



## NUFARM AGRICULTURE INC.

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**PRODUCT:****Nufarm MCPA Amine 600 Liquid Herbicide****PCP NUMBER:**

28384

**DATE PREPARED:**

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**PREPARER:**

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**CHEMICAL FAMILY/USE:**

Herbicide

**FORMULA:**

C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>

**CHEMICAL SYNONYMS:**

2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, dimethylamine salt; MCPA DMA

### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Ingredients	Wt. %	CAS NO.
MCPA Dimethylamine salt solution	80-85	2039-46-5

Note: The other major ingredient in this product is water.

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Severely irritating / corrosive to eyes. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. May be fatal if swallowed. Symptoms of overexposure to MCPA could include slurred speech, twitching, jerking and spasms, drooling, low-blood pressure and unconsciousness.

**EFFECTS OF ACUTE EXPOSURE:**

**INGESTION:** May cause headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal irritation, weakness and central nervous system depression.

**SKIN CONTACT:** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Causes slight skin irritation.

**INHALATION:** Contains materials that may be moderately toxic. Vapours could cause headache, nausea, dizziness and respiratory irritation if inhaled.

**EYE CONTACT:** Causes severe eye irritation / corrosion. Causes redness and tearing.



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**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED:** Skin exposure may aggravate preexisting skin conditions. Inhalation of mist may aggravate preexisting respiratory conditions.

**SUBCHRONIC (TARGET ORGAN) EFFECTS:** (An adverse effect with symptoms that develop slowly over a long period of time): Repeated overexposure may cause effects to liver, kidneys, blood chemistry, testes and gross motor function. Rare cases of peripheral nerve damage have been reported, but extensive animal studies have failed to substantiate these observations, even at high doses for prolonged periods.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS/CARCINOGENICITY:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) lists exposure to chlorophenoxy herbicides as a class 2B carcinogen, the category for limited evidence for carcinogenicity in humans. Newer rat and mouse lifetime feeding studies did not show carcinogenic potential for MCPA.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY:** Testicular effects and lower male fertility have been noted in animal studies.

**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** MCPA studies in laboratory animals have shown decreased fetal body weights and delayed development in the offspring at doses toxic to mother animals.

**GENOTOXICITY:** There have been some positive and some negative studies, but the weight of evidence is that MCPA is not mutagenic.

**PRINCIPLE ROUTES OF EXPOSURE:** Eye contact. Skin absorption. Inhalation. Oral.

**TOXICOLOGICALLY SYNERGISTIC MATERIALS:** None known.

**OTHER:** None known.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, call a poison control centre 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 a poison control centre or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Take container, label booklet or product name and Pest Control Product Registration Number with you when seeking medical attention.

**SKIN:** If on skin or clothing, take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15–20 minutes. Call a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INHALATION:** 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 centre or doctor for further treatment advice.

**EYES:** If in eyes, hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15–20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** No specific antidote. Employ supportive care. Treatment should be based on judgement of the physician in response to reactions of the patient. High concentrations of MCPA may cause severe irritation to the eyes. Symptoms of overexposure to MCPA could include slurred speech, twitching, jerking and spasms, drooling, low-blood pressure and unconsciousness. Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT:** .....No flash point.

**CONDITIONS OF FLAMMABILITY:** .....None.

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR - Upper (%):** .....NAp

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR - Lower (%):** .....NAp

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** .....NAp

**SENSITIVITY TO MECHANICAL IMPACT (Y/N):** .....NA. No sensitivity expected based on long handling history.

**SENSITIVITY TO STATIC DISCHARGE:** .....NA. No sensitivity expected based on long handling history.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Water fog, alcohol foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.

**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective



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clothing when fighting chemical fires. Minimize and contain water runoff.

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:** Use safety equipment and procedures appropriate to the size of the spill. Keep unnecessary people away. Avoid runoff to natural waters and sewers. Surround and absorb spills with inert material such as perlite, sawdust, clay granules, vermiculite, sand or dirt. Contain all affected material in a closed, labeled container for proper disposal. Isolate from other waste materials. Clean contaminated area such as hard surfaces with detergent and water, collecting cleaning solution for proper disposal. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of top soil.

### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORAGE:** Keep away from food and feed products. Keep from freezing. Store at temperatures above 0°C. If subjected to freezing temperatures, warm to at least 5°C and mix thoroughly. Avoid storage in close proximity to insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers and seeds. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing.

### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### EXPOSURE LIMITS:

Hazardous Ingredients	TWA	ACGIH TLV	STEL	Units
MCPA Dimethylamine salt	N/E	N/E	N/E	N/Ap

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use in a well ventilated area.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT:** Use an approved pesticide respirator if ventilation is not adequate or exposure to sprays, mists or vapours is likely.

**PROTECTIVE GLOVES:** Nitrile gloves.

**EYE AND FACE PROTECTION:** Goggles or face shield when handling concentrate.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** Long sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and shoes suggested as minimum work clothing. Use other equipment appropriate to specific situation.

**VENTILATION:** Use only in well ventilated area.

### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**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.

**BOILING POINT:** .....NA. Expected to be similar to water: >100°C.

**VAPOR PRESSURE:** .....MCPA negligible. Product expected to be similar to water.

**VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1):**.....NA.

**FREEZING POINT:**.....NA. Expected to be similar to water: 0°C.

**MELTING POINT:** .....NA. MCPA technical 99-107°C.

**PHYSICAL STATE:**.....Liquid.

**ODOUR:** .....Phenolic amine.

**COLOUR:**.....Brown.

**ODOR THRESHOLD (ppm):**.....NA.



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EVAPORATION RATE (butyl acetate = 1):.....NA.  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY (water = 1): ..... 1.14  
DENSITY @ 25°C: ..... 1.14  
pH:..... 7.5 – 9.0  
SOLUBILITY IN WATER (20°C):.....MCPA DMA: 866,000 mg/L. Product soluble.  
COEFFICIENT OF WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION:.....NA. Product water soluble.

### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**STABILITY:** Stable.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Will not occur.

**HAZARDOUS THERMAL DECOMPOSITION/COMBUSTION PRODUCTS:** Hydrogen chloride, other chlorine compounds, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen and other potentially toxic combustion products may be present.

**INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID):** Avoid contact with strong acidic, basic or oxidizing agents.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** None known.

### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Data are from laboratory studies conducted on similar MCPA DMA products:

**ACUTE ORAL LD<sub>50</sub> (mg/kg):** .....900 to 1400 (Rat, combined male/female)

**ACUTE DERMAL LD<sub>50</sub> (mg/kg):** ..... > 2000 (Rabbit)

**ACUTE INHALATION LC<sub>50</sub> (mg/l):** ..... > 4.72 (Rat, 4-hour, whole body exposure)

**OTHER:** Tested as slightly irritating to the skin (Rabbit) and severely irritating / corrosive to the eye (Rabbit).

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Data are from studies conducted on similar MCPA DMA products:

**96-HOUR LC<sub>50</sub> (mg/L):** 230 (Rainbow Trout)

**96-HOUR LC<sub>50</sub> (mg/L):** > 310 (Bluegill)

**48-HOUR EC<sub>50</sub> (mg/L):** 190 (Daphnia)

**ORAL LD<sub>50</sub> (mg/kg):** 390 (Bobwhite Quail)

**DIETARY LC<sub>50</sub> (ppm):** > 5620 (Mallard Duck)

**CHEMICAL FATE INFORMATION:** MCPA DMA rapidly dissociates to parent MCPA in the environment. In soil, MCPA is microbially degraded with typical half-life of approximately 10 to 14 days.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHOD:** For information on disposal of unused, unwanted product, contact the manufacturer or the provincial regulatory agency. Disposal should be made in accordance with federal, provincial and local regulations. Contact the manufacturer and the provincial regulatory agency in case of a spill, and for clean up of spills.

Do not reuse container for any purpose. If applicable, return container in accordance with return program. If a recyclable container, dispose of at a container collection site. Contact local distributor, dealer or municipality for the location of the nearest collection site. Before taking the container to the collection site, triple or pressure rinse the empty container adding rinsings to spray tank, and make container unsuitable for further use. If there is no container collection site in your area, dispose of the container in accordance with



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provincial requirements.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**CANADIAN TDG DESCRIPTION (Road & Rail):** Not dangerous for transport by road/rail in Canada.

**UN/NA NUMBER:** None.

**PLACARDS:** None.

**IATA:** Not regulated for transportation.

**IMO IMDG CODE:** None.

### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**WHMIS HAZARD CLASS:** D2B Toxic Material

**WHMIS TRADE SECRET:** Exempt. (This product is regulated under the Pest Control Products Act - WHMIS exempt.)

**CANADIAN INVENTORY:** This product is currently exempt from CEPA.

#### HAZARD RATING SYSTEMS

**HMIS:** Not Available

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®) Hazard Ratings:**

Ratings for This Product		Key to Ratings	
2	Health Hazard	0	Minimal
1	Flammability	1	Slight
0	Instability	2	Moderate
		3	Serious
		4	Severe

### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### REVISIONS:

The following has been revised since the last issue of this MSDS: Sections 1 and 4 revisions.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Abbreviations used throughout the MSDS are:

- NA = Not available
- NAp = Not applicable
- N/E = None Established.

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

Company references utilized in preparation of the MSDS.

\*\*\*END OF MSDS\*\*\*