

# FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.

## Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

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### SECTION 1 — CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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#### Nessler's Reagent

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CHEMTREC Emergency Phone Number: (800) 424-9300

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### SECTION 2 — COMPOSITION, INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Mercuric iodide (7487-94-7) 3%, Potassium iodide (7681-11-0) 3.5%, Sodium hydroxide (1310-73-2) 12%, and Water (7732-5-18) 81.5%.

CAS#: None established

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### SECTION 3 — HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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Pale yellow color basic solution. Odorless.

Highly toxic by ingestion and skin absorption. Corrosive to body tissue. Avoid body tissue contact.

#### FLINN AT-A-GLANCE

Health-3

Flammability-0

Reactivity-0

Exposure-3

Storage-3

0 is low hazard, 3 is high hazard

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### SECTION 4 — FIRST AID MEASURES

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Call a physician and seek medical attention for further treatment, observation, and support after first aid.

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air at once. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration immediately.

Eye or External: Immediately flush with fresh water for at least 15 minutes.

Internal: Do NOT induce vomiting. Rinse mouth. Give large quantities of water for dilution. Call a physician or poison control at once.

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### SECTION 5 — FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

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Noncombustible liquid.

#### NFPA CODE

None  
established

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### SECTION 6 — ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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Restrict unprotected personnel from the area and ventilate area. Contain the spill with sand or absorbent material and deposit in a sealed bag or container. See Sections 8 and 13 for further information.

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### SECTION 7 — HANDLING AND STORAGE

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Flinn Suggested Chemical Storage Pattern: Inorganic #2. Store with acetates, halides, sulfates, sulfites, thiosulfates, and phosphates. Store in a Flinn Chem-Saf bag and lock up in a poison cabinet.

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### SECTION 8 — EXPOSURE CONTROLS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

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Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Wear chemical splash goggles, chemical-resistant gloves, and a chemical-resistant apron. Use exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentrations low.

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**SECTION 9 — PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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Slightly yellow colored-liquid. Odorless.

Used to indicate the presence of ammonia.

Discontinued product

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**SECTION 10 — STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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Avoid strong oxidizing and reducing agents.

Shelf life: Indefinite, if stored properly.

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**SECTION 11 — TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Acute effects: Corrosive

Chronic effects: Neurological hazard

Target organs: Skin, kidneys, GI system, nerves

ORL-RAT LD<sub>50</sub>: 18 mg/kg as mercuric iodideIHL-RAT LC<sub>50</sub>: N.A.SKN-RBT LD<sub>50</sub>: 75 mg/kg as mercuric iodide

N.A. = Not available, not all health aspects of this substance have been fully investigated.

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**SECTION 12 — ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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Data not yet available.

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**SECTION 13 — DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Please review all federal, state and local regulations that may apply, before proceeding.

Flinn Suggested Disposal Method #27f is one option.

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**SECTION 14 — TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

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Shipping name: Not regulated

Hazard class: N/A

UN number: N/A

N/A = Not applicable

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**SECTION 15 — REGULATORY INFORMATION**

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Not listed.

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**SECTION 16 — OTHER INFORMATION**

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