

# Phoslock Granules / Powder

## Phoslock Environmental Technologies Ltd

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Safety Data Sheet according to WHS Regulations (Hazardous Chemicals) Amendment 2020 and ADG requirements

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### SECTION 1 Identification of the substance / mixture and of the company / undertaking

#### Product Identifier

Product name	Phoslock Granules / Powder
Chemical Name	Not Applicable
Synonyms	Not Available
Chemical formula	Not Applicable
Other means of identification	Not Available

#### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Relevant identified uses	Used to remove prescribed oxyanions in a variety of natural environments such as lakes, rivers, estuaries, dams, ornamental ponds and natural wetlands. Also in artificial environments including waste effluents such as sewage and industrial effluents and as a barrier within containment cells for leachable wastes.
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#### Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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#### Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	Phoslock Environmental Technologies Ltd
Emergency telephone numbers	+61 3 9110 0002
Other emergency telephone numbers	Not Available

### SECTION 2 Hazards identification

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

**NON-HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL. NON-DANGEROUS GOODS. According to the WHS Regulations and the ADG Code.**

ChemWatch Hazard Ratings

## Phoslock Granules / Powder

	Min	Max
Flammability	0	
Toxicity	1	
Body Contact	1	
Reactivity	0	
Chronic	0	

0 = Minimum  
1 = Low  
2 = Moderate  
3 = High  
4 = Extreme

<b>Poisons Schedule</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Classification [1]</b>	Not Applicable

### Label elements

<b>Hazard pictogram(s)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Signal word</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>

### Hazard statement(s)

Not Applicable

### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

Not Applicable

### Precautionary statement(s) Response

Not Applicable

### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

Not Applicable

### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

Not Applicable

## SECTION 3 Composition / information on ingredients

### Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

### Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
302346-65-2	>60	<u>bentonite, lanthanum modified</u>

**Legend:** 1. Classified by Chemwatch; 2. Classification drawn from HCIS; 3. Classification drawn from Regulation (EU) No 1272/2008 - Annex VI; 4. Classification drawn from C&L; \* EU IOELVs available

## SECTION 4 First aid measures

### Description of first aid measures

<b>Eye Contact</b>	<p>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash out immediately with fresh running water.</li> <li>Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.</li> <li>Seek medical attention without delay; if pain persists or recurs seek medical attention.</li> <li>Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.</li> </ul>
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<b>Skin Contact</b>	<p>If skin or hair contact occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>
<b>Inhalation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Other measures are usually unnecessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Ingestion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If swallowed do <b>NOT</b> induce vomiting.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> <li>Observe the patient carefully.</li> <li>Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.</li> <li>Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.</li> <li>Seek medical advice.</li> </ul>

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 5 Firefighting measures**

**Extinguishing media**

- There is no restriction on the type of extinguisher which may be used.
- Use extinguishing media suitable for surrounding area.

**Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture**

<b>Fire Incompatibility</b>	None known.
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**Advice for firefighters**

<b>Fire Fighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves in the event of a fire.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.</li> <li><b>DO NOT</b> approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul>
<b>Fire/Explosion Hazard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non combustible.</li> <li>Not considered a significant fire risk, however containers may burn.</li> </ul> <p>Decomposition may produce toxic fumes of:</p> <p>silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>)</p> <p>metal oxides</p> <p>May emit poisonous fumes.</p> <p>May emit corrosive fumes.</p>
<b>HAZCHEM</b>	Not Applicable

**SECTION 6 Accidental release measures**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

See section 8

**Environmental precautions**

See section 12

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## Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Minor Spills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>▸ Avoid contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>▸ Wear impervious gloves and safety glasses.</li> <li>▸ Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.</li> <li>▸ Vacuum up (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).</li> <li>▸ Do NOT use air hoses for cleaning</li> <li>▸ Place spilled material in clean, dry, sealable, labelled container.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<p>Moderate hazard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ <b>CAUTION:</b> Advise personnel in area.</li> <li>▸ Alert Emergency Services and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>▸ Control personal contact by wearing protective clothing.</li> <li>▸ Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>▸ Recover product wherever possible.</li> <li>▸ <b>IF DRY:</b> Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust. Collect residues and place in sealed plastic bags or other containers for disposal. <b>IF WET:</b> Vacuum/shovel up and place in labelled containers for disposal.</li> <li>▸ <b>ALWAYS:</b> Wash area down with large amounts of water and prevent runoff into drains.</li> <li>▸ If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise Emergency Services.</li> </ul>

Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

## SECTION 7 Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

Safe handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Limit all unnecessary personal contact.</li> <li>▸ Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>▸ Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>▸ <b>When handling DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.</b></li> <li>▸ Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.</li> <li>▸ Avoid physical damage to containers.</li> <li>▸ Use good occupational work practice.</li> <li>▸ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul>
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Keep dry.</li> <li>▸ Store under cover.</li> <li>▸ Protect containers against physical damage.</li> <li>▸ Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> </ul>

### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Polyethylene or polypropylene container.</li> <li>▸ Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> </ul>
Storage incompatibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ Avoid reaction with oxidising agents</li> <li>▸ Protect from light.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 8 Exposure controls / personal protection

### Control parameters

Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

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Not Available

### Emergency Limits

Ingredient	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
Phoslock Granules / Powder	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH
bentonite, lanthanum modified	Not Available	Not Available

### MATERIAL DATA


as lanthanum

CEL TWA: 1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (compare TLV-TWA yttrium)

(CEL = Chemwatch Exposure Limit)

Exposure to the vapours of some rare earth salts reportedly produces sensitivity to heat, itching and an increased perception of odour and taste. Other effects may include bronchiolitis, subacute bronchitis, acute transient chemical pneumonitis, focal hypertrophic emphysema, regional bronchiolar stricturing and cellular eosinophilia. In rare fatal cases of exposure to the rare-earth fluoride and/or oxide mixtures, delayed chemical hyperaemia has occurred. Lung granulomas have also been seen in experimental animals.

### Exposure controls

<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	General exhaust is adequate under normal operating conditions.
<b>Personal protection</b>	
<b>Eye and face protection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety glasses with side shields; or as required,</li> <li>• Chemical goggles.</li> <li>• Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]</li> </ul>
<b>Skin protection</b>	See Hand protection below
<b>Hands/feet protection</b>	<p>The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical 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.</p> <p>The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice.</p> <p>Personal hygiene is a key element of effective hand care. Gloves must only be worn on clean hands.</p> <p>After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.</p> <p>Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frequency and duration of contact,</li> <li>• chemical resistance of glove material,</li> <li>• glove thickness and</li> <li>• dexterity</li> </ul>

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Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739, AS/NZS 2161.1 or national equivalent).

- When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.

- When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374, AS/NZS 2161.10.1 or national equivalent) is recommended.

- Some glove polymer types are less affected by movement and this should be taken into account when considering gloves for long-term use.

- Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

As defined in ASTM F-739-96 in any application, gloves are rated as:

- Excellent when breakthrough time > 480 min

- Good when breakthrough time > 20 min

- Fair when breakthrough time < 20 min

- Poor when glove material degrades

For general applications, gloves with a thickness typically greater than 0.35 mm, are recommended.

It should be emphasised that glove thickness is not necessarily a good predictor of glove resistance to a specific chemical, as the permeation efficiency of the glove will be dependent on the exact composition of the glove material. Therefore, glove selection should also be based on consideration of the task requirements and knowledge of breakthrough times.

Glove thickness may also vary depending on the glove manufacturer, the glove type and the glove model. Therefore, the manufacturers technical data should always be taken into account to ensure selection of the most appropriate glove for the task.

Note: Depending on the activity being conducted, gloves of varying thickness may be required for specific tasks. For example:

- Thinner gloves (down to 0.1 mm or less) may be required where a high degree of manual dexterity is needed. However, these gloves are only likely to give short duration protection and would normally be just for single use applications, then disposed of.

- Thicker gloves (up to 3 mm or more) may be required where there is a mechanical (as well as a chemical) risk i.e. where there is abrasion or puncture potential

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- polychloroprene.
- nitrile rubber.
- butyl rubber.
- fluorocautchouc.
- polyvinyl chloride.

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

#### Body protection

See Other protection below

#### Other protection

- Overalls.
- P.V.C apron.
- Barrier cream.
- Skin cleansing cream.
- Eye wash unit.

### Respiratory protection

Particulate. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	P1 Air-line*	- -	PAPR-P1 -

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up to 50 x ES	Air-line**	P2	PAPR-P2
up to 100 x ES	-	P3	-
		Air-line*	-
100+ x ES	-	Air-line**	PAPR-P3

\* - Negative pressure demand \*\* - Continuous flow

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO<sub>2</sub>), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH<sub>3</sub>), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

- Respirators may be necessary when engineering and administrative controls do not adequately prevent exposures.
- The decision to use respiratory protection should be based on professional judgment that takes into account toxicity information, exposure measurement data, and frequency and likelihood of the worker's exposure - ensure users are not subject to high thermal loads which may result in heat stress or distress due to personal protective equipment (powered, positive flow, full face apparatus may be an option).
- Published occupational exposure limits, where they exist, will assist in determining the adequacy of the selected respiratory protection. These may be government mandated or vendor recommended.
- Certified respirators will be useful for protecting workers from inhalation of particulates when properly selected and fit tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- Where protection from nuisance levels of dusts are desired, use type N95 (US) or type P1 (EN143) dust masks. Use respirators and components tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or CEN (EU)
- Use approved positive flow mask if significant quantities of dust becomes airborne.
- Try to avoid creating dust conditions.

## SECTION 9 Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Light brown granules; insoluble in water.		
<b>Physical state</b>	Divided Solid	<b>Relative density (Water = 1)</b>	1.1
<b>Odour</b>	Not Available	<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol / water</b>	Not Available
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not Available	<b>Auto-ignition temperature (°C)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>pH (as supplied)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not Available
<b>Melting point / freezing point (°C)</b>	>1000	<b>Viscosity (cSt)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Molecular weight (g/mol)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Flash point (°C)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Taste</b>	Not Available
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Flammability</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Oxidising properties</b>	Not Available
<b>Upper Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit (%)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Volatile Component (%vol)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Vapour pressure (kPa)</b>	Not Applicable	<b>Gas group</b>	Not Available

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<b>Solubility in water</b>	Immiscible	<b>pH as a solution (Not Available%)</b>	7-7.5 (2%)
<b>Vapour density (Air = 1)</b>	Not Available	<b>VOC g/L</b>	Not Applicable

## SECTION 10 Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	See section 7
<b>Chemical stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	See section 7
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	See section 7
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	See section 7
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	See section 5

## SECTION 11 Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Inhaled</b>	Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled. If prior damage to the circulatory or nervous systems has occurred or if kidney damage has been sustained, proper screenings should be conducted on individuals who may be exposed to further risk if handling and use of the material result in excessive exposures.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Considered an unlikely route of entry in commercial/industrial environments Accidental ingestion of the material may be damaging to the health of the individual. Ingestion may result in nausea, abdominal irritation, pain and vomiting Symptoms of acute lanthanide toxicity in rats are immediate defecation, writhing, ataxia (the inability to coordinate voluntary muscular movement), sedation, laboured respiration and reduced activity. Death is due mainly to respiratory and cardiac failure. The rare earths exhibit low toxicity following ingestion but may be toxic by the intraperitoneal route and mildly toxic when administered by the subcutaneous route. The production of skin and lung granulomas, following exposure, may also occur.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream through, for example, cuts, abrasions, puncture wounds or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.
<b>Eye</b>	Although the material is not thought to be an irritant (as classified by EC Directives), direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterised by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result. The material may produce foreign body irritation in certain individuals.
<b>Chronic</b>	Limited evidence suggests that repeated or long-term occupational exposure may produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems.  Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function (i.e. pneumoconiosis) caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung. A prime

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symptom is breathlessness. Lung shadows show on X-ray.

Lanthanum competes with calcium in a large range of biomolecules and biomolecular processes.

lanthanum 3+ reacts in vitro with various tissue components, e.g. proteins, enzymes and phosphates. By displacing and replacing calcium ions in certain selected cell systems, lanthanum 3+ inhibits the significant role of calcium in various cellular processes. For example, lanthanum 3+ inhibits the calcium pump of red blood cells and, in animal studies, lanthanum + has been shown to inhibit muscle activity by blocking calcium-activated enzymes.

Lanthanum is a member of the so-called light-group (the ceriums) of the rare earths (or lanthanoids). No occupational diseases or cases of poisoning in workers producing rare earth elements have been described. Lanthanoids entering the human body due to exposure to various industrial processes can affect metabolic processes. Trivalent lanthanoid ions, especially lanthanum 3+ and gadolinium 3+, can interfere with calcium channels in human and animal cells. Lanthanoids can also alter or even inhibit the action of various enzymes. Lanthanoid ions found in neurons can regulate synaptic transmission, as well as block some receptors (for example, glutamate receptors). Lanthanoids target the liver causing fatty liver degeneration and a decrease in liver glycogen and blood glucose levels.

Lanthanoids because of their high density can produce significant abnormalities on chest X-rays but these lesions typically have little or no clinical importance and generally are not felt to be fibrogenic. The toxicity of all elements in the cerium group has been investigated and found to be insignificant. The respiratory tracts of rats show pathogenic effects when injected intratracheally with the oxides producing a reduced effect when compared with salts. The main risks to workers involved in the production of rare earths are due to dust inhalation. Chronic lanthanum intoxication causes kidney and liver derangement and increases coagulation time.

Based on the available toxicity data, the rare earth chlorides appear to have moderate acute and chronic toxicity. However these substances cause severe eye irritation and severe irritation in abraded skin. They are poorly absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract and by unbroken skin but slight liver damage has been demonstrated in subchronic oral toxicity studies at high doses. The literature indicates that chronic inhalation exposure to the rare earth chlorides may cause pneumoconiosis in humans. There are no indications of carcinogenicity in the rare earth chlorides. Mutagenicity studies on these substances have mixed results, but are predominantly negative.

Lanthanum chloride was non-mutagenic in a bacterial mutagenicity assay. However, intraperitoneal injection of lanthanum chloride caused an increase in the mitotic index and the nuclear volume of liver cells, and an immediate decrease in the mitotic index of rat and mouse bone marrow cells. Chromosomal changes have been observed in a number of studies. Dose-related binding to DNA has also been observed.

In the reproductive and developmental toxicity studies, lanthanum chloride caused sperm morphological changes, and reduction of sperm motility and sperm count in goats. A single injection of 44 mg La/kg into pregnant mice reduced the number of successful pregnancies and average litter size.

\* IUPAC currently recommends the name lanthanoid rather than lanthanide, as the suffix "-ide" generally indicates negative ions whereas the suffix "-oid" indicates similarity to one of the members of the containing family of elements. In the older literature, the name "lanthanon" was often used.

Phoslock Granules / Powder	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Dermal (Rabbit) LD50: None PDII/4hr <sup>[2]</sup>	Not Available
	Inhalation (Rat) LC50: >5000 mg/L/4hr <sup>[2]</sup>	
bentonite, lanthanum modified	TOXICITY	IRRITATION
	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Legend:</b>	1. Value obtained from Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Acute toxicity 2.* Value obtained from manufacturer's SDS. Unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effect of chemical Substances	

**BENTONITE,  
LANTHANUM  
MODIFIED**

Symptoms of acute lanthanide toxicity in rats are immediate defecation, writhing, ataxia (the inability to coordinate voluntary muscular movement), sedation, laboured respiration and reduced activity. Death is due mainly to respiratory and cardiac failure. The rare earths exhibit low toxicity following ingestion but may be toxic by the intraperitoneal route and mildly toxic when administered by the subcutaneous route. The production of skin and lung granulomas, following exposure, may also occur.

for typical lanthanides:

The symptoms of toxicity of the rare earth elements include writhing, ataxia, labored respiration, walking on the toes with arched back and sedation. The rare earth elements exhibit low toxicity by ingestion exposure. However, the intraperitoneal route may be highly toxic while the subcutaneous route is poison to moderately toxic. The production of skin and lung granulomas after exposure to them requires extensive protection to prevent such exposure.

**Chronic Inhalation Toxicity:** An accumulation of insoluble lanthanide particles has been observed in the respiratory tract of humans following chronic occupational exposure and in rodents following chronic exposure to a similar lanthanide cerium oxide. Lymphoid hyperplasia in the bronchial lymph nodes was the critical inhalation health effect identified by the USEPA in a 2008 toxicological review of cerium oxide.

**Developmental/Reproductive Toxicity:** Lanthanum carbonate, did not affect fertility or produce any harm to the fetus in a rat study.

**Mutagenicity:** Cerium oxide, was negative in the Ames bacterial mutagenic test using bacterial strains TA135, TA1537, TA98, TA100, TA102, and WP2uvrA., and in the mouse in vivo micronucleus assay.

**Carcinogenicity:** Lanthanum carbonate, was not carcinogenic in a two-year oral rat study. Not assessed by IARC, NTP, or USEPA.

for bentonite clays:

Bentonite (CAS No. 1302-78-9) consists of a group of clays formed by crystallisation of vitreous volcanic ashes that were deposited in water.

The expected acute oral toxicity of bentonite in humans is very low (LD50>15 g/kg). However, severe anterior segment inflammation, uveitis and retrocorneal abscess from eye exposure were reported when bentonite had been used as a prophypaste.

In a 33 day dietary (2 and 6%) and a 90 day dietary (1, 3 and 5%) studies in chickens, no changes in behaviour, overall state, clinical and biochemical parameters and electrolytic composition of the blood. Repeat dietary administration of bentonite did not affect calcium or phosphorus metabolism. However, larger amounts caused decreased growth, muscle weakness, and death with marked changes in both calcium and phosphorus metabolism.

Bentonite did not cause fibrosis after 1 year exposure of 60 mg dust (<5 µm) in a rat study. However, in a second rat study, where 5 µm particles were intratracheally instilled at 5, 15 and 45 mg/rat, dose-related fibrosis was observed. Bentonite clay dust is believed to be responsible for bronchial asthma in workers at a processing plant in USA.

Ingestion of bentonite without adequate liquids may result in intestinal obstruction in humans.

Hypokalaemia and microcytic iron-deficiency anaemia may occur in patients after repeat doses of clay.

Chronic ingestion has been reported to cause myositis.

Acute Toxicity	✗	Carcinogenicity	✗
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✗	Reproductivity	✗
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✗	STOT - Single Exposure	✗
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	✗	STOT - Repeated Exposure	✗
Mutagenicity	✗	Aspiration Hazard	✗

**Legend:** ✗ – Data either not available or does not fill the criteria for classification  
 ✓ – Data available to make classification

## SECTION 12 Ecological information

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## Toxicity

Phoslock Granules / Powder	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
bentonite, lanthanum modified	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Species	Value	Source
	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
<b>Legend:</b> Extracted from 1. IUCLID Toxicity Data 2. Europe ECHA Registered Substances - Ecotoxicological Information - Aquatic Toxicity 4. US EPA, Ecotox database - Aquatic Toxicity Data 5. ECETOC Aquatic Hazard Assessment Data 6. NITE (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 7. METI (Japan) - Bioconcentration Data 8. Vendor Data					

### DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

For lanthanoids (formerly lanthanides; syn rare earth metals and their salts):

#### Environmental fate:

The natural occurrence of rare earths in the lithosphere is well established at a concentration level of a few hundred part per million. They are therefore not "rare".

Rare earth chlorides are very poorly soluble in water. Modeled water solubilities range from 10<sup>-2</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup> mg/l. They are expected to strongly sorb to soil and not expected to volatilise.

**Water:** Lanthanoid emissions to the environment increase as a result of the growing industrial applications of these elements.

However, robust data to evaluate the environmental fate of lanthanoids are scarce.

Changing environmental conditions may influence the fate and bioavailability of lanthanoids (part of the rare earth elements [Ln]) in estuaries. Equilibrium model calculations indicate that dissolved lanthanoids are complexed mainly to carbonates and dissolved organic matter. In the water phase, the relative abundance of the free ion, LnCO<sub>3</sub>, and humic complexes decreases from lanthanum to lutetium, whereas the relative abundance of Ln(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> increases. Cerium and europium anomalies were found in water. Europium anomalies were also found in some biota. The biota sediment accumulation factors (BSAFs) decreased across the series from lanthanum to lutetium. Regression analysis revealed that alkalinity correlated negatively with lanthanide uptake. This suggests that increasing complexation reduced bioavailability under the prevailing conditions. The BSAFs did not depend on salinity or pH, which may simplify sediment-quality criteria for fresh versus saline waters. Field BSAFs were significantly lower than laboratory values for the same sediments, which is explained by adaptation of the organisms to lanthanides.

**Plant uptake:** Lanthanum concentrations in plants and medium and the amounts sorbed to glass vessels were quantified by using the radioisotope <sup>140</sup>La. The amount of La adsorbed on the glass reached values of 25% of the total La present. A model was formulated to describe La uptake in exponentially growing duckweed in the presence of an adsorptive surface. Growth-induced dilution appeared more efficient in lowering plant La concentrations than actual elimination. An elimination study revealed two compartments, of which the smallest eliminated 50 times faster than the bigger compartment, which eliminated mainly by growth dilution. The average bioconcentration factor was 2,000 L/kg fresh weight and 30,000 L/kg dry weight, comparable with those of other higher plants. At the applied concentration of 10 nM, no effects were observed on duckweed growth. However, the high bioconcentration factor warrants monitoring of lanthanide emissions.

#### Ecotoxicity:

For cerium oxide (a typical oxide of this group):

Fish LC50 (96 h): fathead minnow >50000 mg/l (low toxicity)

Green algae IC25: 34484 mg/l (low toxicity)

Daphnia LC50 (48 h): Ceriodaphnia dubia >50000 mg/l (low toxicity)

Rare earth chlorides exhibit acute aquatic toxicity at concentrations exceeding 100 ppm and chronic toxicity, persisting for more than 21 days, at concentrations greater than 30 ppm (based on structure activity relationships - QSAR). Industrial processes have little impact on altering background levels. Lanthanum 3+ is toxic to some aquatic organisms.

Dissolved lanthanum is very toxic to species of Daphnia in both chronic and acute tests. It may also be toxic to other species. . In a lanthanum bioassay test conducted with solutions of lanthanum chloride made up in water at lanthanum concentrations between (nominally) 750 ug/L and 48 mg/L, 100% mortality of eastern rainbow fish was found for all nominal lanthanum concentrations, indicating a 96 hour LC50 significantly less than the nominal 750 ug/L (measured as 600 ug/L) NICNAS Full Public Report NA/899) There seems little doubt that **dissolved** lanthanum has at least high acute and chronic toxicity to fresh water fish and to various species of Daphnia in soft water, although water quality parameters appear to have a very large effect on the toxicity. In sufficiently hard water free lanthanum may be precipitated reducing lanthanum availability to aquatic species and mitigating toxicity.

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Similarly, the lanthanum ion is expected to have high affinity for the negatively charged humic material present in most natural waters. This mechanism will also remove lanthanum from the water column.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
	No Data available for all ingredients	No Data available for all ingredients

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
	No Data available for all ingredients

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
	No Data available for all ingredients

### SECTION 13 Disposal considerations

#### Waste treatment methods

<b>Product / Packaging disposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycle wherever possible or consult manufacturer for recycling options.</li> <li>Consult State Land Waste Management Authority for disposal.</li> <li>Bury residue in an authorised landfill.</li> <li>Recycle containers if possible, or dispose of in an authorised landfill.</li> </ul>
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### SECTION 14 Transport information

#### Labels Required

<b>Marine Pollutant</b>	NO
<b>HAZCHEM</b>	Not Applicable

**Land transport (ADG): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee): NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code**

Not Applicable

**Transport in bulk in accordance with MARPOL Annex V and the IMSBC Code**

Product name	Group
bentonite, lanthanum modified	Not Available

**Transport in bulk in accordance with the ICG Code**

Product name	Ship Type
bentonite, lanthanum modified	Not Available

### SECTION 15 Regulatory information



**Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture****bentonite, lanthanum modified is found on the following regulatory lists**

Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AIIC)

International WHO List of Proposed Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) Values for Manufactured Nanomaterials (MNMS)

**National Inventory Status**

National Inventory	Status
Australia - AIIC / Australia Non-Industrial Use	Yes
Canada - DSL	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Canada - NDSL	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
China - IECSC	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Europe - EINEC / ELINCS / NLP	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Japan - ENCS	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Korea - KECI	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
New Zealand - NZIoC	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Philippines - PICCS	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
USA - TSCA	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Taiwan - TCSI	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Mexico - INSQ	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Vietnam - NCI	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
Russia - FBEPH	No (bentonite, lanthanum modified)
<b>Legend:</b>	<p>Yes = All CAS declared ingredients are on the inventory</p> <p>No = One or more of the CAS listed ingredients are not on the inventory. These ingredients may be exempt or will require registration.</p>

**SECTION 16 Other information**

<b>Revision Date</b>	08/03/2022
<b>Initial Date</b>	30/11/2004

**SDS Version Summary**

Version	Date of Update	Sections Updated
18.1	01/11/2019	One-off system update. NOTE: This may or may not change the GHS classification
19.1	08/03/2022	Acute Health (swallowed), Supplier Information

**Other information**

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

The SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

**Definitions and abbreviations**

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PC—TWA: Permissible Concentration-Time Weighted Average  
PC—STEL: Permissible Concentration-Short Term Exposure Limit  
IARC: International Agency for Research on Cancer  
ACGIH: American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
STEL: Short Term Exposure Limit  
TEEL: Temporary Emergency Exposure Limit.  
IDLH: Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health Concentrations  
ES: Exposure Standard  
OSF: Odour Safety Factor  
NOAEL :No Observed Adverse Effect Level  
LOAEL: Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level  
TLV: Threshold Limit Value  
LOD: Limit Of Detection  
OTV: Odour Threshold Value  
BCF: BioConcentration Factors  
BEI: Biological Exposure Index  
AIC: Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals  
DSL: Domestic Substances List  
NDSL: Non-Domestic Substances List  
IECSC: Inventory of Existing Chemical Substance in China  
EINECS: European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances  
ELINCS: European List of Notified Chemical Substances  
NLP: No-Longer Polymers  
ENCS: Existing and New Chemical Substances Inventory  
KECI: Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory  
NZIoC: New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals  
PICCS: Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances  
TSCA: Toxic Substances Control Act  
TCSI: Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory  
INSQ: Inventario Nacional de Sustancias Químicas  
NCI: National Chemical Inventory  
FBEPH: Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances

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