

# LIMESTONE AGGREGATES

## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (Complies with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200)

### SECTION I: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

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**QUIKRETE® Product Name****Product #**

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| AGRICULTURAL LIMESTON                 | 1111-50   |
| WHITE MARKING LIME                    | 1111-60   |
| PELLETIZED LIME                       | 1125-40   |
| ATHLETIC FIELD MARKER                 | 1954-00   |
| MONARCH MOUNTAIN DCF                  | 1954-05   |
| WHITE MARBLE MIX                      | 1954-06   |
| MONARCH MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE MARBLE     | 2500/3500 |
| MONARCH MOUNTAIN AQUA WHITE POOL COAT | 9903      |
| DECO PEBBLES                          | 9905      |
| MARBLE CHIPS                          | 9906      |



*\*See Sections 3 & 11 of this MSDS*

**PRODUCT USE:** LIMESTONE AGGREGATES FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPING

### SECTION II - HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:**

The product is a white or tan aggregate made primarily of ground limestone. It is not flammable, combustible or explosive. It does not cause burns or severe skin or eye irritation. A single exposure will not result in serious adverse health effects. Limestone is not known to be an environmental hazard. Limestone reacts with acids to release carbon dioxide.

These materials may contain small amounts of crystalline silica either naturally occurring or possibly introduced during the manufacturing process.

**OSHA REGULATORY STATUS**

This material is considered hazardous under the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:****Inhalation:**

- a. Silicosis Respirable crystalline silica (quartz) can cause silicosis, a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs. Silicosis may be progressive; it may lead to disability and death.
- b. Lung Cancer Crystalline silica (quartz) inhaled from occupational sources is classified as carcinogenic to humans.
- c. Tuberculosis Silicosis increases the risk of tuberculosis.
- d. Autoimmune and Chronic Kidney Diseases Some studies show excess numbers of cases of scleroderma, connective tissue disorders, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney diseases and end-stage kidney disease in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica.
- e. Non-Malignant Respiratory Diseases (other than silicosis) Some studies show an increased incidence in chronic bronchitis and emphysema in workers exposed to respirable crystalline silica.

**Eye Contact:** Crystalline silica (quartz) may cause abrasion of the cornea.

**Skin Contact:** Not applicable.

**Ingestion:** Not applicable.

**Chronic Effects:** The adverse health effects -- silicosis, lung cancer, autoimmune and chronic kidney diseases, tuberculosis, and non-malignant respiratory diseases-- are chronic effects.

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** Generally, there are no signs or symptoms of exposure to crystalline silica (quartz).

**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** The condition of individuals with lung disease (e.g., bronchitis, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) can be aggravated by exposure.

See Section 11, Toxicological Information, for additional detail on potential adverse health effects.

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**SECTION III - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION**


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| Hazardous Components         | CAS No.    | PEL (OSHA)<br>mg/M <sup>3</sup> | TLV (ACGIH)<br>mg/M <sup>3</sup> |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Limestone                    | 01317-65-3 | 5                               | 10                               |
| Silica Sand, crystalline (1) | 14808-60-7 | $\frac{10}{\%SiO_2+2}$          | 0.05 (respirable)                |

(1) Low levels of crystalline Silica (0.01-1.5 %) may be found in this product either naturally occurring in the limestone materials or due to low levels of contamination which occurs in the manufacturing process.

**Other Limits:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Recommended standard maximum permissible concentration=0.05 mg/M<sup>3</sup> (respirable free silica) as determined by

a full-shift sample up to 10-hour working day, 40-hour work week. See NIOSH Criteria for a Recommended Standard Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica.

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#### SECTION IV – First Aid Measures

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**Inhalation:** No specific first-aid is necessary since the adverse health effects associated with exposure to crystalline silica (quartz) result from chronic exposures. If there is a gross inhalation of crystalline silica (quartz), remove the person immediately to fresh air, give artificial respiration as needed, seek medical attention as needed.

**Eye Contact:** Wash immediately with water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Not applicable.

**Ingestion:** Not applicable.

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#### SECTION V - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

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**Flammability:** Noncombustible and not flammable or explosive.

**Auto-ignition Temperature:** Not Applicable

**Flash Points:** Not Applicable

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#### SECTION VI – ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**Spills:** Use dustless methods (vacuum) and place into closable container for disposal, or flush with water. Do not dry sweep. Wear protective equipment specified below.

**Waste Disposal Method:** See Section 13.

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#### SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**Precautions During Handling and Use:** Do not breathe dust. Use adequate ventilation and dust collection. Keep airborne dust concentrations below permissible exposure limit ("PEL"). Do not rely on your sight to determine if dust is in the air. Respirable crystalline silica dust may be in the air without a visible dust cloud. If crystalline silica dust cannot be kept below permissible limits, wear a respirator approved for silica dust when using, handling, storing or disposing of this product or bag. See Section 8 for further information on respirators. Practice good housekeeping. Do not permit dust to collect on walls, floors, sills, ledges, machinery, or equipment. Maintain, clean, and fit test respirators in accordance with OSHA regulations. Maintain and test ventilation and dust collection equipment. Wash or vacuum clothing that has become dusty. The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR Sections 1910.1200, 1915.1200, 1917.28, 1918.90, 1926.59 and 1928.21, and state and local worker or community "right-to-know" laws and regulations should be strictly followed.

**Do not use for sandblasting.**

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**Precautions During Storage:** Avoid breakage of bagged material or spills of bulk material. Use dustless methods (vacuum) and place into closable container for disposal, or flush with water. Do not dry sweep. See control measures in Section 8.

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR Sections 1910.1200, 1915.1200, 1917.28, 1918.90, 1926.59 and 1928.21, and state and local worker or community "right-to-know" laws and regulations should be strictly followed. **WARN YOUR EMPLOYEES (AND YOUR CUSTOMERS IN CASE OF RESALE) BY POSTING AND OTHER MEANS OF THE HAZARDS AND THE REQUIRED OSHA PRECAUTIONS. PROVIDE TRAINING FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES ABOUT THE OSHA PRECAUTIONS.**

For additional precautions, see American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard practice E 1132-99a, "Standard Practice for Health Requirements Relating to Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica."

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**SECTION VIII – EXPOSURE CONTROL MEASURES**


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**Local Exhaust Ventilation:** Use sufficient local exhaust ventilation to reduce the level of respirable crystalline silica to below the OSHA PEL. See ACGIH "Industrial Ventilation, A Manual of Recommended Practice" (latest edition).

**Respiratory Protection:**

If it is not possible to reduce airborne exposure levels to below the OSHA PEL with ventilation, use the table below to assist you in selecting respirators that will reduce personal exposures to below the OSHA PEL. This table is part of the NIOSH Respirator Selection Logic, 2004, Chapter III, Table 1, "Particulate Respirators". The full document can be found at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators); the user of this MSDS is directed to that site for information concerning respirator selection and use.

The assigned protection factor (APF) is the minimum anticipated level of protection provided by each type of respirator worn in accordance with an adequate respiratory protection program. For example, an APF of 10 means that the respirator should reduce the airborne concentration of a particulate by a factor of 10, so that if the workplace concentration of a particulate was 150 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, then a respirator with an APF of 10 should reduce the concentration of particulate to 15 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

| Assigned protection factor <sup>1</sup> | Type of Respirator<br>(Use only NIOSH-certified respirators)   |
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| 10                                      | Any air-purifying elastomeric half-mask respirator equipped with appropriate type of particulate filter. <sup>2</sup><br>Appropriate filtering facepiece respirator. <sup>2,3</sup><br>Any air-purifying full facepiece respirator equipped with appropriate type of particulate filter. <sup>2</sup><br>Any negative pressure (demand) supplied-air respirator equipped with a half-mask. |

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| 25    | Any powered air-purifying respirator equipped with a hood or helmet and a high efficiency (HEPA) filter.<br>Any continuous flow supplied-air respirator equipped with a hood or helmet.   |
| 50    | Any air-purifying full facepiece respirator equipped with N-100, R-100, or P-100 filter(s).<br>Any powered air-purifying respirator equipped with a tight-fitting facepiece (half or full facepiece) and a high-efficiency filter.<br>Any negative pressure (demand) supplied-air respirator equipped with a full facepiece.<br>Any continuous flow supplied-air respirator equipped with a tight-fitting facepiece (half or full facepiece).<br>Any negative pressure (demand) self-contained respirator equipped with a full facepiece. |
| 1,000 | Any pressure-demand supplied-air respirator equipped with a half-mask.  |

1. The protection offered by a given respirator is contingent upon (1) the respirator user adhering to complete program requirements (such as the ones required by OSHA in 29CFR1910.134), (2) the use of NIOSH-certified respirators in their approved configuration, and (3) individual fit testing to rule out those respirators that cannot achieve a good fit on individual workers.

2. Appropriate means that the filter medium will provide protection against the particulate in question.

3. An APF of 10 can only be achieved if the respirator is qualitatively or quantitatively fit tested on individual workers.

**Exposure Guidelines Note: Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.**

| Component                   | CAS No.        | Percentage (by wt.) | OSHA PEL                           |      | ACGIH TLV |      |                   |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------|-----------|------|-------------------|
|                             |                |                     | TWA                                | STEL | TWA       | STEL | Unit              |
| Crystalline Silica (quartz) | 1480<br>8-60-7 | 99.0-99.9           | <u>10</u> %<br>SiO <sub>2</sub> +2 | None | .05       | None | mg/m <sup>3</sup> |

If crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 870°C, it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as trydimite; if crystalline silica (quartz) is heated to more than 1470°C, it can change to a form of crystalline silica known as cristobalite. The OSHA PEL for crystalline silica as trydimite or cristobalite is one-half of the OSHA PEL for crystalline silica (quartz).

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**SECTION IX - PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**


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**Appearance :** White to off white crushed, ground or powdered solid

**Specific Gravity:** ~2.7    **Melting Point:** NA    **Boiling Point:** Decomposes to CaO

**Vapor Pressure:** None    **Vapor Density:** None    **Evaporation Rate:** None

**Solubility in Water:** Slight    **Odor:** None

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**SECTION X - REACTIVITY DATA**

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**Stability:** Stable.

**Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid):** Reacts with strong acids to liberate carbon dioxide

**Hazardous Decomposition or By-products:** None

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will Not Occur.

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**SECTION XI – TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**Route(s) of Entry:** Inhalation, Skin, Ingestion

**Acute Exposure:** Dust can irritate the eyes and upper respiratory system. Toxic effects noted in animals include, for acute exposures, alveolar damage with pulmonary edema.

**Chronic Exposure:** Dust can cause inflammation of the lining tissue of the interior of the nose and inflammation of the cornea. Hypersensitive individuals may develop an allergic dermatitis.

**Carcinogenicity:** Respirable crystalline silica (quartz) can cause silicosis, a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs and possibly cancer. There is evidence that exposure to respirable silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of Scleroderma, tuberculosis and kidney disorders.

|  |                            |                            |
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| <b>Carcinogenicity Listings:</b><br>(for silica) | NTP:                       | Known carcinogen           |
|  | OSHA:                      | Not listed as a carcinogen |
|  | IARC Monographs:           | Group 1 Carcinogen         |
|  | California Proposition 65: | Known carcinogen           |

**NTP:** The National Toxicology Program, in its “Ninth Report on Carcinogens” (released May 15, 2000) concluded that “Respirable crystalline silica (RCS), primarily quartz dusts occurring in industrial and occupational settings, is *known to be a human carcinogen*, based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity from studies in humans indicating a causal relationship between exposure to RCS and increased lung cancer rates in workers exposed to crystalline silica dust (reviewed in IAC, 1997; Brown *et al.*, 1997; Hind *et al.*, 1997)

**IARC:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer (“IARC”) concluded that there was “*sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica in the forms of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources”, and that there is “*sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of quartz or cristobalite.” The overall IARC evaluation was that “crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is *carcinogenic to humans* (Group 1).” The IARC evaluation noted that “carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances or studies. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs.” For further information on the IARC evaluation, see IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 68, “Silica, Some Silicates.” (1997)

**Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** Symptoms of excessive exposure to the dust include shortness of breath and reduced pulmonary function. Excessive exposure to skin and eyes especially when mixed with water can cause caustic burns as severe as third degree.

**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** Individuals with sensitive skin and with pulmonary and/or respiratory disease, including, but not limited to, asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation, should be precluded from exposure. Exposure to crystalline silica or the disease silicosis is associated with increased incidence of scleroderma, Tuberculosis and possibly increased incidence of kidney lesions.

**Chronic Exposure:** Dust can cause inflammation of the lining tissue of the interior of the nose and inflammation of the cornea. Hypersensitive individuals may develop an allergic dermatitis. (May contain trace (<0.05 %) amounts of chromium salts or compounds including hexavalent chromium, or other metals found to be hazardous or toxic in some chemical forms. These metals are mostly present as trace substitutions within the principal minerals)

**Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure:** Individuals with sensitive skin and with pulmonary and/or respiratory disease, including, but not limited to, asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation, should be precluded from exposure.

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#### SECTION XII – ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Ecotoxicity:** Limestone is not known to be ecotoxic; i.e., there are no data that suggests that limestone is toxic to birds, fish, invertebrates, microorganisms or plants

**BOD5 and COD:** Not Available

**Products of Biodegradation:** Not available

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available

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

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#### SECTION XIII – DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Method:** The packaging and material may be land filled; however, material should be covered to minimize generation of airborne dust. This product is not classified as a hazardous waste under the authority of the RCRA (40CFR 261) or CERCLA (40CFR 117&302).

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#### SECTION XIV – TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**DOT/UN Shipping Name:** Non-regulated

**DOT Hazard Class:** Non-regulated

**Shipping Name:** Non-regulated

Non-Hazardous under U.S. DOT and TDG Regulations

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#### SECTION XV – OTHER REGULATORY INFORMATION

##### UNITED STATES (FEDERAL AND STATE)

**TSCA No.:** Crystalline silica (quartz) appears on the EPA TSCA inventory under the CAS No. 14808-60-7.

**RCRA:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not classified as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or its regulations, 40 CFR §261 et seq.

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**CERCLA:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not classified as a hazardous substance under regulations of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 40 CFR §302.

**Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (SARA Title III):** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not an extremely hazardous substance under Section 302 and is not a toxic chemical subject to the requirements of Section 313.

**FDA:** Silica is included in the list of substances that may be included in coatings used in food contact surfaces, 21 CFR §175.300(b)(3)(xxvi).

**NTP:** Respirable crystalline silica, primarily quartz dusts occurring in industrial and occupational settings, is classified as Known to be a Human Carcinogen.

**OSHA Carcinogen:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is not listed.

**California Proposition 65:** Crystalline silica (airborne particles of respirable size) is classified as a substance known to the State of California to be a carcinogen.

**California Inhalation Reference Exposure Level (REL):** California established a chronic REL of 3 µg for silica (crystalline, respirable). A chronic REL is an airborne level of a substance at or below which no adverse health effects are anticipated in individuals indefinitely exposed to the substance at that level.

**Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Act:** Silica, crystalline (respirable size, <10 microns) is "toxic" for purposes of the Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Act.

**Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right to Know Act:** Quartz is a hazardous substance under the Act, but it is not a special hazardous substance or an environmental hazardous substance.

**CANADA**

**WHMIS Classification:** Considered to be a hazardous material under the Hazardous Products Act as defined by the Controlled Products Regulations and subject to the requirements of Health Canada's Workplace Hazardous Material Information (WHMIS). This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulation (CPR). This document complies with the WHMIS requirements of the Hazardous Products Act (HPA) and the CPR.

**OTHER**

**EINECS No.:** 238-878-4

**EEC Label (Risk/Safety Phrases):** R 48/20, R 40/20, S22, S38

**IARC:** Crystalline silica (quartz) is classified in IARC Group 1.

**Japan MITI:** All of the components of this product are existing chemical substances as defined in the Chemical Substance Control Law.

**Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances:** All of the components of this product are listed on the AICS inventory or exempt from notification requirement

**National, state, provincial or local emergency planning, community right-to-know or other laws, regulations or ordinances may be applicable--consult applicable national, state, provincial or local laws.**

**SECTION XVI – OTHER INFORMATION**

|                  |                  |  |
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| <b>HMIS-III:</b> | Health –         | 0 = No significant health risk<br>1 = Irritation or minor reversible injury possible<br>2 = Temporary or minor injury possible<br>3 = Major injury possible unless prompt action is taken<br>4 = Life threatening, major or permanent damage possible  |
|                  | Flammability-    | 0 = Material will not burn<br>1 = Material must be preheated before ignition will occur<br>2 = Material must be exposed to high temperatures before ignition<br>3 = Material capable of ignition under normal temperatures<br>4 = Flammable gases or very volatile liquids; may ignite spontaneously                                       |
|                  | Physical Hazard- | 0 = Material is normally stable, even under fire conditions<br>1 = Material normally stable but may become unstable at high temps<br>2 = Materials that are unstable and may undergo react at room temp<br>3 = Materials that may form explosive mixtures with water<br>4 = Materials that are readily capable of explosive water reaction |

**Abbreviations:**

|               |  |
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| <b>ACGIH</b>  | American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists              |
| <b>CAS</b>    | Chemical Abstract Service  |
| <b>CERCLA</b> | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act |
| <b>CFR</b>    | Code of Federal Regulations  |
| <b>CPR</b>    | Controlled Products Regulations (Canada)                             |
| <b>DOT</b>    | Department of Transportation   |
| <b>IARC</b>   | International Agency for Research                                    |
| <b>MSHA</b>   | Mine Safety and Health Administration                                |
| <b>NIOSH</b>  | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health                |
| <b>NTP</b>    | National Toxicity Program  |
| <b>OSHA</b>   | Occupational Safety and Health Administration                        |
| <b>PEL</b>    | Permissible Exposure Limit   |
| <b>RCRA</b>   | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act                               |
| <b>SARA</b>   | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act                         |
| <b>TLV</b>    | Threshold Limit Value  |
| <b>TWA</b>    | Time-weighted Average  |
| <b>WHMIS</b>  | Workplace Hazardous Material Information System                      |

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