

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

### 1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier**

**RM Number:** 8550  
**RM Name:** USGS25 (Nitrogen Isotopes in Ammonium Sulfate)  
**Other Means of Identification:** Not applicable.

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

This Reference Material (RM) is a secondary reference material with known nitrogen stable isotope ratios. It is intended to be a validation material for nitrogen stable isotope ratios of working standards that have been calibrated relative to atmospheric nitrogen as  $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{AIR}}$ . The equivalent name used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for this RM is USGS25. A unit of RM 8550 consists of one bottle containing 0.8 g of ammonium sulfate salt.

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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classification**

**Physical Hazard:** Not classified.  
**Health Hazard:** Not classified.

**Label Elements**

**Symbol**  
 No Symbol/Pictogram

**Signal Word**  
 Not applicable.

**Hazard Statement(s):** Not applicable.

**Precautionary Statement(s):** Not applicable

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

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

### 3. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

**Substance:** Ammonium sulfate

**Other Designations:** Sulfuric acid diammonium salt; diammonium sulfate; mascagnite

Hazardous Component(s)	CAS Number	EC Number (EINECS)	Nominal Mass Concentration (%)
Ammonium sulfate	7783-20-2	231-984-1	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 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 a large amount is swallowed, get medical attention.

**Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:** 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 agents 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).

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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".

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

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Safe Handling Precautions:** Minimize dust generation. 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 (metals, bases, amines, oxidizing materials).

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**Exposure Limits:** No occupational exposure limits have been established. The exposure limits for Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated are applicable.

OSHA (PEL): 15 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:

<b>Appearance (physical state, color, etc.):</b>	colorless to gray granular powder
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
<b>Molar Mass (g/mol):</b>	132.13
<b>Odor:</b>	ammonia odor
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	not available
<b>pH (solution):</b>	5.5 (0.1 M)
<b>Evaporation rate:</b>	not applicable
<b>Melting point/freezing point (°C):</b>	not available
<b>Density (g/mL):</b>	1.769 at 50 °C
<b>Vapor Pressure (mmHg):</b>	not applicable
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1):</b>	>1
<b>Viscosity (cP):</b>	not applicable
<b>Solubility(ies):</b>	water soluble (71 % at 0 °C); insoluble: alcohol, acetone, liquid ammonia.
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	not available

### Thermal Stability Properties:

<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C):</b>	not applicable
<b>Thermal Decomposition (°C):</b>	>235 °C (>455 °F)
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C):</b>	not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, LEL (Volume %):</b>	not applicable
<b>Explosive Limits, UEL (Volume %):</b>	not applicable
<b>Flash Point (°C):</b>	not applicable
<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:** Avoid heat, flames, sparks and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Metals, bases, amines, oxidizing materials.

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

**Hazardous Decomposition:** Thermal decomposition will produce ammonia, oxides of nitrogen, and oxides of sulfur.

**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:** Possible mild irritation of the eyes and respiratory system.

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

**Inhalation:** May cause mild irritation to the nose and throat; symptoms may include coughing, and difficulty breathing.

**Skin Contact:** Contact with dust or solutions may cause mild irritation. Chronic exposure to irritants may cause dermatitis.

**Eye Contact:** Exposure may result in mild irritation. Chronic exposure may cause conjunctivitis.

**Ingestion:** Ingestion may cause irritation of the mouth, throat, and gastrointestinal tract with nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. No data for chronic ingestion.

**Numerical Measures of Toxicity:**

**Acute Toxicity:** Not classified.  
Rat, Oral LD50: 4250 mg/kg

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

**Serious Eye damage/Eye irritation:** Not classified.  
Rabbit eyes exposed to pure ammonium sulfate resulted in slight irritation.

**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  No  
Ammonium sulfate is not listed by IARC, NTP or OSHA as a 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:**

Fish: Zebrafish (*Brachydanio rerio*) LC50: 420 mg/L 96 h (semi-static).  
Invertebrate: Water flea (*Daphnia magna*) LC50: 14 mg/L 48 h.

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

**Bioaccumulative Potential:** No bioaccumulation expected.

**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: Yes.

CHRONIC HEALTH: No.

FIRE: No.

REACTIVE: No.

PRESSURE: No.

### State Regulations:

California Proposition 65: Not listed.

U.S. TSCA Inventory: 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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### 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	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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