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**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND COMPANY**Product Name: **Roots Terra-Sorb; Terra-Sorb**

Product Identity: Granular water-absorbent polymer; acrylic acid, homopolymer, potassium salt

Recommended use

This product is a water-absorbent polymer for home, landscape, or greenhouse use.

Supplier/Manufacturer**Lebanon Seaboard Corporation****1600 East Cumberland Street****Lebanon PA 17042 USA**

800-233-0628

(717-273-1685)

Emergency telephone numbers:

Chemtrec (Spill) 1-800-424-9300

Prosar (Health) 888-208-1368

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

Signal Word: None

Hazard Statements and Hazard Category: Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

Pictogram: None

Precautionary Statements for handling: See Section 7.

Precautionary Statements for disposal - Dispose in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations. See Section 13.

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC):** None

Unknown acute toxicity: &lt;1% of the mixture consists of ingredients of unknown toxicity

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Chemical Name	CAS No.	Weight %
Potassium polyacrylate, crosslinked	25608-12-2	93%
Water	7732-18-5	7%

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Eye Contact      Rinse eyes cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove any contact lenses if easy to do, and continue rinsing. If discomfort or irritation occurs and persists contact a physician. Not an eye irritant.

Skin Contact      Wash with soap and water.

Inhalation      If inhaled and discomfort occurs, move to fresh air, and keep person at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If difficulty in breathing occurs and/or persists, administer oxygen and get medical attention. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label on hand.

Ingestion      Rinse mouth. Product is not toxic. If you feel unwell, call a poison control center or seek medical attention. Do not induce vomiting of an unconscious person.

Self-protection of the first aider: Use any appropriate personal protective equipment as required for nuisance dusts.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed: Nuisance dust irritation may occur with nasal discomfort under highly dusty conditions. Product can draw water from skin with prolonged contact, resulting in a drying effect, which can be mildly irritating. Ingestion of very large quantities of gelled, wet polymer can result in mild diarrhea, as gel passes through digestive tract. Product is not toxic by ingestion.

Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed: Treat Symptoms. Consult physician if discomfort or irritation persists. Get medical advice or attention if you feel unwell. Product is not toxic by ingestion. Product can draw water from skin with prolonged contact, resulting in a drying effect, which can be mildly irritating. Washing skin and applying hand lotion or skin moisturizer will typically resolve this.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Use extinguishing media suitable to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Options in this case include water, CO<sub>2</sub>, ABC Dry Chemical extinguisher, or foam. Avoid stirring up dust extinguisher stream.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical**

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating and toxic gases and vapors. In the event of fire, do not breathe fumes.

**Explosion data**

Sensitivity to mechanical impact: None

Sensitivity to static discharge: None

Note: Excessive amounts of any burnable dusts can produce explosive mixtures if allowed to disperse in the air in confined areas where ignition sources occur. Prevent excessive dust dispersal in areas of use, storage, or production.

**Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and standard protective (bunker) gear.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures**

Personal Precautions	Use dust mask as needed or other reasonable personal protective equipment as required to prevent excessive dust inhalation. When wet, product causes extremely slippery conditions.
Environmental precautions	Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas. Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.
Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage, if safe to do so.
Methods for clean-up	Use dust mask and/or reasonable personal protective equipment as required to avoid breathing dusts. Take up mechanically, and use as originally intended or place in appropriate containers for disposal. Avoid creating dust. When wet, product causes extremely slippery conditions. Product will absorb tremendous amount of water and swell in size accordingly, so use water judiciously during initial cleanup. Remove all residue from floor to avoid future slipping accidents.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Safe Handling	Avoid breathing dust. Wash hands after handling. Product is extremely slippery when wet. Clean up spills thoroughly to prevent future slipping accidents.
Storage Conditions	Keep containers tightly closed and dry to prevent water-absorption. Avoid high, overhead storage where water contact could occur. Product absorbs large amounts of water, increasing its weight dramatically when soaked. Shelves can break/fail under increased weight.

Incompatible materials Avoid strong acids or alkali, or other reactive substances.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

Exposure Guidelines

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH*
Nuisance Dusts	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA- Total dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (TWA total) 50 mppcf (TWA total) 5 mppcf (TWA respirable)	Not Established

\*IDLH refers to amounts that are "Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health"

Other Information: Product is not toxic by ingestion.

Engineering controls: Use with adequate ventilation and follow safe work practices to prevent excessive dust buildup in air.

**Individual protection measures**

- Eye protection Safety glasses, or goggles if eye contact is likely. Not needed under normal use.
- Skin and Body Protection Gloves recommended for handling.
- Respiratory Protection Dust mask recommended for dusty conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, NIOSH/MSHA approved respiratory protection should be worn. Respiratory protection must be provided in accordance with current local regulations.
- General Hygiene Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	Granules
Color	off white to yellow
Odor	None
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	Not applicable
Melting point/freezing point	Not applicable
Boiling point / boiling range	Not applicable
Flash point	No information available
Evaporation rate	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	No information available
Flammability Limit in Air	
Upper flammability limit:	No information available
Lower flammability limit:	No information available
Vapor pressure	Not applicable
Vapor density	Not applicable
Bulk Density	approx. 720 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Water solubility	Insoluble in water, but absorbs water dramatically and swells in size and weight.
Solubility in other solvents	No information available
Partition coefficient	No information available
Autoignition temperature	No information available
Decomposition temperature	No information available
Oxidizing properties	No information available

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Reactivity**

No data available

**Chemical stability**

Stable.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions**

May release heat and fumes when mixed in solution with incompatible reactive materials.

**Hazardous polymerization**

Will not occur.

**Conditions to avoid**

High heat, sparks and open flames, as material may burn.

**Incompatible materials**

Strong acids or alkali, or other reactive substances.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

May emit toxic fumes under fire conditions, such as Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Ammonia, Oxides of sulfur, Hydrogen chloride and Carbon monoxide.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Routes of exposure: Ingestion, eyes (contact), skin (contact), dust inhalation.

Symptoms	Mild drying of skin with prolonged contact. Not toxic by ingestion.
Sensitization	None
Germ cell mutagenicity	None
Carcinogenicity	Not listed as carcinogenic by OSHA, IARC, NIOSH, NTP, or ACGIH.
Reproductive toxicity	None
STOT - single exposure	No information available
STOT - repeated exposure	No information available
Chronic toxicity	No information available
Target Organ Effects	Lungs-Nuisance dusts
Aspiration hazard	No information available

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Non toxic to terrestrial aquatic life.

Persistence and degradability	Slowly biodegradable.
Bioaccumulation	No information available
Other adverse effects	No information available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This material, as supplied is not a hazardous waste according to federal regulations (40 CFR 261).

**Disposal of wastes:**

This product is a non-hazardous waste material suitable for approved solid waste landfills.  
 No EPA Waste Numbers are applicable for this product's components.

Dispose of in accordance with Local, State, and Federal regulations.

**Contaminated packaging**

No US Federal special packaging considerations at the date of this document. Follow local regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

<b>DOT:</b>	Not Regulated	<b>ADR:</b>	Not Regulated
Proper Shipping Name:	Non Regulated	<b>ADN:</b>	Not Regulated
Hazard Class:	Not Applicable	<b>RID:</b>	Not Regulated
<b>IATA:</b>	Not Regulated	<b>IATA:</b>	Not Regulated
Proper Shipping Name:	Non Regulated	<b>TDG:</b>	Not Regulated
Hazard Class:	Not Applicable	<b>ICAO:</b>	Not Regulated
<b>IMDG/IMO</b>	Not Regulated	<b>MEX:</b>	Not Regulated
Hazard Class	Not Applicable		
Marine Pollutant	No		

**IMDG:** Not a dangerous good.

**ICAO/IATA:** Not a dangerous good.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**SARA 313** Superfund Amendments: This product contains no chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal regulations, Part 372.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories**

Acute:	Yes
Chronic:	No
Fire:	No
Sudden release of pressure:	No
Reactive:	No

**CERCLA:** This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material .

**Clean Water Act:** This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42).

**State Regulations – General:** This product is not regulated by any State as a hazardous material. No components subject to "Right-To-Know" legislation at the state level.

**International Inventories**

TSCA (USA):	Complies
<b>General Product Information:</b>	This product is not federally regulated as a hazardous material.
<b>Clean Air Act:</b>	No information is available.
<b>Clean Water Act:</b>	No information is available.

**Component Analysis – WHMIS IDL** No components are listed in the WHMIS IDL.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**HMIS Ratings**

Health:	1
Flammability:	0
Reactivity:	0
Personal Protection:	X

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