

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Potassium Hydroxide, Reagent ACS Grade Pellets
- **Article number:** P4500
- **CAS Number:**  
1310-58-3
- **EC number:**  
215-181-3
- **Index number:**  
019-002-00-8
- **Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
Aqua Solutions, Inc.  
6913 Highway 225  
DEER PARK, TX 77536  
USA  
800-256-2586
- **Information department:**  
Technical Coordinator  
Sherman Nelson sherman@aquasolutions.org
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
Chemtec: 800-424-9300  
Canutec: 613-996-6666



## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS05 Corrosion

Skin Corr. 1A H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.



GHS07

Acute Tox. 4 H302 Harmful if swallowed.

- **Label elements**

- **GHS label elements** The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).

- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05



GHS07

- **Signal word** Danger

- **Hazard statements**

Harmful if swallowed.

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

- **Precautionary statements**

Do not breathe dusts or mists.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

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Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.  
 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.  
 If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.  
 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
 If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.  
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.  
 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
 Immediately call a poison center/doctor.  
 Specific treatment (see on this label).  
 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
 Store locked up.  
 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

· **Classification system:**

· **NFPA ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **HMIS-ratings (scale 0 - 4)**



· **Other hazards**

· **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

· **PBT:** Not applicable.

· **vPvB:** Not applicable.

### 3 Composition/information on ingredients

· **Chemical characterization: Substances**

· **CAS No. Description**

1310-58-3 Potassium Hydroxide

· **Identification number(s)**

· **EC number:** 215-181-3

· **Index number:** 019-002-00-8

### 4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.

Symptoms of poisoning may even occur after several hours; therefore medical observation for at least 48 hours after the accident.

· **After inhalation:** In case of unconsciousness place patient stably in side position for transportation.

· **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.

· **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.

· **After swallowing:**

Immediately call a doctor.

Drink copious amounts of water and provide fresh air. Immediately call a doctor.

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- **Information for doctor:**
- **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.
- **Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**  
No further relevant information available.

### 5 Fire-fighting measures

- **Extinguishing media**
- **Suitable extinguishing agents:** Use fire fighting measures that suit the environment.
- **Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**  
During heating or in case of fire poisonous gases are produced.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** Mouth respiratory protective device.

### 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**  
Mount respiratory protective device.  
Wear protective equipment. Keep unprotected persons away.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter sewers/ surface or ground water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
Use neutralizing agent.  
Dispose contaminated material as waste according to item 13.  
Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Reference to other sections**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.
- **Protective Action Criteria for Chemicals**
- **PAC-1:** 0.18 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **PAC-2:** 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **PAC-3:** 54 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

### 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling**  
Thorough dedusting.  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** Keep respiratory protective device available.
- **Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**
- **Storage:**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** No special requirements.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Not required.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Keep receptacle tightly sealed.
- **Specific end use(s)** No further relevant information available.

### 8 Exposure controls/personal protection

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.

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- **Control parameters**

- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**

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REL Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

TLV Ceiling limit value: 2 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.

- **Exposure controls**

- **Personal protective equipment:**

- **General protective and hygienic measures:**

Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
Immediately remove all soiled and contaminated clothing.  
Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
Avoid contact with the eyes and skin.

- **Breathing equipment:**

In case of brief exposure or low pollution use respiratory filter device. In case of intensive or longer exposure use respiratory protective device that is independent of circulating air.

- **Protection of hands:**



Protective gloves

The glove material has to be impermeable and resistant to the product/ the substance/ the preparation.  
Due to missing tests no recommendation to the glove material can be given for the product/ the preparation/ the chemical mixture.

Selection of the glove material on consideration of the penetration times, rates of diffusion and the degradation

- **Material of gloves**

The selection of the suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality and varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

- **Penetration time of glove material**

The exact break through time has to be found out by the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed.

- **Eye protection:**



Tightly sealed goggles

- **Body protection:** Protective work clothing

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

- **Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

- **General Information**

- **Appearance:**

**Form:** Solid

**Color:** White

- **Odor:** Odorless

- **Odor threshold:** Not determined.

- **pH-value:** Not applicable.

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· <b>Change in condition</b>	
<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	360 °C (680 °F)
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	1,327 °C (33.8 °F)
· <b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</b>	Product is not flammable.
· <b>Ignition temperature:</b>	
<b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Auto igniting:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Danger of explosion:</b>	Product does not present an explosion hazard.
· <b>Explosion limits:</b>	
<b>Lower:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	0 hPa (0 mm Hg)
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	2.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (17.0238 lbs/gal)
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor density</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	1120 g/l
· <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Other information</b>	No further relevant information available.

## 10 Stability and reactivity

- **Reactivity** No further relevant information available.
- **Chemical stability**
- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Possibility of hazardous reactions** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid** No further relevant information available.
- **Incompatible materials:** No further relevant information available.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**
- **Acute toxicity:**

· **LD/LC50 values that are relevant for classification:**

Oral	LD50	500 mg/kg (ATE)
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** Strong caustic effect on skin and mucous membranes.
- **on the eye:** Strong caustic effect.

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- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**  
Swallowing will lead to a strong caustic effect on mouth and throat and to the danger of perforation of esophagus and stomach.
- **Carcinogenic categories**
- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)** Substance is not listed.
- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)** Substance is not listed.
- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)** Substance is not listed.

## 12 Ecological information

- **Toxicity**
- **Aquatic toxicity:** No further relevant information available.
- **Persistence and degradability** No further relevant information available.
- **Behavior in environmental systems:**
- **Bioaccumulative potential** No further relevant information available.
- **Mobility in soil** No further relevant information available.
- **Additional ecological information:**
- **General notes:**  
Water hazard class 1 (Assessment by list): slightly hazardous for water  
Do not allow undiluted product or large quantities of it to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.  
Must not reach bodies of water or drainage ditch undiluted or unneutralized.
- **Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**
- **PBT:** Not applicable.
- **vPvB:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects** No further relevant information available.

## 13 Disposal considerations

- **Waste treatment methods**
- **Recommendation:**  
Must not be disposed of together with household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to official regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

## 14 Transport information

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| · <b>UN-Number</b>               |                            |
| · <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b>         | UN1813                     |
| · <b>UN proper shipping name</b> |                            |
| · <b>DOT</b>                     | Potassium hydroxide, solid |
| · <b>IMDG, IATA</b>              | POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID |

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· **Transport hazard class(es)**· **DOT**

· **Class** 8 Corrosive substances  
 · **Label** 8

· **IMDG, IATA**

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 · **Label** 8

· **Packing group**· **DOT, IMDG, IATA** II· **Environmental hazards:**· **Marine pollutant:** No

· **Special precautions for user** Warning: Corrosive substances  
 · **Danger code (Kemler):** 80  
 · **EMS Number:** F-A,S-B  
 · **Segregation groups** Alkalis  
 · **Stowage Category** A  
 · **Segregation Code** SG35 Stow "separated from" acids.

· **Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

· **Transport/Additional information:**

· **DOT**  
 · **Quantity limitations** On passenger aircraft/rail: 15 kg  
 On cargo aircraft only: 50 kg  
 · **Hazardous substance:** 1000 lbs, 454 kg

· **IMDG**

· **Limited quantities (LQ)** 1 kg  
 · **Excepted quantities (EQ)** Code: E2  
 Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 30 g  
 Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 g

· **UN "Model Regulation":** UN 1813 POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLID, 8, II

## 15 Regulatory information

- **Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**
- **Sara**
- **Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):** Substance is not listed.
- **Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):** Substance is not listed.

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· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

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- **Proposition 65**
- **Chemicals known to cause cancer:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:** Substance is not listed.
- **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:** Substance is not listed.
- **Carcinogenic categories**
- **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)** Substance is not listed.
- **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)** Substance is not listed.
- **NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)** Substance is not listed.
- **GHS label elements** The substance is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



GHS05    GHS07

- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard statements**  
*Harmful if swallowed.*  
*Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.*
- **Precautionary statements**  
*Do not breathe dusts or mists.*  
*Wash thoroughly after handling.*  
*Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.*  
*Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*  
*If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.*  
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*Immediately call a poison center/doctor.*  
*Specific treatment (see on this label).*  
*Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.*  
*Store locked up.*  
*Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*
- **Chemical safety assessment:** *A Chemical Safety Assessment has not been carried out.*

## 16 Other information

*This information is based on our present knowledge. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee for any specific product features and shall not establish a legally valid contractual relationship.*

- **Department issuing SDS:** *Environment protection department.*
- **Contact:**
- **Date of preparation / last revision**  
*12-21-2017: review SDS for accuracy. STN*  
*Creation date for SDS 01-30-2014. STN*  
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**· Abbreviations and acronyms:**

*ADR: Accord européen sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses par Route (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road)*

*IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods*

*DOT: US Department of Transportation*

*IATA: International Air Transport Association*

*ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists*

*EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances*

*CAS: Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)*

*NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)*

*HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)*

*LC50: Lethal concentration, 50 percent*

*LD50: Lethal dose, 50 percent*

*PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic*

*vPvB: very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative*

*NIOSH: National Institute for Occupational Safety*

*OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health*

*TLV: Threshold Limit Value*

*PEL: Permissible Exposure Limit*

*REL: Recommended Exposure Limit*

*Acute Tox. 4: Acute toxicity – Category 4*

*Skin Corr. 1A: Skin corrosion/irritation – Category 1A*

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