

# Material Safety Data Sheet



## 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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24-Hour Emergency Phone Number: 989-636-4400

Product: ETHAFOAM\* SELECT NATURAL POLYETHYLENE FOAM PLANK

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The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI 48674

Customer Information Center: 800-258-2436

## 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Polyethylene      CAS# 009002-88-4      >97%

## 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

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\* Foam. Color is variable. Odorless. No significant immediate      \*  
\* hazards for emergency response are known.      \*  
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### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS (See Section 11 for toxicological data.)

EYE: Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action. Fumes/vapors released during thermal operations such as hot-wire cutting may cause eye irritation and respiratory irritation.

SKIN: Essentially nonirritating to skin. Mechanical injury only. Skin absorption is unlikely due to physical properties.

INGESTION: Ingestion is unlikely due to physical state. Physical injury only. May cause choking if swallowed.

INHALATION: Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract and lungs. Fumes/vapors generated during thermal operations such as hot wire cutting may cause eye and respiratory irritation.

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SYSTEMIC (OTHER TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS: No relevant information found.

CANCER INFORMATION: No relevant information found.

TERATOLOGY (BIRTH DEFECTS): No relevant information found.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS: No relevant information found.

#### 4. FIRST AID

EYE: Flush eyes with plenty of water; mechanical effects only.

SKIN: Wash off in flowing water or shower.

INGESTION: If swallowed, seek medical attention. May cause gastrointestinal blockage. Do not give laxatives. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air if effects occur. Consult a physician.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN: No specific antidote. Supportive care. Treatment based on judgment of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

##### FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES

FLASH POINT: Not applicable

METHOD USED: Not applicable

AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE: Not applicable

##### FLAMMABILITY LIMITS

LFL: Not applicable

UFL: Not applicable

HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS: During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying compositions which may be toxic and/or irritating. In smoldering or flaming conditions, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and carbon are generated.

OTHER FLAMMABILITY INFORMATION: Mechanical cutting, grinding or sawing can cause formation of dusts. To reduce the potential

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for dust explosion, do not permit dust to accumulate. Dense smoke is emitted when burned without sufficient oxygen.

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water fog or fine spray, dry chemical fire extinguishers, carbon dioxide fire extinguishers and foam.

FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep people away. Isolate fire area and deny unnecessary entry. If material is molten, do not apply direct water stream. Use fine water spray or foam. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers may be used for small fires.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTERS: Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, pants, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or a safe distance.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

CLEANUP: Recover, if possible, or dispose of according to applicable regulations.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING: This foam is combustible and should not be exposed to flame or other ignition sources.

STORAGE: Recommend storage in a cool, dry place away from high temperatures, hot pipes and direct sunlight.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Good general ventilation should be sufficient for most conditions. Local exhaust may be necessary for some operations.

##### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

EYE/FACE PROTECTION: Use safety glasses. If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause mechanical injury to the eye, wear chemical goggles. If vapor

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exposure causes eye discomfort, use a full-face respirator.

SKIN PROTECTION: No precautions other than clean body-covering clothing should be needed.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: When respiratory protection is required for certain operations, use an approved air-purifying respirator. In dusty atmospheres, use an approved dust respirator.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES: None established.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE/PHYSICAL STATE: Foam. Color is variable.  
ODOR: Odorless  
VAPOR PRESSURE: Not applicable  
VAPOR DENSITY: Not applicable  
BOILING POINT: Not applicable  
SOLUBILITY IN WATER/MISCIBILITY: Insoluble  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY OR DENSITY: 0.020 - 0.16

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CHEMICAL STABILITY: Thermally stable at typical use temperatures.

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: Avoid temperatures above 70C (158F).  
Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose. Avoid direct sunlight.

INCOMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER MATERIALS: Avoid contact with strong oxidizers.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Decomposition products depend upon temperatures, air supply and the presence of other materials. Processing may release fumes and other decomposition products. At temperatures exceeding melt temperatures, polymer fragments can be released. Fumes can be irritating.

HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION: Will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (See Section 3 for Potential Health Effects. For detailed toxicological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

MUTAGENICITY: No relevant information found.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION (For detailed Ecological data, write or call the address or non-emergency number shown in Section 1)

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

##### MOVEMENT & PARTITIONING:

No bioconcentration is expected because of the relatively high molecular weight (MW greater than 1000). In the terrestrial environment, material is expected to remain in the soil. In the aquatic environment, material is expected to float.

**DEGRADATION & PERSISTENCE:** This water insoluble polymeric solid is expected to be inert in the environment. Surface photodegradation is expected with exposure to sunlight. No appreciable biodegradation is expected.

**ECOTOXICITY:** Not expected to be acutely toxic.

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS (See Section 15 for Regulatory Information)

**DISPOSAL:** DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal methods must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION 2 (Composition/Information On Ingredients).

FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: recycler, reclaimer, incinerator or other thermal destruction device, and landfill.

As a service to its customers, Dow can provide names of information resources to help identify waste management companies and other facilities which recycle, reprocess or manage chemicals or plastics, and that manage used drums. Telephone Dow's Customers Information Center at 800-258-2436 or 989-832-1556 for further details.

#### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (D.O.T.): This product is not regulated by D.O.T. when shipped domestically by land.

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CANADIAN TDG INFORMATION: This product is not regulated by TDG  
when shipped domestically by land.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Not meant to be all-inclusive--selected  
regulations represented)

NOTICE: The information herein is presented in good faith and  
believed to be accurate as of the effective date shown above. However,  
no warranty, express or implied is given. Regulatory requirements  
are subject to change and may differ from one location to another;  
it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure that its activities comply  
with federal, state or provincial, and local laws. The following  
specific information is made for the purpose of complying with  
numerous federal, state or provincial, and local laws and regulations.  
See other sections for health and safety information.

U.S. REGULATIONS

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SARA 313 INFORMATION: To the best of our knowledge, this product  
contains no chemical subject to SARA Title III Section 313 supplier  
notification requirements.

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SARA HAZARD CATEGORY: This product has been reviewed according to the  
EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under Sections 311 and 312 of the  
Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) and  
is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following  
categories:

Not to have met any hazard category

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TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA):

All ingredients are on the TSCA inventory or are not required to be  
listed on the TSCA inventory.

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STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW: The following product components are cited on  
certain state lists as mentioned. Non-listed components may be shown

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REGULATORY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

in the composition section of the MSDS.

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS NUMBER	LIST
ISOBUTANE	000075-28-5	NJ1

NJ1=New Jersey Special Health Hazard Substance (present at greater than or equal to 0.1%).

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OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD:

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS  
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WHMIS INFORMATION: The Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Classification for this product is:

This product is exempt under WHMIS.

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CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA):

All substances in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

MSDS STATUS: Revised Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) RATINGS:

Health	0
Flammability	1
Reactivity	0

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