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### SECTION 1: Identification

#### 1.1. Product Identifier

**Trade Name or Designation:** Potassium Cyanide, 10% (w/v)

**Product Number:** 6040

**Other Identifying Product Numbers:** 6040-16, 6040-16G, 6040-32, 6040-8

#### 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 2	H300	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 Sensitizer	Category 1	H317	P261, P272, P280, P302+P352, P332+P313, P321, P363, P501
Reproductive Toxicity	Category 2	H361	P201, P202, P280, P308+P313, P405, P501
Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity Following Single Exposure	Category 2	H371	P260, P264, P270, P308+P311, 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
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment (Chronic)	Category 2	H401	P273, P501

### 2.2. GHS Label Elements

Pictograms:



Signal Word: **Danger**

Hazard Statements:

Hazard Number	Hazard Statement
H300	Fatal if swallowed.
H310	Fatal in contact with skin.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H330	Fatal if inhaled.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H371	May cause 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.
P308+P311	IF exposed or concerned: 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 immediately).
P321	Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention.
P352	Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P361	Take off immediately all 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.

### 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.



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### 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	90.46%
Potassium Cyanide	KCN	65.11 g/mol	151-50-8	9.54%

### SECTION 4: First-Aid Measures

#### 4.1. General First Aid Information

**Eye Contact:** May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing.

**Inhalation:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

**Skin Contact:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Will pass through unbroken skin and enter the bloodstream. Large exposures can be fatal.

**Ingestion:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician. Dilute immediately with water or milk. Break Amyl Nitrite ampule in cloth and hold tightly under nose for 15 seconds, repeat 2 to 6 times at 15 second intervals. Induce vomiting. Call a physician.

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

DANGER! Poisonous. May be fatal if swallowed. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not pipet by mouth. If ingested, give large quantity of water and induce vomiting. Call a physician. Wash areas of contact with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. For eyes, get medical attention. Keep fresh 0.3 mL Amyl Nitrite ampules, with instructions, on hand. EYE CONTACT: May cause irritation, redness, pain, and tearing. SKIN CONTACT: Will pass through unbroken skin and enter the bloodstream. Large exposures can be fatal.

#### 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 immediately). Specific treatment (Wash areas of contact with water immediately).

### SECTION 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

#### 5.1. Extinguishing Media

Use any means suitable for extinguishing surrounding fire.

#### 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

Use protective clothing and NIOSH-approved breathing equipment appropriate for the surrounding fire.

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## 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

Absorb with suitable material and dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

## 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. Refrigeration will help maintain the strength of this solution.

## SECTION 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### 8.1. Control Parameters

Chemical Name	Limit Type	Country	Exposure Limit	Information Source
Potassium Cyanide (151-50-8)	TWA	USA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (as CN)	U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Time Weighted Averages (TWAs)
Potassium Cyanide (151-50-8)	TLV-Ceiling	USA	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling (as CN, listed under Hydrogen cyanide and Cyanide salts)	ACGIH - Threshold Limit Values - Ceilings (TLV-C)

### 8.2. Exposure Controls

**Engineering Controls:** Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. No specific controls are needed. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**Respiratory Protection:** In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Normal room ventilation is adequate.

**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. Normal room ventilation is adequate. Chemical resistant gloves. Safety glasses or goggles.



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### 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:** Alkaline

**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:** 1.05

**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.

### 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 oxidizers, acids, acid salts, Peroxides. Contact with acids generates toxic Cyanide gas.

#### 10.4. Hazardous Decomposition Products

Will not occur.



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### SECTION 11: Toxicological Information

#### 11.1. Information on Toxicological Effects

##### Acute Toxicity - Oral Exposure:

Fatal 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 immediately). 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 immediately). 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 immediately). 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: 5 mg/kg (Potassium Cyanide), details of toxic effects not reported other than lethal dose value.

##### Skin Corrosion and Irritation:

Not applicable.

##### Serious Eye Damage and Irritation:

Not applicable.

##### Respiratory Sensitization:

Not applicable.

##### 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 immediately). Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of contents in accordance with local, state, federal and international regulations.

##### Germ Cell Mutagenicity:

Not applicable.

##### Carcinogenicity:

Not applicable.

##### Reproductive Toxicity:

Suspected of damaging 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.



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

May cause 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 or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. 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.

## 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. 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.



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### SECTION 14: Transportation Information

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

**UN Number:** UN3413

**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Cyanide solution

**Hazard Class:** 6.1

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



#### 14.2. Transportation by Air - International Air Transport Association (IATA)

**UN Number:** UN3413

**Proper Shipping Name:** Potassium Cyanide solution

**Hazard Class:** 6.1

**Packing Group:** II

**Hazard Placard Labels:**



### SECTION 15: Regulatory Information

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

Not listed.

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): 10 lb EPCRA RQ

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): 100 lb TPQ (This material is a reactive solid. The TPQ does not default to 10000 pounds for non-powder, non-molten, non-solution form)

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): 10 lb final RQ; 4.54 kg final RQ

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): 1.0 % de minimis concentration (X+CN<sup>-</sup> where X = H<sup>+</sup> or any other group where a formal dissociation can be made. For example KCN or Ca(CN)<sub>2</sub>. Chemical Category N106)



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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Extraordinarily hazardous

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Present

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Environmental hazard

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Environmental hazard (listed under Cyanide)

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Present

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Present (listed under Cyanide)

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): sn 0553

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): SN 0553 TPQ: 500 lb

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): sn 1562

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): SN 1562 TPQ: 100 lb

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): SN 2308 TPQ: 500 lb (Category Code N106, listed under Cyanide)

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): sn 2308; sn 0553

### 15.8. California Proposition 65

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): carcinogen, initial date 7/5/13

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): male reproductive toxicity, initial date 7/5/13

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): Present

Water (CAS # 7732-18-5): Present

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

Potassium Cyanide (CAS # 151-50-8): 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

Fatal if swallowed. Fatal in contact with skin. May cause an allergic skin reaction. Fatal if inhaled. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. May cause 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 exposed or concerned: Call a POISON CENTER or physician. Get medical attention if you feel unwell. Specific treatment is urgent (Wash areas of contact with water immediately). Rinse mouth. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Wash contaminated clothing 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

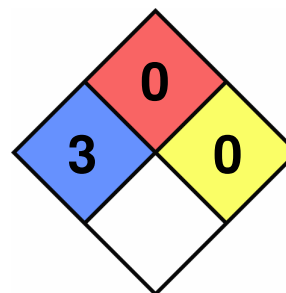
**Canadian Carcinogenicity Hazard Class:** Not Applicable.

**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:** 3  
**Flammability:** 0  
**Reactivity:** 0  
**Special Hazard:**



#### 16.4. Document Revision

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

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### 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.