



# NILE CHEMICALS

## CATECHOL

### **Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification**

**Product Name:** Catechol

**CAS#:** 120-80-9

**Synonym:** 1,2-Benzenediol

**Chemical Name:** Pyrocatechol

**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

### **Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients Composition:**

**Name CAS # % by Weight**

Catechol 120-80-9 100

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Pyrocatechol: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 260 mg/kg [Rat]. 210 mg/kg [Guinea pig]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: 800 mg/kg [Rabbit].

### **Section 3: Hazards Identification Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator). The amount of tissue damage depends on length of contact. Eye contact can result in corneal damage or blindness. Skin contact can produce inflammation and blistering. Inhalation of dust will produce irritation to gastrointestinal or respiratory tract, characterized by burning, sneezing and coughing. Severe overexposure can produce lung damage, choking, unconsciousness or death. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

#### **Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator). CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated exposure of the eyes to a low level of dust can produce eye irritation. Repeated skin exposure can produce local skin destruction, or dermatitis. Repeated inhalation of dust can produce varying degree of respiratory irritation or lung damage. Repeated or prolonged inhalation of dust may lead to chronic respiratory irritation.

### **Section 4: First Aid Measures Eye Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** If the chemical got onto the clothed portion of the body, remove the contaminated clothes as quickly as possible, protecting your own hands and body. Place the victim under a deluge shower. If the chemical got on the victim's exposed skin, such as the hands : Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean

folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cold water may be used. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

**Serious Skin Contact:**

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

**Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data**

**Flammability of the Product:** May be combustible at high temperature.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not available.

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: 127.22°C (261°F). OPEN CUP: 136.67°C (278°F).

**Flammable Limits:** Not available.

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not available.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

**Small Spill:** Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container.

**Large Spill:** Corrosive solid. Stop leak if without risk. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray to reduce vapors. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

**Section 7: Handling and Storage Precautions:**

Keep container dry. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. Never add water to this product. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

**Storage:** Keep container dry. Keep in a cool place. Ground all equipment containing material. Corrosive materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room.

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection Engineering Controls:**

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Synthetic apron. Vapor and dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**

Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor and dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**

TWA: 5 (ppm) TWA: 20 (mg/m<sup>3</sup>) Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Solid. (Crystalline solid.)

**Odor:** Slight.

**Taste:** Sweet. Bitter.

**Molecular Weight:** 110.11 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not available.

**Boiling Point:** 245.5°C (473.9°F)

**Melting Point:** 105°C (221°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 1.344 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** Not applicable.

**Vapor Density:** 3.79 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water.

**Solubility:** Soluble in cold water.

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Not available.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** No.

**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

**Routes of Entry:** Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**

Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 210 mg/kg [Guinea pig]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 800 mg/kg [Rabbit].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** The substance is toxic to lungs, mucous membranes.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**

Extremely hazardous in case of skin contact (corrosive, irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Very hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer, permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Not available.

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:** Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations Waste Disposal:**

**Section 14: Transport Information**

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 6.1: Poisonous material.

**Identification:** : Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Pyrocatechol) : UN2811 PG: III

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

**Section 15: Other Regulatory Information**

**Federal and State Regulations:**

Pennsylvania RTK: Pyrocatechol Massachusetts RTK: Pyrocatechol TSCA 8(b) inventory:

Pyrocatechol SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: Pyrocatechol CERCLA:

Hazardous substances.: Pyrocatechol

**Other Regulations:** OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**

CLASS D-1B: Material causing immediate and serious toxic effects (TOXIC). CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):** R35- Causes severe burns. R43- May cause sensitization by skin contact.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

**Health Hazard:** 3

**Fire Hazard:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Personal Protection:** j

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**

**Health:** 3

**Flammability:** 1

**Reactivity:** 0

**Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**

Gloves. Synthetic apron. Vapor and dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

## 16. Other Information

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