

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Borate Buffer pH 9.5  
APHA for Ammonia Nitrogen
- **Article number:** 1280
- **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 [shermann@aquasolutions.org](mailto:shermann@aquasolutions.org)
- **Emergency telephone number:**  
Chemtrec: 800-424-9300  
Canutec: 613-996-6666



## 2 Hazard(s) identification

- **Classification of the substance or mixture**



GHS08 Health hazard

Toxic to Reproduction 1B H360 May damage fertility or the unborn child.

- **Label elements**
- **GHS label elements** The product is classified and labeled according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).
- **Hazard pictograms**



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- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**  
*Sodium Borate Decahydrate*
- **Hazard statements**  
*May damage fertility or the unborn child.*
- **Precautionary statements**  
*Obtain special instructions before use.*  
*Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.*  
*Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*  
*If swallowed: Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell.*  
*If on skin: Wash with plenty of water.*  
*If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.*  
*Continue rinsing.*  
*Store in a closed container.*  
*Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.*

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- **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: Mixtures**
- **Description:** Mixture of the substances listed below with nonhazardous additions.

### · **Dangerous components:**

CAS: 1303-96-4	Sodium Borate Decahydrate	0.95%
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### · **Table of Nonhazardous Ingredients**

CAS: 7732-18-5	Water	99.015%
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	0.035%

## \* 4 First-aid measures

- **Description of first aid measures**
- **After inhalation:** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately rinse with water.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eye for several minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.
- **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** No further relevant information available.
- **Advice for firefighters**
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

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## 6 Accidental release measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures** Not required.
- **Environmental precautions:** Dilute with plenty of water.
- **Methods and material for containment and cleaning up:**  
 Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders, sawdust).  
 Dispose contaminated material as waste according to section 13.
- **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:

CAS: 1303-96-4	Sodium Borate Decahydrate	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### · PAC-2:

CAS: 1303-96-4	Sodium Borate Decahydrate	190 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

### · PAC-3:

CAS: 1303-96-4	Sodium Borate Decahydrate	1,100 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	50 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

## 7 Handling and storage

- **Handling:**
- **Precautions for safe handling** Open and handle receptacle with care.
- **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 section 7.
- **Control parameters**

### · Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:

<b>CAS: 1303-96-4 Sodium Borate Decahydrate</b>	
REL	Long-term value: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
TLV	Short-term value: 6* mg/m <sup>3</sup> Long-term value: 2* mg/m <sup>3</sup> *as inhalable fraction, A4

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

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- **Exposure controls**
- **Personal protective equipment:**
- **General protective and hygienic measures:**  
 Keep away from foodstuffs, beverages and feed.  
 Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work.  
 Store protective clothing separately.
- **Breathing equipment:** Not required.
- **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. As the product is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application.
- **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:** Goggles recommended during refilling.
- **Body protection:** Protective work clothing

## 9 Physical and chemical properties

### · Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### · General Information

#### · Appearance:

<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Clear
<b>Odor:</b>	Odorless
<b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.

· **pH-value:** Not determined.

#### · Change in condition

<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	0 °C (32 °F)
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	100 °C (212 °F)

· **Flash point:** Not applicable.

· **Flammability (solid, gaseous):** Not applicable.

· **Decomposition temperature:** Not determined.

· **Ignition temperature:** Product is not selfigniting.

· **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

#### · Explosion limits:

**Lower:** Not determined.

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<b>Upper:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	23 hPa (17.3 mm Hg)
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	1.00362 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (8.37521 lbs/gal)
· <b>Relative density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Vapor density</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:</b>	Fully miscible.
· <b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Viscosity:</b>	
<b>Dynamic:</b>	Not determined.
<b>Kinematic:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Solvent content:</b>	
<b>Water:</b>	99.0 %
<b>VOC content:</b>	0.00 %
	0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gal
<b>Solids content:</b>	1.0 %
· <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:**

**ATE (Acute Toxicity Estimate)**

Inhalative	LC50/4h	0.53 mg/l
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- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritant effect.
- **on the eye:** No irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:

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- **Carcinogenic categories**

- **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- **OSHA-Ca (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)**

None of the ingredients is 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:** Not hazardous for water.

- **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

- **UN-Number**

- **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA** Not regulated

- **UN proper shipping name**

- **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA** Not regulated

- **Transport hazard class(es)**

- **DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA**

- **Class** Not regulated

- **Packing group**

- **DOT, IMDG, IATA** Not regulated

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| <b>· Environmental hazards:</b>  |                 |
| <b>· Marine pollutant:</b>   | No              |
| <b>· Special precautions for user</b>  | Not applicable. |
| <b>· Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b> | Not applicable. |
| <b>· UN "Model Regulation":</b>  | Not regulated   |

## 15 Regulatory information

- Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**  
 No further relevant information available.

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- Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Section 313 (Specific toxic chemical listings):**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act):**

Water	ACTIVE
Sodium Borate Decahydrate	ACTIVE
Sodium Hydroxide	ACTIVE

- Hazardous Air Pollutants**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Proposition 65**

- Chemicals known to cause cancer:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

- Carcinogenic categories**

- EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

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- TLV (Threshold Limit Value)**

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- NIOSH-Ca (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

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· **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**

*Revision 1.0 05/18/2023, reviewed SDS for accuracy. S.T.N.*

*Creation date for SDS 08-10-2018. STN*

*05/18/2023*

· **Abbreviations and acronyms:**

*IMDG: International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods*

*DOT: US Department of Transportation*

*IATA: International Air Transport Association*

*EINECS: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances*

*ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances*

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

*NFPA: National Fire Protection Association (USA)*

*HMIS: Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)*

*VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds (USA, EU)*

*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*

*Toxic to Reproduction 1B: Reproductive toxicity – Category 1B*

· **\* Data compared to the previous version altered.**