

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**Product Name:** Super Boll Plant Regulator**EPA Reg. No.:** 228-659**Synonyms:** Ethephon: (2-chloroethyl) Phosphonic Acid**Product Type:** Plant Growth Regulator**Company Name:** Nufarm Americas Inc.
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Burr Ridge, IL 60527**Telephone Numbers:** For Chemical Emergency, Spill, Leak, Fire, Exposure, or Accident,
Call CHEMTREC Day or Night: 1-800-424-9300
For Medical Emergencies Only, Call 1-877-325-1840**Date of Issue:** April 30, 2010**Supersedes:** New**Sections Revised:** New**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****Emergency Overview:****Appearance and Odor:** Colorless to pale yellow colored liquid.**Warning Statements:** Danger. Keep out of reach of children. CORROSIVE, causes skin burns and irreversible eye damage. Harmful if swallowed and/or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing.**Potential Health Effects:****Likely Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, eye and skin contact.**Eye Contact:** Corrosive, causes irreversible eye damage. Liquid or vapors (mists) may cause irritation, burns, corneal opacity.**Skin Contact:** Corrosive, may cause skin corrosion, burns, ulcers, redness and swelling.**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause burns to mouth and esophagus, chest pain, and abdominal pain if ingested..**Inhalation:** Low inhalation toxicity based on toxicity studies. Mists may cause upper respiratory tract irritation, coughing, sore throat if inhaled.**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

Potential Environmental Effects:

Ethephon is slightly toxic to birds and aquatic invertebrates and practically non-toxic to slightly toxic to aquatic organisms

See Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	CAS NO.	% BY WEIGHT
Ethephon	16672-87-0	55.4
Other Ingredients		44.6

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If in Eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If on Skin: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

If Swallowed: Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

.If Inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

Note to Physician: Treat symptomatically. Consideration should be given to the possibility that overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred. No specific antidote is available. Probably mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point: Not applicable due to aqueous formulation

Autoignition Temperature: Not determined

Flammability Limits: Not determined

Extinguishing Media: Recommended for large fires: foam or water spray. Recommended for small fires: dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn out gear. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later.

Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: If water is used to fight fire, contain runoff, using dikes to prevent contamination of water supplies. Dispose of fire control water later.

Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions): May produce gases such as hydrogen chloride and oxides of carbon and nitrogen.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Hazard Rating:

Rating for this product: Health: 3 Flammability: 1 Reactivity: 1

Hazards Scale: 0 = Minimal 1 = Slight 2 = Moderate 3 = Serious 4 = Severe

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions: Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

Environmental Precautions: Prevent material from entering public sewer systems or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of topsoil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal.

Methods for Containment: Dike spill using absorbent or impervious materials such as earth, sand or clay. Collect and contain contaminated absorbent and dike material for disposal.

Methods for Cleanup and Disposal: Pump any free liquid into an appropriate closed container. Collect washings for disposal. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. See Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS for more information.

Other Information: Large spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling:

Do not get in eyes, skin or on clothing. Users should wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet. Remove clothing/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing. Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

Storage:

Store in a tightly closed container in a cool, dry place. Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering Controls:

Where engineering controls are indicated by specific use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure, use local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Eye/Face Protection: To avoid contact with eyes, wear face shield, goggles or safety glasses with front, brow and temple protection. An emergency eyewash or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

Skin Protection: To avoid contact with skin wear coveralls over long-sleeved shirt and long pants, chemical-resistant footwear plus socks, and chemical-resistant gloves made of any waterproof material. Wear a chemical-resistant apron when cleaning equipment, mixing or loading. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear. An emergency shower or water supply should be readily accessible to the work area.

Respiratory Protection: Not normally required. If vapors, mists or dusts exceed acceptable levels, wear NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for use against pesticides.

General Hygiene Considerations: Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: 1) do not store, use and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored; 2) wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

Exposure Guidelines:

Component	OSHA		ACGIH		Unit
	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
Ethephon	NE	NE	NE	NE	

NE = Not Established

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance and Odor: Colorless to pale yellow colored liquid.

Boiling Point: Not determined

Solubility in Water: Soluble

Density: 10 pounds/gallon

Specific Gravity: 1.297 @ 20°C

Evaporation Rate: Not determined

Vapor Density: Not determined

Freezing Point: Not determined

Vapor Pressure: Not determined

pH: 1 – 2 (1% solution)

Viscosity: 9.283 cSt @ 20°C

Note: Physical data are typical values, but may vary from sample to sample. A typical value should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis or as a specification.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability: This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions.

Conditions to Avoid: Elevated temperatures and extreme humidity.

Incompatible Materials: Strong oxidizing agents and alkaline materials. Corrosive to metals such as iron, aluminum, zinc, mild steel and copper.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Under fire conditions may produce gases such as hydrogen chloride and oxides of carbon and nitrogen.

Hazardous Reactions: Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Toxicological Data:

Data from laboratory studies conducted on a similar, but not identical, formulation:

Oral: Rat LD₅₀: 2,970 mg/kg

Dermal: Rabbit LD₅₀: 1,550 mg/kg

Inhalation: Rat 4-hr LC₅₀: >4.5 mg/L

Eye Irritation: Rabbit: Corrosive

Skin Irritation: Rabbit: Corrosive

Skin Sensitization: Not a contact sensitizer in guinea pigs following repeated skin exposure.

Subchronic (Target Organ) Effects: Repeated overexposure to ethephon may cause cholinesterase inhibition, red blood cell effects and/or kidney effects.

Carcinogenicity / Chronic Health Effects: Prolonged overexposure to ethephon may cause cholinesterase inhibition, body weight decreases and organ effects (thyroid, kidney and liver). Ethephon did not cause cancer in laboratory animal studies.

Reproductive Toxicity: Ethephon caused decreased pup body weights at the highest does in a two generation study in rats. No effects were observed on fertility, gestation, mating, organ weights or histopathology.

Developmental Toxicity: Ethephon did not cause developmental effects in animals.

Genotoxicity: There have been some positive and some negative studies, but the weight of evidence is that ethephon is not genotoxic or mutagenic.

Assessment Carcinogenicity: None listed with ACGIH, IARC, NTP or OSHA.

See Section 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION for more information.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity:

Data on Ethephon (75%):

96-hour LC ₅₀ Fathead Minnow:	88 mg/L	Bobwhite Quail Oral LD ₅₀	596 mg/kg
48-hour EC ₅₀ Daphnia:	54 ppm	Mallard Duck 8-day Dietary LC ₅₀ :	>5,000 ppm

Environmental Fate:

Ethephon is stable to hydrolysis in acidic water, but does rapidly hydrolyze in neutral and alkaline environments with a half-life ranging from a few days to a few weeks. Ethephon is stable to photolysis in water with an estimated half-life of 139 days. Photodegradation on soil does not appear to be a significant route of dissipation. Ethephon degrades fairly rapidly in soil under aerobic and in water under anaerobic conditions with half-life ranging from 7 to 30 days. Ethephon is characterized as having moderate to low mobility in soil.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Waste Disposal Method:**

Pesticide wastes may be acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container Handling and Disposal:

Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container 1/4 full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by State and local authorities. Plastic containers are also disposable by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned stay out of smoke.

Nonrefillable containers larger than 5 gallons:

Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. If recycling or reconditioning is not available, puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by State and local authorities. Plastic containers are also disposable by incineration, or, if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned stay out of smoke. Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container 1/4 full with water. Replace and tighten closures. Tip container on its side and roll it back and forth, ensuring at least one complete revolution, for 30 seconds. Stand the container on its end and tip it back and forth several times. Turn the container over onto its other end and tip it back and forth several times. Empty the rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Repeat this procedure two more times. Pressure rinse as follows: Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and continue to drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank or collect rinsate for later use or disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container, and rinse at about 40 psi for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip.

Refillable containers larger than 5 gallons:

Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. To clean the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this container into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container about 10% full with water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for two minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Follow the precautions indicated in Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE of this MSDS.

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IMDG

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IATA

UN 3265, Corrosive liquid, acidic, organic, n.o.s., (Ethephon), 8, III

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**U.S. Federal Regulations:**

TSCA Inventory: This product is exempted from TSCA because it is solely for FIFRA regulated use.

SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting:**Hazard Categories Under Criteria of SARA Title III Rules (40 CFR Part 370):**

Immediate

Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):

None

Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA:

None

RCRA Waste Code:

None

State Information:

Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements.

California Proposition 65: Not Listed

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-ACCEPTED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use, storage and disposal of pesticide products are regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling, and all necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, storage, and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of Federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-accepted label.

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