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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Formaldehyde, 10% (v/v) (non-buffered), Histological Fixative

**Product Number:** 3180

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** 3180-1, 3180-16, 3180-2.5, 3180-32, 3180-5

#### 1.2. Recommended Use and Restrictions on Use

General Laboratory Reagent

#### 1.3. Details of the Supplier of the Safety Data Sheet

**Company:** Ricca Chemical Company

**Address:** 448 West Fork Drive  
Arlington, TX 76012 USA

**Telephone:** 888-467-4222

#### 1.4. Emergency Telephone Number (24 hr)

CHEMTREC (USA) 800-424-9300  
CHEMTREC (International) 1+ 703-527-3887

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## SECTION 2: Hazard(s) Identification

### 2.1. Classification of the Substance or Mixture (in accordance with OSHA HCS 29 CFR 1910.1200)

For the full text of the Hazard and Precautionary Statements listed below, see Section 16.

Hazard Class	Category	Hazard Statement	Precautionary Statements
Acute Toxicity - Oral	Category 3	H301	P264, P270, P301+P310, P321, P330, P405, P501
Acute Toxicity - Dermal	Category 2	H310	P262, P264, P270, P280, P352, P310, P321, P361, P405, P501
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation	Category 2	H330	P260, P271, P285, P304+P340, P310, P320, P403+P233, P405, P501
Skin Corrosion / Irritation	Category 2	H315	P264, P280, P302+P352, P321, P332+P313, P362
Eye Damage / Irritation	Category 1	H318	P280, P305+P351+P338, P310
Respiratory Sensitizer	Category 1	H334	P261, P285, P304+P341, P342+P311, P501
Skin Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Germ Cell Mutagenicity	Category 1	H340	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Carcinogenicity	Category 1	H350	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 1	H360	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 1	H370	P260, P264, P270, P307+P311, P321, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Repeated Exposure	Category 1	H372	P260, P264, P270, P314, P501
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Acute)	Category 2	H401	P273, P501

### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**



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### Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H301	Toxic if swallowed.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H334	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
H340	May cause genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H360	May damage fertility or the unborn child.
H370	Causes damage to organs.
H372	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H401	Toxic to aquatic life.



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### Precautionary Statements:

Precautionary Number	Precautionary Statement
P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P260	Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist.
P261	Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist.
P262	Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264	Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves and eye protection.
P285	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.
P301+P310	IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P304+P341	IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P307+P311	IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P314	Get medical attention if you feel unwell.
P320	Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water).
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P342+P311	If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician.
P352	Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P361	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
P363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.



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### 2.3. WHMIS Classification

WHMIS classification is not included based on the recommended option (Option 4) found in the Canada Gazette Part II, Vol. 149, No.3, page 458

### 2.4. Hazards not Otherwise Classified or Covered by GHS

Data not available.

## SECTION 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

### 3.1. Components of Substance or Mixture

Chemical Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	CAS Number	Weight%
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.01 g/mol	7732-18-5	94.48%
Formaldehyde	HCHO	30.02 g/mol	50-00-0	3.93%
Methyl Alcohol	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	32.04 g/mol	67-56-1	1.59%

## SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. May cause irritation and dermatitis.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Dilute immediately with water or milk. Induce vomiting. Call a physician.

### 4.2. Most Important Symptoms and Effects, Acute and Delayed

Contains Formaldehyde, a suspected carcinogen. Irritating to the eyes, respiratory system and skin. May cause sensitization by inhalation or skin contact. May be fatal if ingested. If ingested, give large quantity of water and induce vomiting. Call a physician. Wash areas of contact with water. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. Contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation with burning and stinging with possible damage to the cornea and conjunctiva. SKIN CONTACT: May cause irritation and dermatitis.

### 4.3. Medical Attention or Special Treatment Needed

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water). Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water).

## SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

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### 5.2. Specific Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

Not considered to be a fire or explosion hazard.

### 5.3. Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.

## SECTION 6: Accidental Release Measures

### 6.1. Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

### 6.2. Cleanup and Containment Methods and Materials

Ventilate area of leak or spill. Absorb with suitable material and save for proper disposal. See Section 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and Storage

### 7.1. Precautions for Safe Handling and Storage Conditions

Store locked up. As with all chemicals, wash hands thoroughly after handling. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Protect from freezing and physical damage. Use with adequate ventilation. Store at room temperature

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	TWA	USA	0.75 ppm TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	TLV-Ceiling	USA	0.3 ppm Ceiling	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	PEL-STEL	USA	2 ppm STEL (see 29 CFR 1910.1048)	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Short Term Exposure Limits
Formaldehyde (50-00-0)	PEL	USA	0.5 ppm Action Level (Irritant and potential cancer hazard, See 29 CFR 1910.1048) 0.75 ppm TWA 2 ppm STEL (15 min)	U.S. - OSHA - Specifically Regulated Chemicals with PELs
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA 260 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-STEL	USA	250 ppm STEL	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Short Term Exposure Limits (TLV-STEL)
Methyl Alcohol (67-56-1)	TLV-TWA	USA	200 ppm TWA	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Time Weighted Averages (TLV-TWA)



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### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. A system of local and/or general exhaust is recommended to keep employee exposures below the Airborne Exposure Limit.

**Respiratory Protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator equipped with organic vapor cartridge should be worn.

**Skin Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Chemical resistant gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Safety glasses or goggles.

### 8.3. Personal Protective Equipment

Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. If the exposure limit is exceeded, a full facepiece respirator equipped with organic vapor cartridge should be worn. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.

## SECTION 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

### 9.1. Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance:** Colorless liquid

**Physical State:** Liquid

**Odor:** Data not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Data not available.

**pH:** Data not available.

**Melting/Freezing Point:** Approximately 0°C

**Initial Boiling Point /Range:** Approximately 100°C - Approximately 100°C

**Flash Point:** Data not available.

**Evaporation Rate:** Data not available.

**Flammability:** Data not available.

**Flammability/Explosive Limits:** Data not available.

**Vapor Pressure:** Data not available.

**Vapor Density:** Data not available.

**Relative Density:** 1.01

**Solubility:** Miscible

**Partition Coefficient (n-Octanol/Water):** Data not available.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Decomposition Temperature:** Data not available.

**Viscosity:** Data not available.

**Explosive Properties:** Data not available.

**Oxidizing Properties:** Data not available.



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### SECTION 10: Stability and Reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity and Chemical Stability

Stable under normal conditions of use and storage.

#### 10.2. Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

Data not available.

#### 10.3. Conditions to Avoid and Incompatible Materials

Strong oxidizing agents, alkalis, acids, phenols, urea.

#### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Nonhazardous polymerization may occur, forming paraformaldehyde, a white solid.

### SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

#### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

##### Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Toxic if swallowed. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Rinse mouth. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

##### Acute Toxicity - Dermal Exposure:

Fatal in contact with skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. Wash with plenty of soap and water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

##### Acute Toxicity - Inhalation Exposure:

Fatal if inhaled. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water). Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

##### Acute Toxicity - Other Information:

LD50, Oral, Rat: (Formaldehyde) 100 mg/kg, details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value; skin rabbit LD50: 270 uL/kg, Irritation data: eye, rabbit, 750ug Severe; LC50, Inhalation, Rat: (Formaldehyde) 203 mg/m3, peripheral nerve and behavioral effects noted; investigated as a tumorigen, mutagen, reproductive effector.

##### Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Causes skin irritation. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.





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### **Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:**

Causes serious eye damage. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

### **Respiratory Sensitization:**

May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. IF INHALED: If breathing is difficult, remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Skin Sensitization:**

May cause an allergic skin reaction. Avoid breathing dust, fumes or mist. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Germ Cell Mutagenicity:**

May cause genetic defects. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Carcinogenicity:**

May cause cancer. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Reproductive Toxicity:**

May damage fertility or the unborn child. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention. Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Single Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water). Store locked up. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Specific Target Organ Toxicity from Repeated Exposure:**

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

### **Aspiration Hazard:**

Not applicable.

### **Additional Toxicology Information:**

Data not available.



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### SECTION 12: Ecological Information

#### 12.1. Ecotoxicity

Toxic to aquatic life. Avoid release to the environment. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### 12.2. Persistence and Degradability

Data not available.

#### 12.3. Bioaccumulative Potential

Data not available.

#### 12.4. Mobility in Soil

Data not available.

#### 12.5. Other Adverse Ecological Effects

Data not available.

### SECTION 13: Disposal Considerations

#### 13.1. Waste Treatment Methods

Data not available.

### SECTION 14: Transportation Information

#### 14.1. Transportation by Land - Department of Transportation (DOT, United States of America)

Not regulated according to DOT Regulations.

### SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

#### 15.1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazards

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 2 ppm STEL (See 29 CFR 1910.1048, 15 min); 0.5 ppm Action Level (See 29 CFR 1910.1048); 0.75 ppm TWA (See 29 CFR 1910.1048)

#### 15.2. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 100 lb EPCRA RQ  
Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 500 lb TPQ



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### 15.3. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 311/312 Hazardous Chemicals

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 100 lb final RQ; 45.4 kg final RQ  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 5000 lb final RQ; 2270 kg final RQ

### 15.4. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 313 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 0.1 % de minimis concentration  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): 1.0 % de minimis concentration

### 15.5. Massachusetts Right-to-Know Substance List

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): Carcinogen; Extraordinarily hazardous  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present

### 15.6. Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Hazardous Substances

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): Environmental hazard; Special hazardous substance  
Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): Present  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Environmental hazard  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.7. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Components

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): carcinogen; corrosive; flammable - fourth degree; mutagen  
Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): sn 0946  
Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): SN 0946 TPQ: 500 lb  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): flammable - third degree; teratogen  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): sn 1222  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): SN 1222 TPQ: 500 lb

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): 40 µg/day NSRL (gas)  
Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): carcinogen, initial date 1/1/88 (gas)  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): developmental toxicity, initial date 3/16/12

### 15.9. Canada Domestic Substances List / Non-Domestic Substances List (DSL/NDSL)

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): Present  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.10. United States of America Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) List

Formaldehyde (CAS # 50-00-0): Present  
Methyl Alcohol (CAS # 67-56-1): Present  
Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

### 15.11. European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS), European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS), and No Longer Polymers (NLP)

Not listed.



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### SECTION 16: Other Information

#### 16.1. Full Text of Hazard Statements and Precautionary Statements

Toxic if swallowed. Fatal in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Causes serious eye damage. Fatal if inhaled. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Toxic to aquatic life.

Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust, fumes or mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash arms, hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves and eye protection. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF exposed: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water). Rinse mouth. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.

Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

#### 16.2. Miscellaneous Hazard Classes

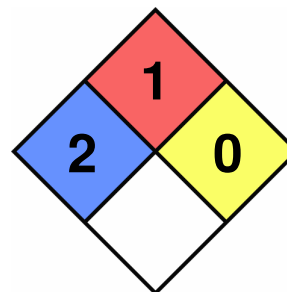
**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

**Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (PHNOC):** Not Applicable.

**Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified (HHNOC):** Not Applicable.  
Not Applicable.

#### 16.3. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rating

**Health:** 2  
**Flammability:** 1  
**Reactivity:** 0  
**Special Hazard:**





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### 16.4. Document Revision

**Last Revision Date:** 5/1/2015

### DISCLAIMER

When handled properly by qualified personnel, the product described herein does not present a significant health or safety hazard. Alteration of its characteristics by concentration, evaporation, addition of other substances, or other means may present hazards not specifically addressed herein and which must be evaluated by the user. The information furnished herein is believed to be accurate and represents the best data currently available to us. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and RICCA CHEMICAL COMPANY assumes no legal responsibility or liability whatsoever resulting from its use.