatible substances.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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### Exposure Limits:

| Radionuclide          | ALI <sub>(ing)</sub>               | ALI <sub>(inh)</sub>                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <sup>60</sup> Co      | 5E+2μCi or 18.5 MBq                | 2E+2μCi or 7.4 MBq                   |
| <sup>90</sup> Sr      | 3E+1μCi or 1.11 MBq (Bone surface) | 2E+1μCi or 740 kBq (Bone surface)    |
| <sup>137</sup> Cs     | 1E+2μCi or 3.7 MBq                 | 2E+2μCi or 7.4 MBq                   |
| <sup>228</sup> Th     | 6E+0μCi or 222 kBq (Bone surface)  | 1E-2μCi or 0.37 kBq (Bone surface)   |
| <sup>232</sup> Th     | 7E-1μCi or 25.9 kBq (Bone surface) | 1E-3μCi or 0.037 kBq (Bone surface)  |
| <sup>235</sup> U      | 1E+1μCi or 370 kBq (Bone surface)  | 1E+0μCi or 37.0 kBq (Bone surface)   |
| <sup>238</sup> U      | 1E+1μCi or 370 kBq (Bone surface)  | 1E+0μCi or 37.0 kBq (Bone surface)   |
| <sup>238</sup> Pu     | 9E-1μCi or 29.6 kBq (Bone surface) | 7E-3μCi or 0.259 kBq (Bone surface)  |
| <sup>239,240</sup> Pu | 8E-1μCi or 33.3 kBq (Bone surface) | 6E-3 μCi or 0.222 kBq (Bone surface) |
| <sup>241</sup> Am     | 8E-1μCi or 29.6 kBq (Bone surface) | 6E-3 μCi or 0.222 kBq (Bone surface) |
| <sup>210</sup> Pb     | 6E-1μCi or 22.2 kBq (Bone surface) | 2E-1μCi or 7.4 kBq (Bone surface)    |
| <sup>226</sup> Ra     | 2E+0μCi or 74 kBq                  | 6E-1μCi or 22.2 kBq                  |
| <sup>230</sup> Th     | 4E+0μCi or 148 kBq (Bone surface)  | 6E-3μCi or 0.222 kBq (Bone surface)  |
| <sup>234</sup> U      | 1E+1μCi or 370 kBq (Bone surface)  | 1E+0μCi or 37.0 kBq (Bone surface)   |

No occupational exposure limits have been established for lake sediment. This material is a particulate matter and adequate inhalation/respiratory protection should be used to minimize exposure. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR) are applicable.

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

NIOSH (REL): 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, total particulates)  
5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA, respirable particulates)

**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 29CFR 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 eye wash 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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| Appearance                               | amorphous powder |
| (physical state, color, etc.):           |                  |
| Molecular Formula:                       | not applicable   |
| Molar Mass (g/mol):                      | not applicable   |
| Odor:                                    | not available    |
| Odor threshold:                          | not available    |
| pH:                                      | not available    |
| Evaporation rate:                        | not applicable   |
| Melting point/freezing point (°C):       | not available    |
| Relative Density (g/L):                  | not available    |
| Vapor Pressure (mmHg):                   | not applicable   |
| Vapor Density (air = 1):                 | not applicable   |
| Viscosity (cP):                          | not applicable   |
| Solubility(ies):                         | not available    |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water): | not available    |
| Particle Size:                           | <20 µm           |

### Thermal Stability Properties:

|                                               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Autoignition Temperature (°C):                | not available |
| Thermal Decomposition (°C):                   | not available |
| Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C): | not available |
| Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):             | not available |
| Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):             | not available |
| Flash Point (°C):                             | 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:**   X   Stable        Unstable

**Possible Hazardous Reactions:** None listed.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid generating dust.

**Incompatible Materials:** None listed.

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

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce oxides of carbon.

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

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Route of Exposure:**   X   Inhalation   X   Skin   X   Ingestion

**Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Characteristics:** Skin or eye mechanical irritation.

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

**Inhalation:** Acute exposure to large concentrations of dust may cause irritation. Chronic exposure to large concentrations of dust may cause pneumoconiosis characterized by chest pain, cough, dyspnea, reduced thoracic excursion.

**Skin Contact:** Skin exposure may result in mechanical irritation.

**Eye Contact:** No data available; may cause mechanical irritation.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion of this material is unlikely under normal conditions of use.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Not classified; no data available.

**Serious Eye Damage/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; no data available.

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ X No  
Lake sediment is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen/potential carcinogen.

**Radiological Hazard:**

Ionizing radiation is a known carcinogen

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Single Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity, Repeated Exposure:** Not classified; no data available.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified; no data available.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Ecotoxicity Data:** No data available.

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

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No data available.

**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.

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**14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

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**U.S. DOT and IATA:** 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 listed.

**U.S. TSCA Inventory:** Not listed.

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**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:** 29 CFR Occupational Health and Safety Office (OSHA) 1910.1000, *Limits for Air Contaminants*, Table Z-1; available at [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=STANDARDS&p\\_id=9992](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=9992) (accessed Apr 2016).

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*, 13 February 2015; available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npg/npgd0480.html> (accessed Apr 2015).

OSHA 29 CFR, Subpart Z, Ionizing radiation, 1910.1096.

NRC 10 CFR 20, Standards for Protection Against Radiation.

DOT 49 CFR 173, Shippers General Requirements for Shipments and Packages.

### Key of Acronyms:

|        |                                                                       |       |                                                  |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| ACGIH  | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists             | NRC   | Nuclear Regulatory Commission                    |
| ALI    | Annual Limit on Intake                                                | 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                       |
| EC50   | Effective Concentration, 50 %                                         | RM    | Reference Material                               |
| 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, 50 %                                            | STEL  | Short Term Exposure Limit                        |
| LD50   | Lethal Dose, 50 %                                                     | TLV   | Threshold Limit Value                            |
| LEL    | Lower Explosive Limit                                                 | TPQ   | Threshold Planning Quantity                      |
| MSDS   | Material Safety Data Sheet                                            | TSCA  | Toxic Substances Control Act                     |
| NFPA   | National Fire Protection Association                                  | TWA   | Time Weighted Average                            |
| NIOSH  | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health                 | UEL   | Upper Explosive Limit                            |
| NIST   | National Institute of Standards and Technology                        | WHMIS | Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System |

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