



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

MSDS No. 12165

Trade Name: POLYSWELL

Revision Date: 04/06/2010

**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Trade Name:** POLYSWELL  
**Chemical Family:** Acrylamide polymer or copolymer  
**Product Use:** Drilling fluid additive.  
**Supplied by:** M-I HDD MINING & WATERWELL  
A Business Unit of M-I L.L.C.  
P.O. Box 42842  
Houston, TX 77242  
www.drilling-fluids.com  
**Telephone Number:** 281-561-1511  
**Emergency Telephone (24 hr.):** 281-561-1600  
**Prepared by:** Product Safety Group

**Revision No.** 5

**HMIS Rating**  
**Health:** 1                      **Flammability:** 1                      **Physical Hazard:** 0                      **PPE:** E

4=Severe, 3=Serious, 2=Moderate, 1=Slight, 0=Minimal Hazard. \*Chronic effects - See Section 11. See Section 8 for Personal Protective Equipment recommendations.

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview:** Caution! May cause mechanical irritation of eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Long term inhalation of particulates may cause lung damage.

**Canadian Classification:**  
**UN PIN No:** Not regulated.                      **WHMIS Class:** Not a controlled product.

**Physical State:** Powder, dust.                      **Color:** White                      **Odor:** Odorless

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Acute Effects**

**Eye Contact:** May cause mechanical irritation  
**Skin Contact:** May cause mechanical irritation.  
**Inhalation:** May cause mechanical irritation.  
**Ingestion:** May cause gastric distress, nausea and vomiting if ingested.

**Acute Effects Note:** This product may release ammonia or amines when heated or exposed to high pH. Ammonia is a severe eye, skin and respiratory irritant. Ammonia has a very strong odor and can be detected at levels as low as 5 ppm. Many amines are also eye, skin and respiratory irritants.

**Carcinogenicity & Chronic Effects:** See Section 11 - Toxicological Information.  
**Routes of Exposure:** Eyes. Dermal (skin) contact. Inhalation.



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Target Organs/Medical Conditions Aggravated by Overexposure: Eyes. Skin. Respiratory System.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	CAS No.	Wt. %	Comments:
Anionic acrylamide copolymer		90-100	No comments.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye Contact:** Promptly wash eyes with lots of water while lifting eye lids. Look for and remove contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before reuse. Get medical attention if any discomfort continues.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Dilute with 2 - 3 glasses of water or milk, if conscious. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If signs of irritation or toxicity occur seek medical attention.

**General notes:** Persons seeking medical attention should carry a copy of this MSDS with them.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Flammable Properties**

**Flash Point: F (C):** NA

**Flammable Limits in Air - Lower (%):** ND

**Flammable Limits in Air - Upper (%):** ND

**Autoignition Temperature: F (C):** ND

**Flammability Class:** NA

**Other Flammable Properties:** Particulate may accumulate static electricity. Dusts at sufficient concentrations can form explosive mixtures with air.

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**Protection Of Fire-Fighters:**

**Special Fire-Fighting Procedures:** Do not enter fire area without proper personal protective equipment, including NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance. Water spray may be used to keep fire-exposed containers cool. Keep water run off out of sewers and waterways.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Oxides of: Carbon. Ammonia or amines.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautions:** Use personal protective equipment identified in Section 8.



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**Spill Procedures:** Evacuate the spill area with the exception of the spill response team. Wet product may create a slipping hazard. Contain spilled material. Do not allow spilled material to enter sewers, storm drains or surface waters. Avoid the generation of dust. Sweep, vacuum, or shovel and place into closable container for disposal.

**Environmental Precautions:** Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:** Put on appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid generating or breathing dust. Product is slippery if wet. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**Storage:** Store in dry, well-ventilated area. Keep container closed. Store away from incompatibles. Follow safe warehousing practices regarding palletizing, banding, shrink-wrapping and/or stacking.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Limits (TLV & PEL - 8H TWA):**

Ingredient	CAS No.	Wt. %	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	Other	Notes
Anionic acrylamide copolymer		90-100	NA	NA	NA	(1) (6)

**Notes**

(1) Control as an ACGIH particulate not otherwise specified (PNOS): 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Inhalable); 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable) and an OSHA particulate not otherwise regulated (PNOR): 15 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Total); 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (Respirable).

(6) Ammonia or amines may be released when this component is heated or exposed to high pH. The recommended exposure limits for ammonia are ACGIH TLV 25 ppm and OSHA PEL 50 ppm. No general recommended exposure limit is available for amines. A NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator with ammonia/methylamine cartridges should be used to protect against ammonia or amine inhalation exposure.

**Engineering Controls:** Use appropriate engineering controls such as, exhaust ventilation and process enclosure, to ensure air contamination and keep workers exposure below the applicable limits.

**Personal Protection Equipment**

All chemical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be selected based on an assessment of both the chemical hazards present and the risk of exposure to those hazards. The PPE recommendations below are based on our assessment of the chemical hazards associated with this product. The risk of exposure and need for respiratory protection will vary from workplace to workplace and should be assessed by the user.

**Eye/Face Protection:** Dust resistant safety goggles.

**Skin Protection:** Not normally necessary. If needed to minimize irritation: Wear appropriate clothing to prevent repeated or prolonged skin contact. Wear chemical resistant gloves such as: Nitrile. Neoprene.



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Respiratory Protection:

All respiratory protection equipment should be used within a comprehensive respiratory protection program that meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.134 (U.S. OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard) or local equivalent.

If exposed to airborne mist/aerosol of this product, use at least a NIOSH-approved N95 half-mask disposable or re-usable particulate respirator. In work environments containing oil mist/aerosol, use at least a NIOSH-approved P95 half-mask disposable or reuseable particulate respirator.

This product contains nitrogen compounds which may, in some circumstances, form ammonia or amine compounds. If exposed to ammonia or amine compounds from this product use a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator with an Ammonia/Methylamine cartridge.

General Hygiene Considerations: Work clothes should be washed separately at the end of each work day. Disposable clothing should be discarded, if contaminated with product.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Color: White
Odor: Odorless
Physical State: Powder, dust.
pH: ND
Specific Gravity (H2O = 1): 0.8 - 1.0 at 68F (20C)
Solubility (Water): Swells on contact with water.
Flash Point: F (C): NA
Melting/Freezing Point: ND
Boiling Point: ND
Vapor Pressure: NA
Vapor Density (Air=1): NA
Evaporation Rate: NA
Odor Threshold(s): ND

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

- Chemical Stability: Stable
Conditions to Avoid: Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Avoid contact with water and moist air - product is hygroscopic.
Materials to Avoid: Oxidizers.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: For thermal decomposition products, see Section 5.
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Component Toxicological Data: Any adverse component toxicological effects are listed below. If no effects are listed, no such data were found.

Table with 3 columns: Ingredient, CAS No., Acute Data. Row 1: Anionic acrylamide copolymer, [blank], Oral LD50: >5000 mg/kg (rat); Dermal LD50: >2000 mg/kg (rabbit)



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Product Toxicological Information:

Long term inhalation of particulate can cause irritation, inflammation and/or permanent injury to the lungs. Illnesses such as pneumoconiosis ("dusty lung"), pulmonary fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and bronchial asthma may develop.

This product may contain trace amounts of acrylamide (< 0.1%). Acrylamide (CAS 79-06-1) has been classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 2A carcinogen (probably carcinogenic to humans) and a suspect carcinogen by the National Toxicology Program (NTP). (LOLI)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Component Ecotoxicity Data: Component ecotoxicity data are listed below. If no data are listed, none were found in the component review.

Table with 3 columns: Ingredient, CAS No., Data. Row 1: Anionic acrylamide copolymer, LC50 96H: ~3600 mg/l (Leucidcus idus); LC50 96H: ~5000 mg/l (Brachydanio rerio)

Product Ecotoxicity Data: Contact M-I Environmental Affairs Department for available product ecotoxicity data.
Biodegration: ND
Bioaccumulation: ND
Octanol/Water Partition Coefficient: ND

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Classification: ND

Waste Management: Under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ( RCRA), it is the responsibility of the user to determine at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for the hazardous waste. This is because product uses, transformations, mixtures, processes, etc., may render the resulting materials hazardous. Empty containers retain residues. All labeled precautions must be observed.

Disposal Method: Recover and reclaim or recycle, if practical. Should this product become a waste, dispose of in a permitted industrial landfill. Ensure that the containers are empty by the RCRA criteria prior to disposal in a permitted industrial landfill.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

U.S. DOT Shipping Description: Not regulated for transportation by DOT, TDG, IMDG, ICAO/IATA.
Canada TDG Shipping Description: Not regulated.
UN PIN No: Not regulated.
IMDG Shipping Description: Not regulated.
ICAO/IATA Shipping Description: Not regulated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION



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### U.S. Federal and State Regulations

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories:** Not a SARA 311/312 hazard.

**SARA 302/304, 313; CERCLA RQ, California Proposition 65:** Note: If no components are listed below, this product is not subject to the referenced SARA and CERCLA regulations and is not known to contain a Proposition 65 listed chemical at a level that is expected to pose a significant risk under anticipated use conditions.

### International Chemical Inventories

Australia AICS - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
Canada DSL - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
China Inventory - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
European Union EINECS/ELINCS - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
Japan METI ENCS - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
Korea TCCL ECL - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
New Zealand - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
Philippine PICCS - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
U.S. TSCA - Components are listed or exempt from listing.  
U.S. TSCA - No components are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

### Canadian Classification:

Controlled Products Regulations Statement: This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the CPR and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

**WHMIS Class:** Not a controlled product.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

The following sections have been revised: 1, 11, 16

**NA - Not Applicable, ND - Not Determined.**

### **Disclaimer:**

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