



2433 No. 2 Side Rd., P.O. Box 1070, Burlington, ON L7R 4L8  
Phone: 905-335-5250 1-800-263-6320

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**SECTION I: MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION AND USE**

Material Name / Identifier:	Limestone
Manufacturer's Name:	NELSON AGGREGATE CO P.O. BOX 1070 BURLINGTON ON L7R 4L8
Supplier's Name:	
Chemical Name:	Limestone
Chemical Family:	Carbonate Rock
Chemical Formula:	Complex mixture (naturally variable)
Trade Name and Synonyms:	Aglime, manufactured sand, aggregate, Dolomite, Crushed stone.
Molecular Weight:	Not Applicable
Material use:	construction, ready-mix concrete, concrete products, asphalt, agriculture, metallurgical processes.

**SECTION II: HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS OF MATERIAL**

Hazardous Ingredient:	Limestone* (Primarily Calcium and Magnesium Carbonates)
Approximate Concentration Percentage	100
C.A.S., N.A. or U.N. Numbers:	1317-65-3
LD50 (Specify Species and Route)	Not Applicable
LC50 (Specify Species and Route)	Not Applicable
*Hazardous Ingredient	Quartz (Crystalline Silica)
Approximate Concentration Percentage	Naturally variable composition (10-30%)
C.A.S., N.A. or U.N. Numbers:	14808-60-7
LD50 (Specify Species and Route)	Not Applicable
LC50 (Specify Species and Route)	Not Applicable

**SECTION III : PHYSICAL DATA FOR MATERIAL**

Physical State:	Solid
Odour and Appearance:	No odour; angular grey/brown/white particles of varying sizes
Odour Threshold (P.P.M.)	Not Applicable
Specific Gravity	2.6 – 2.8
Vapour Pressure (MM)	Not Applicable
Vapour Density (Air = 1)	Not Applicable
Evaporation Rate	0
Solubility in Water (20° C)	Negligible
Boiling Point (° C)	Not Applicable
Freezing Point (°C)	Not Applicable
pH:	Not Applicable
Percentage Volatile (By Volume)	0
Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution	Not Applicable

**SECTION IV : FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD OF MATERIAL**

Flammability:	Will Not Burn
Means of Extinction:	Not Applicable Can be used to smother fire.
Special Procedures	Not Applicable
Flashpoint ( ° C) and Method	None
Upper Explosion Limit (Percentage by Volume)	Not Applicable
Lower Explosion Limit (Percentage by Volume)	Not Applicable
Auto-ignition Temperature ( ° C)	None
Hazardous Combustion Products	Not Applicable

**EXPLOSION DATA:**

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	None
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	None

**SECTION V : REACTIVITY DATA**

Chemical Stability	Stable
Incompatibility to other substances	None Known
Reactivity, and Under What Conditions:	Neutralizing agent for strong acids
Hazardous Decomposition Products:	None known

## SECTION VI : TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF MATERIAL

**Route of Entry:** Skin contact, Eye contact, Inhalation.

**Effects of Acute Exposure:**

Eye Contact: Mechanical irritation causing redness.

Ingestion: Unlikely to occur.

Inhalation: Unlikely to occur but may cause mechanical irritation and coughing.

Skin Absorption: Will not absorb through skin.

Skin Contact: Mechanical irritation causes redness.

Use of limestone for construction purposes is believed not to have caused acute toxic effects.

**Effects of Chronic Exposure:**

- 1) Chronic (repeated and prolonged) exposure to respirable limestone dust at levels exceeding exposure limits has caused pneumoconiosis.
  
- 2) Chronic (repeated and prolonged) exposure to respirable limestone dusts containing silica (quartz) at levels exceeding exposure limits has caused silicosis, a serious and progressive pneumoconiosis which can be disabling and lead to death. Symptoms may appear at any time, even years after exposure has ceased. Symptoms of silicosis may include: shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, coughing, diminished work capacity, diminished chest expansion, reduction of lung volume and right heart enlargement and/or failure.  
The only reliable method of detecting silicosis is through a chest X-ray. Silicosis may aggravate other chronic pulmonary conditions and may increase the risk of pulmonary tuberculosis infection. Smoking aggravates the effects of silica exposure.

LD50 of Material	Not Available
LC50 of Material	Not Available

**Exposure Limits:**

Varies with jurisdiction.

Ontario Limit= 0.1mg/ metre<sup>3</sup> (TWAEV)

TWAEV = Time-Weighted Average Exposure Value

For additional information on the above exposure limits, consult Ontario Regulation 845 (as amended) and 854 (as amended)

**Sensitization of Material:** None known

**Synergistic Material:** None Known

**Carcinogenicity, Reproductive Effects, Teratogenicity, Mutagenicity:**

As of the date of preparation of this MSDS (January 15, 2015)

- 1) Limestone is not included on the ACGIH, IARC, NTP or OSHA Lists of potential carcinogens.

2) Crystalline silica, in the form of crystalline quartz, and as a component of this material, is listed as carcinogenic by IARC, NTP and ACGIH. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has concluded that crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources should be classified as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), upgraded from its previous classification as probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A). This conclusion was drawn on the basis of a relatively large number of human population studies that together provide evidence in humans for the carcinogenicity of inhaled crystalline silica. In many (although not all) of these studies, lung cancer risks were elevated and could not be explained by other factors. Recent reviews have tended to conclude that if exposures are controlled to prevent silicosis, they will probably also prevent cancer. The risk of developing silicosis depends on the airborne concentration of crystalline silica, the particle size and the duration of exposure. The US National Toxicology Program (NTP) identifies crystalline silica (respirable size) as a substance which may reasonably be anticipated to be carcinogen, Group 2. The American Conference of Governmental Hygienists (ACGIH) has assigned a carcinogenicity designation, A2 Suspected Human Carcinogen, for crystalline silica (2007).

Reproductive Effects: There is no known evidence that limestone has a reproductive effect.

Teratogenicity: There is no known evidence that limestone is a teratogen.

Mutagenicity: There is no known evidence that limestone is a mutagen.

## **SECTION VII : PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

### ***Personal Protective Equipment:***

***Gloves (Specify):*** Work gloves recommended

***Eye (Specify):*** Safety glasses with a side shield should be worn as minimum protection. Dust goggles should be worn when excessively (visible) dusty conditions are present or anticipated.

***Respiratory (Specify):*** Refer to the Ontario Designated Substance Respirator Codes (June 2000):  $\leq$  10X TWA EV Half mask particulate respirator with N-, R- or P- series filter and 95, 99 or 100% efficiency;  $\leq$  25X TWA EV powered air purifying respirator with a hood or helmet and any type of particulate filter, or supplied air equipped with a hood or helmet and operated in a continuous flow mode. Respiratory protective equipment should be used in accordance with CSA Standard Z94.4-02.

***Other (Specify):*** Work clothing recommended to reduce skin exposure. Wash work clothing after every use.

***Engineering Controls (Ventilation, Enclosed Process – Specify):*** Where feasible, the dust levels should be reduced through wet suppression, dust collection, ventilation, process enclosure and enclosed pressurized employee work stations.

***Leak and Spill Procedure:*** Spilled materials, where dust can be generated, may expose clean-up personnel to respirable dust. Wetting of spilled material and/or use of protective respiratory equipment may be necessary.

***Waste Disposal:*** Re-use clean materials; dispose of waste materials only in accordance with applicable federal, provincial and local laws and regulations.

***Handling Procedures and Equipment:*** Respirable dust may be generated during processing, handling and storage – avoid inhalation. Refer to “Personal Protective Equipment – Respiratory”.

***Storage Requirements:*** None

***Special Shipping Information:*** None

**SECTION VIII : FIRST AID MEASURES**

**Dust in Eyes:** Flush out eyes with running water for 15 minutes. Contact a physician if irritation persists.

**Dust on Skin:** Wash with soap and water. Contact a physician if irritation is aggravated.

**Dust Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Dust in throat and nasal passages should clear spontaneously. Contact a physician if irritation persists.

**SECTION IX : PREPARATION DATE OF MSDS**

Prepared by: Christine Deshane

Telephone: (905) 335-5250

Date: March 2, 2015

Additional Notes or References:

Ministry of Labour WHMIS Hotline  
(519) 439-3231

---

The Company believes that the information contained herein is factual. The data and information presented are without warranty, guarantee or liability on our part, and are presented to the customer for his own consideration, investigation and verification

---