

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Borate Buffer
- **Article number:** CY006
- **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**



GHS06 Skull and crossbones

Acute Toxicity - Inhalation 2 H330 Fatal if inhaled.



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**



GHS06



GHS08

- **Signal word** *Danger*
- **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**  
*Sodium Borate Decahydrate*
- **Hazard statements**  
*Fatal if inhaled.*  
*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.*  
*Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.*  
*Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.*  
*Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.*  
*[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.*

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*IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.*

*Immediately call a poison center/doctor.*

*IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.*

*Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).*

*Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.*

*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)**

HEALTH	1	Health = 1
FIRE	0	Fire = 0
REACTIVITY	0	Reactivity = 0

· **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	0.392%
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· **Table of Nonhazardous Ingredients**

CAS: 7732-18-5	Water	99.573%
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	0.035%

### 4 First-aid measures

· **Description of first aid measures**

· **General information:**

*Immediately remove any clothing soiled by the product.*

*Remove breathing apparatus only after contaminated clothing have been completely removed.*

*In case of irregular breathing or respiratory arrest provide artificial respiration.*

· **After inhalation:**

*Supply fresh air or oxygen; call for doctor.*

*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:** If symptoms persist consult doctor.

· **Information for doctor:**

· **Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** No further relevant information available.

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- **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.
- **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.  
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:**

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**  
Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.  
Open and handle receptacle with care.  
Prevent formation of aerosols.
- **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.

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· **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:****CAS: 1303-96-4 Sodium Borate Decahydrate**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.· **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.

Store protective clothing separately.

· **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. 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:****Form:** Liquid**Color:** Clear

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· <b>Odor:</b>	Odorless
· <b>Odor threshold:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>pH-value:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Change in condition</b>	
<b>Melting point/Melting range:</b>	0 °C (32 °F)
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b>	100 °C (212 °F)
· <b>Flash point:</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</b>	Not applicable.
· <b>Decomposition temperature:</b>	Not determined.
· <b>Ignition temperature:</b>	Product is not selfigniting.
· <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>	23 hPa (17.3 mm Hg)
· <b>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</b>	1.00185 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (8.36044 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>	99.6 %
<b>VOC content:</b>	0.00 % 0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gal
<b>Solids content:</b>	0.4 %
· <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.

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## 11 Toxicological information

- **Information on toxicological effects**

- **Acute toxicity:**

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

<b>ATE (Acute Toxicity Estimate)</b>		
Inhalative	LC50/4h	1.27 mg/l

- **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:  
Toxic

Very toxic

- **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.

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· **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

## 14 Transport information

· <b>UN-Number</b> · <b>DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>	Not regulated
· <b>UN proper shipping name</b> · <b>DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b>	Not regulated
· <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b> · <b>DOT, ADN, IMDG, IATA</b> · <b>Class</b>	Not regulated
· <b>Packing group</b> · <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b>	Not regulated
· <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.

· **Sara**· **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.

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· **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.

· **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**

Fatal if inhaled.

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.

Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray.

Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

[In case of inadequate ventilation] wear respiratory protection.

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Immediately call a poison center/doctor.

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Specific treatment is urgent (see on this label).

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

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**

Revision 1.0 05/15/2023, reviewed SDS for accuracy. STN

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**· 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*  
*Acute Toxicity - Inhalation 2: Acute toxicity – Category 2*  
*Toxic to Reproduction 1B: Reproductive toxicity – Category 1B*

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

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