1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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Description: This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in the evaluation of techniques employed in the analysis of coals and materials of a similar matrix. A unit of SRM 1632c consists of 50 g of bituminous coal ground to pass a 250 µm (60 mesh) sieve, homogenized, and bottled under an argon atmosphere.

Substance: Coal Powder
Other Designations: Coal Powder (bituminous coal; ground bituminous coal).

2. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Component: Coal Dust (complex mixture)
CAS Number: 8029-10-5
EINECS: Not assigned.
Concentration (Mass %): 100

NOTE: This material contains organic and inorganic compounds incorporated in the coal matrix (sulfur, mercury, quartz, and chlorine), which have been reported to have toxic, mutagenic, and/or carcinogenic properties, and should be handled with care. The concentration of these compounds is below the reportable limit: hazardous components (1 %); carcinogens (0.1 %), required by OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.1200 (g)(2)(i)(C)(1), for MSDS information.

EC Classification: Not classified.
EC Risk (R No.): Not assigned.
EC Safety (S No.): Not assigned.
EC Risk/Safety Phrases: See Section 15, “Regulatory Information”

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NFPA Ratings (Scale 0–4): Health = 1 Fire = 1 Reactivity = 0

Major Health Hazards: Cancer (in humans).

Physical Hazards: Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode.

Potential Health Effects:
- Inhalation: Irritation, chest pain, difficulty breathing.
- Skin absorption: Irritation.
- Eye contact: Irritation, eye damage.
- Ingestion: Irritation.
Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:** If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. If not breathing, give artificial respiration by qualified personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse affected area with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical assistance if necessary.

**Eye Contact:** Immediately flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Ingestion:** If a large amount is swallowed, seek medical attention.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Slight fire hazard. Dust/air mixtures may ignite or explode.

**Extinguishing Media:** Regular dry chemical, carbon dioxide, water, regular foam.

**Fire Fighting:** Avoid inhalation of combustion by-products.

**Flash Point (°C):** Not applicable.

**Method Used:** Not applicable.

**Autoignition Temp. (°C):** Not applicable.

**Flammability Limits in Air**

- **UPPER (Volume %):** Not applicable.
- **LOWER (Volume %):** Not applicable.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Occupational Release:** Collect spilled material in appropriate container for proper disposal.

**Disposal:** Refer to Section 13, “Disposal Considerations”.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Storage:** Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards.

**Safe Handling Precautions:** See Section 8 “Exposure Controls and Personal Protection”.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Coal Dust:**

- OSHA (TWA): 0.3 mg/m³ (quartz, total dust)
- OSHA (TWA): 0.1 mg/m³ (quartz, respirable dust)
- ACGIH (TWA): 0.025 mg/m³ (quartz, respirable fraction)
- UK WEL (TWA): 0.1 mg/m³ (quartz, respirable particulate)

**Ventilation:** Local exhaust ventilation system.

**Respirator:** If necessary, refer to the “NIOSH Guide to the Selection and Use of Particulate Respirators Certified under 42 CFR 84” for selection and use of respirators with organic vapor cartridges certified by NIOSH.

**Eye Protection:** Wear safety goggles. An eye wash station and drench shower should be readily available near the handling and use areas.

**Personal Protection:** Chemically resistant gloves and clothing are recommended.
9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Component: Coal Dust
Appearance and Odor: Black powder, odorless.
Molecular Formula: Not applicable.
Density (g/cm³): 1.3 to 1.8
Water Solubility: Soluble.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:  X  Stable  ____  Unstable
Stable at normal temperature and pressure.
Conditions to Avoid: Avoid generating dust. Avoid contact with incompatible materials.
Fire/Explosion Information: See Section 5, “Fire Fighting Measures”.
Hazardous Decomposition: Oxides of carbon.
Hazardous Polymerization:  ____  Will Occur  X  Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Entry:  X  Inhalation  ____  Skin  ____  Ingestion
Coal Dust Toxicity Data: May cause irritation and a cough.
Health Effects: See Section 3: “Hazards Identification” for potential health effects.
Target Organs: Respiratory tract.
Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: Any individual with a chronic pulmonary disorder should protect against exposure to coal dust.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data: Not applicable.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal: Dispose in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA: Not regulated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. REGULATIONS
CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated.
SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated.
SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated.
SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated.
SARA TITLE III SARA SECTIONS 311/312 HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370.21):

- ACUTE: No
- CHRONIC: Yes
- FIRE: No
- REACTIVE: No
- SUDDEN RELEASE: No

STATE REGULATIONS

California Proposition 65: Known as cancer causing for silica crystalline particles of respirable size.

CANADIAN REGULATIONS

WHMIS Classification: Not determined.

EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

EC Classification: Not classified.
EC Risk and Safety Phrases: Not assigned.

NATIONAL INVENTORY STATUS

U.S. Inventory (TSCA): Not listed.
TSCA 12(b), Export Notification: Not listed.

16. OTHER INFORMATION


Disclaimer: Physical and chemical data contained in this MSDS are provided only for use in assessing the hazardous nature of the material. The MSDS was prepared carefully, using current references; however, NIST does not certify the data in the MSDS. The certified values for this material are given in the NIST Certificate of Analysis.