

# Safety Data Sheet

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## 1 Identification

- **Product identifier**
- **Trade name:** Buffer pH 9.85 ± 0.02 @ 25°C  
NIST Traceable Solution
- **Article number:** 1522
- **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)  
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- **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.

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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.  
 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	0.475%
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· **Table of Nonhazardous Ingredients**

CAS: 7732-18-5	Water	99.465%
CAS: 1310-73-2	Sodium Hydroxide	0.06%

### \* 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.

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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.
- **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.

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- **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:**

**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

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## 9 Physical and chemical properties

· <i>Information on basic physical and chemical properties</i>	
· <i>General Information</i>	
· <i>Appearance:</i>	
· <i>Form:</i>	<i>Liquid</i>
· <i>Color:</i>	<i>Clear</i>
· <i>Odor:</i>	<i>Odorless</i>
· <i>Odor threshold:</i>	<i>Not determined.</i>
· <i>pH-value:</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Change in condition</i>	
· <i>Melting point/Melting range:</i>	<i>0 °C (32 °F)</i>
· <i>Boiling point/Boiling range:</i>	<i>100 °C (212 °F)</i>
· <i>Flash point:</i> <i>Not applicable.</i>	
· <i>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</i> <i>Not applicable.</i>	
· <i>Decomposition temperature:</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Ignition temperature:</i> <i>Product is not selfigniting.</i>	
· <i>Danger of explosion:</i> <i>Product does not present an explosion hazard.</i>	
· <i>Explosion limits:</i>	
· <i>Lower:</i>	<i>Not determined.</i>
· <i>Upper:</i>	<i>Not determined.</i>
· <i>Vapor pressure at 20 °C (68 °F):</i> <i>23 hPa (17.3 mm Hg)</i>	
· <i>Density at 20 °C (68 °F):</i> <i>1.0023 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (8.36419 lbs/gal)</i>	
· <i>Relative density</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Vapor density</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Evaporation rate</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Solubility in / Miscibility with</i>	
· <i>Water:</i>	<i>Fully miscible.</i>
· <i>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</i> <i>Not determined.</i>	
· <i>Viscosity:</i>	
· <i>Dynamic:</i>	<i>Not determined.</i>
· <i>Kinematic:</i>	<i>Not determined.</i>
· <i>Solvent content:</i>	
· <i>Water:</i>	<i>99.5 %</i>
· <i>VOC content:</i>	<i>0.00 %</i>
	<i>0.0 g/l / 0.00 lb/gal</i>
· <i>Solids content:</i> <i>0.5 %</i>	
· <i>Other information</i> <i>No further relevant information available.</i>	

## 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.*

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- **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	1.05 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:  
 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.

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## 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>UN-Number</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>	UN3287
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>UN proper shipping name</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> <li>· <b>IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>	Toxic liquid, inorganic, n.o.s. (Sodium Borate Decahydrate) TOXIC LIQUID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Sodium Borate Decahydrate)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport hazard class(es)</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT</b></li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>6</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Class</b></li> <li>· <b>Label</b></li> </ul>	6.1 Toxic substances 6.1
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Packing group</b></li> <li>· <b>DOT, IMDG, IATA</b></li> </ul>	II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Environmental hazards:</b></li> <li>· <b>Marine pollutant:</b></li> </ul>	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Special precautions for user</b></li> <li>· <b>Hazard identification number (Kemler code):</b></li> <li>· <b>EMS Number:</b></li> <li>· <b>Stowage Category</b></li> <li>· <b>Stowage Code</b></li> </ul>	Warning: Toxic substances 60 F-A,S-A B SW2 Clear of living quarters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code</b></li> </ul>	Not applicable.

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· **Transport/Additional information:**

· **DOT**

· **Quantity limitations**

On passenger aircraft/rail: 5 L

On cargo aircraft only: 60 L

· **IMDG**

· **Limited quantities (LQ)**

100 ml

· **Excepted quantities (EQ)**

Code: E4

Maximum net quantity per inner packaging: 1 ml

Maximum net quantity per outer packaging: 500 ml

· **UN "Model Regulation":**

UN 3287 TOXIC LIQUID, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (SODIUM BORATE DECAHYDRATE), 6.1, II

## 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.

· **Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Carcinogenic categories**

· **EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)**

CAS: 1303-96-4 | Sodium Borate Decahydrate

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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.*

*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.*

- **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:*

- **Date of preparation / last revision**

*Revision 1.2 07/03/2024: Reviewed SDS for accuracy. MH/STN*

*Creation date for SDS 11-26-2014. 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)*

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*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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