Fly Ash

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## **SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Product Identifier** 

**Product Name:** Fly ash

**Product Description**: Fly ash is a solid, grey/black or back/tan odorless powder which

may contain solidified masses. It is the residual from the burning

of a combination of carbonaceous materials.

**Synonyms:** Biomass Fuel Ash, Wood Boiler Ash, Wood Fly Ash

Recommended Use of the Chemical and Restrictions on Use

**Recommended Use:** Not available **Restrictions on Use:** Not available

**Details of the Supplier** 

**Company:** Columbia Forest Products

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#### **SECTION 2: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION**

This product is classified as hazardous according to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200 (HazCom 2012).

#### **Classification of the Substance Or Mixture**

**United States (US)** 

Classification according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 HCS

Skin Irritation Category 2

Eve Irritation Category 2

Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Category 3: Respiratory Tract Irritation

Note that burns may be thermal or caustic due to the release of heat as a result of the reaction of ash components. Although it is a transient characteristic of fly ash that is removed from a boiler, fly ash may be extremely hot due to retained heat originating from the combustion process.

Temperatures may be high enough to cause serious burns or may damage equipment that contacts the hot fly ash.

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**Environmental Hazards:** Not required by OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR

1910.1200 (HazCom 2012).

### **Label Elements**

### **Label according to OSHA HCS 2012**

## Signal word

Warning

#### **Symbols**

**Exclamation mark** 

### Hazard pictograms



GHS07

#### **Hazard statements**

Causes skin irritation
Causes serious eye irritation
May cause respiratory irritation

#### **Precautionary statements**

#### **Prevention:**

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Avoid breathing dust.

Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling.

Wear protective gloves.

## **Response:**

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

#### **Storage:**

Store in a well-ventilated place

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### Disposal:

Dispose of waste and residues in accordance with local authority requirements.

#### **SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

**Chemical characterization:** Mixture of inorganic oxides (varying from fused or vitrified to fine granular solid).

**Description:** Fly ash and other coal combustion products (CCPs) are UVCB substances (substance of unknown or variable composition or biological). The exact composition of the ash is dependent on the fuel source and additives composed of a large number of constituents. The classification of the final substance is dependent on the presence of specific identified oxides as well as other trace elements.

Full text of H-phrases: see Section 16

Component	CAS No.	Weight %	Hazard Classification (GHS)
Fly ash, as Particulate Not Otherwise Regulated (PNOR, PNOS)	68131-74-8	1-43 %	Eye Irrit 2 – H319
Calcium carbonate (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	471-34-1	45-66 %	Not classified
Potassium carbonate (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	584-08-7	10-27 %	Skin Irrit 2 – H315 Eye Irrit 2 – H319 STOT SE 3 – H335
Aluminum oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	1344-28-1	1-5 %	Not classified
Iron oxide	1309-37-1	<1 %	Not classified
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	1309-48-4	1-3 %	Not classified
Manganese (Mn)	7439-96-5	< 1 %	Not classified

#### **SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### **Eye Contact:**

Exposure to airborne fly ash or ash dust may cause immediate or delayed irritation or inflammation. As the material becomes wet, it will become corrosive and cause burning of the eyes. In case of direct eye contact, immediately rinse eyes thoroughly with plenty of water. If wearing

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contact lenses, remove only after initial rinse, and continue rinsing eyes for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs or persists, consult a physician.

**Skin Contact:** 

Fly ash may cause drying or mechanical abrasion of the skin upon repeated contact. Wash with water and soap as a precaution. If the ash becomes wet, it will become corrosive and cause burning of the skin. If irritation persists, call a physician. Barrier cream may protect the skin from drying and provide some protection against corrosivity. Promptly remove and launder clothing that is dusty or wet with ash. Thoroughly wash skin after exposure to dust or wet ash.

**Inhalation:** 

High concentrations of fly ash may cause unpleasant obstruction to the nasal passages and minor chemical irritation to the membranes of the upper respiratory tract. Fly ash deposition in the nasal passages may lead to nosebleed and /or headache. Remove to fresh air. If any trouble breathing, get immediate medical attention. Administer artificial respiration if breathing has ceased. If irritation or symptoms occur or persist, consult a physician

**Ingestion:** 

Not a typical exposure route. Rinse mouth and drink a glass of water. Do not induce vomiting unless under the direction of a qualified medical professional or Poison Control Center. If symptoms persist, consult a physician.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects: Itching, Rashes, Irritation.

**Notes for the doctor:** Any treatment that might be required for overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical conditions.

#### **SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

### **Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Use sand, fine water mist or fog spray on smoldering fly ash.

#### **Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:**

No information available.

## **Auto ignition Temperature**:

 $450^{\circ} - 5,000^{\circ}$ F,  $(232^{\circ} - 2760^{\circ}$ C) depending upon the degree of incompletely combusted organic material in the ash.

#### **Firefighting Procedures**

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Avoid using high pressure stream of water directed at smoldering fly ash. This may cause a flare up or explosion.

### **Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazard:**

Depending on moisture content, and more importantly, particle diameter and airborne concentration, fly ash in a contained area may explode in the presence of an ignition source. Fly ash may similarly deflagrate (combustion without detonation like an explosion) if ignited in an open or loosely contained area. Completely combusted (pure) fly ash is expected to have an extremely low potential for explosion, even under typical dust explosion conditions (i.e., high airborne concentrations in the presence of an ignition source). However, fly ash containing some degree of incompletely combusted matter (as low as 7 % in some instances) is expected to present the potential for explosion when a high airborne dust concentration comes in contact with an ignition source. The LEL for this fly ash product is an unknown variable and is dependent upon the degree of incompletely combusted organic material in the product. Use good housekeeping to prevent accumulations of material. Avoid conditions that generate significant quantities of airborne dust.

#### **Hazardous Products of Combustion:**

No information available.

### **Protection of Firefighters:**

Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

#### **Further Information:**

No further information is available

NFPA Rating (Scale 0-4):	Health = 2	Fire = 1	Reactivity $= 0$
HMIS Rating (Scale 0-4):	Health = 2	Fire = 1	Physical Hazard $= 0$

#### **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

#### **Emergency Procedures:**

Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Remove all sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges and against environmental release.

#### **Personal Precautions and Protective Equipment:**

Avoid generating dusty conditions and provide good ventilation. Use NIOSH approved filtering face piece respirator ("dust mask") in accordance with regulatory requirements if exposure limits are exceeded or if discomfort is experienced. Keep personnel away from the clean-up area.

#### **Environmental Precautions:**

Avoid pollution of sewers and water.

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#### **Methods and Materials for Containment and Clean-up:**

All spills should be handled according to site requirements and based on precautions cited in the SDS. In the case of liquids, use proper absorbent materials. For laboratories and small-scale operations, incidental spills within a hood or enclosure should be cleaned by using a HEPA filtered vacuum or wet cleaning methods as appropriate. For large dry or liquid spills or those spills outside enclosure or hood, appropriate emergency response personnel should be notified. In manufacturing and large-scale operations, HEPA vacuuming prior to wet mopping or cleaning is required. Fly ash may be vacuumed or shoveled after wetting for recovery or disposal. See Sections 9 and 10 for additional physical, chemical, and hazard information.

### **Other Information:**

No further information is available.

#### **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

## **Precautions for Safe Handling:**

When wet, fly ash will become corrosive (pH > 13). Use proper personal protective equipment (gloves and goggles) when handling. Loading and unloading fly ash may generate excessive airborne ash dust. Barrier cream may protect the skin from drying and provide some protection against corrosivity. Use a NIOSH-approved filtering face piece respirator ("dust mask") and dust goggles when recommended allowable exposure limits may be exceeded. Keep bulk and bagged ash dry until used. Stack bagged material in a secure manner to prevent falling. Bagged ash is heavy and poses risks such as sprains and strains to the back, arms, shoulders and legs during lifting and mixing. Handle with care and use appropriate control measures. This product may present an engulfment hazard. To prevent burial or suffocation, do not enter a confined space such as a silo, bin, bulk truck, or other storage container or vessel that stores or contains ash. Ash can build up or adhere to the walls of a confined space. The ash can release, collapse or fall unexpectedly. Areas of accumulated fly ash may retain heat for extended periods of time. Use caution when stepping into deep accumulations. Fly ash should be stored and transported to the extent possible in a covered bin or container. Properly ground all pneumatic conveyance systems. The potential exists for static build-up and static discharge when moving ash through a plastic, non-conductive, or non-grounded pneumatic conveyance system. The static discharge may result in damage to equipment and or injury to workers. See Section 8 (Exposure Controls) for additional guidance.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.

#### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

### **Occupational Exposure Guideline**

**Exposure Limits:** 

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Component	CAS No.	ACGIH	OSHA
		2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 /	15 (2.00)
Fly ash, as Particulate		3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable fraction – PNOS)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Total particulate – PNOR)
Not Otherwise Regulated	68131-74-8	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Inhalable fraction –	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable fraction –
(PNOR, PNOS) <sup>A</sup>		PNOS)	PNOR)
		3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable fraction	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Total particulate –
Calcium carbonate	471-34-1	- PNOS)	PNOR)
(CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	1,13.1	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Inhalable fraction –	5 mg/m³ (Respirable fraction –
		PNOS)	PNOR)
Potassium carbonate (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )	584-08-7	Not listed	Not listed
Aluminum oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	1344-28-1	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable fraction)	15 mg/m³ (Total particulate )
	10201	r mg/m (respinate masses)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Respirable fraction)
Iron oxide	1309-37-1	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Dust & fume, as Fe)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (As iron oxide fume)
M : :1.04.0	1200 40 4	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Inhalable fraction )	15 mg/m³ (Total particulate )
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	1309-48-4		, 1
Manganese (Mn)	7439-96-5	0.2 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Ceiling)
		0.2 10 mg/m	

A: The use of a PNOR or PNOS exposure limit should only be applied in the absence of other compounds with lower exposure limits and the criteria for PNOR (OSHA) or PNOS (ACGIH) should be consulted.

**Engineering Controls:** Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close

to the workstation location. Use explosion-proof, grounded

electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment.

Ventilation:

**Local Exhaust** – Provide local exhaust as needed so that exposure limits are

met. Ventilation to control dust should be considered where potential explosive concentrations and ignition sources are present. The design and operation of any exhaust system should consider the possibility of explosive concentrations of fly ash within the system. See "SPECIAL" section

below.

**Mechanical (General):** Provide general ventilation in processing and storage areas so

that exposure limits are met

**Special:** Ensure that exhaust ventilation and material transport

systems involved in handling this product contain

explosion relief vents or suppression systems designed and operated in accordance with applicable standards if the

operating conditions justify their use

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**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear splash-proof safety goggles when handing this

material.

**Skin Protection:** Body protection, such as a lab coat, gloves, shoe covers, or

head cover may be necessary when handling the dry material to minimize potential mechanical irritation. If product becomes wet, neoprene, butyl, or nitrile gloves are recommended. Consult your site safety staff for guidance. Use NIOSH approved filtering face piece respirator ("dust

**Respiratory Protection:** Use NIOSH approved filtering face piece respirator ("dust

mask") or higher levels of respiratory protection as

indicated for particulates if there is a potential to exceed the exposure limits or for symptom relief or worker comfort following a determination of risk. Consult your site or corporate health and safety professional for additional

guidance.

General Hygiene Considerations: Dampen ash with water and carefully sweep, or vacuum

areas where fly ash has settled to avoid excessive

accumulation. Minimize blowdown or other practices that generate high airborne dust concentrations. The use of

barrier skin cream may prevent skin irritation.

Prevent/avoid contact and wash after handling. Do not eat,

drink, or smoke while handling.

**Environmental Exposure Control:** No data available.

#### SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

AppearancePhysical State:Solid (powder) grey/black or brown/tan powder which may contain solidified massesOdor threshold:OdorlessSafety Relevant Basic Data> 13pH:> 13Melting point/freezing point:Not availableInitial boiling point and boiling range:Not availableFlash point:Not available

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Evaporation rate: Not available

Flammability (solid, gas): Not available

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits: Not available

Vapor pressure: Not applicable Vapor density: Not applicable

Relative density: Not available

Solubility(ies): Slightly soluble ( < 5%)

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water: Not available

Viscosity: None; solid

#### **SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Stability:** Stable at normal temperature and storages

condition.

**Conditions to avoid:** Avoid areas of excessive heat. Avoid open flames,

sparks or other sources of ignition.

**Incompatible materials**: Oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous decomposition products**: No information available

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

#### **SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Toxicological data have not been determined specifically for this product. Individual component information for ingredients listed in Section 2 is described below if available.

## **Acute Toxicity**

Component	Endpoint	Data
Calcium carbonate	Acute oral toxicity	$LD_{50} > 2,000 \text{ mg/kg (rats)}$

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Aluminum oxide	Acute oral toxicity	$LD_{50} > 10,000 \text{ mg/kg (rats)}$
	Acute inhalation toxicity	$LC_{50} > 2.3 \text{ mg/L air (4hr, rats)}$
Manganese	Acute oral toxicity	$LD_{50} > 2,000 \text{ mg/kg (rats)}$
	Acute inhalation toxicity	$LC_{50} > 5.14 \text{ mg/L dust (4hr, rats)}$
Iron oxide	Acute oral toxicity	$LD_{50} > 10,000 \text{ mg/kg}$
Potassium carbonate	Acute oral toxicity	$LD_{50} > 2.000 \text{ mg/kg (rats)}$

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

**Eye Irritation:** Exposure to airborne fly ash or ash dust may cause immediate or

delayed irritation or inflammation. As the material becomes wet, it

will become corrosive and cause burning of the eyes.

**Skin Irritation:** Fly ash may cause dry skin, discomfort and irritation in susceptible

individuals. Once wet, the material becomes corrosive and will

cause burning of the skin.

**Respiratory Irritation:** A single, short-term exposure to the dry powder presents little or

no hazard. High concentrations of fly ash may cause unpleasant obstruction to the nasal passages and minor chemical irritation to the membranes of the upper respiratory tract. Fly ash deposition in

the nasal passages may lead to nosebleed and/or headache.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** No data available for the mixture. None of the components of this

product are respiratory sensitizers.

**Skin Sensitization:** No data available for the mixture. None of the components of this

product are skin sensitizers.

**Chronic Effects** 

**Repeated dose toxicity:** No data available for the mixture.

**Carcinogenicity:** This particular fly ash is not listed as a carcinogen by IARC or

NTP—it does not contain crystalline silica.

**Mutagenicity:** No data available for the mixture. The components of this product

are not reported to cause mutagenic effects in humans.

**Reproductive Effects**: No data available for the mixture.

**Target organs:** Eyes, skin, respiratory system.

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**Routes of Exposure**: Inhalation, dermal, eye

## Signs and Symptoms of Exposure

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

#### **SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicological data have not been determined specifically for this product. The ecological assessment of this material is based on an evaluation of its components. Materials can be used as an amendment to add calcium, potassium and magnesium to the soil. USDA (1998) reported that trace levels of heavy metals were within normal ranges for plants growing on areas treated with wood fly ash.

**Ecotoxicity (Aquatic and Terrestrial):** No data available

**Persistence/Degradability:** Not relevant for inorganic materials.

**Bioaccumulation/Accumulation:** No data available

**Mobility in Soil**: No data available

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** No data available

Other Adverse Effects: No data available

#### **SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods: Dry land disposal is acceptable and is not considered a hazardous

waste in most states or provinces including Ontario. However, fly ash will become corrosive in the presence of water, due to the calcium, magnesium, and potassium content. Do not dispose in areas of high ground water or where surface runoff is adjacent to waterways. It is, however, the user's responsibility to determine at the time of disposal whether the product meets EPA RCRA criteria for hazardous waste. Follow applicable federal, state, and local

regulations.

Contaminated Packaging: Disposal must be in accordance with applicable federal,

state/provincial, and/or local regulations.

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#### **SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

This material is not regulated as a hazardous material by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Not listed as a hazardous material in Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) regulations.

US DOT (Ground)
Proper Shipping Description:
Canadian TDG (Ground)
Proper Shipping Description:
ICAO (Air)
Proper Shipping Description:
IMDG (Water)
Not applicable
Not applicable
No data available
No data available
No data available

**Proper Shipping Description:** No data available

#### **SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

## **U.S Federal Regulations:**

**U.S. TSCA:** Fly ash and all ingredients of this product are listed on the

U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical

Substance Inventory.

**SARA 311 Information:** This product contains the following substances subject to

the reporting requirements of SARA Title III Section 313 and 40 C.F.R. Part 372: Aluminum Oxide – only if in the

fibrous form.

**SARA 311/312 Hazard Category:** This product has been reviewed according to the EPA "Hazard Categories" promulgated under SARA Title III Sections 311 and 312 and is considered, under applicable definitions, to meet the following categories

An immediate (acute) health hazard

Yes
A delayed (chronic) health hazard
Yes
A corrosive Hazard
No
A fire hazard
No
A reactivity hazard
No
A sudden release hazard
No

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**OSHA:** Fly ash and all listed ingredients are considered by OSHA to be

hazardous chemicals or irritants and should be included in the

employer's hazard communication or WHMIS program

**STATE RIGHT-TO-KNOW:** 

California Prop. 65: This product is not subject to the reporting requirements under

California's Proposition 65.

**Pennsylvania**: This product contains aluminum oxide, iron oxide (ferric oxide),

magnesium oxide and manganese, substances that are listed in

Pennsylvania

**New Jersey:** This product contains aluminum oxide, iron oxide (ferric oxide),

magnesium oxide and manganese, substances that are listed in

New Jersey

**International Regulations:** 

Canada Fly ash is listed on the DSL inventory and all ingredients of this

product are on the DSL

EU-Regulation No additional information available

**SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION** 

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**HMIS® ratings** Health: 2

Flammability: 1 Physical Hazards: 0

**Disclaimer** This document has been prepared based on data considered to be

accurate at date of preparation. No warranty is made as to the accuracy or completeness of the foregoing data and safety

information. User is responsible to evaluate all available information when using product for any particular use and to comply with all

laws and regulations.

**Glossary:** 

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

CAS - Chemical Abstract Service



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DOT - Department of Transportation

DSL – Domestic Substance List

EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Eye Irrit. 2A – Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2A

GHS - Globally Harmonized System

HEPA - High Efficiency Particulate Arresting

HMIS - (Canada) Hazardous Materials Information System

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer, IARC Group 1 or 2A

LC<sub>50</sub> –Concentration in Air Resulting in Death To 50% of Experimental Animals

LD<sub>50</sub> - Administered Dose Resulting in Death to 50% of Experimental Animals

LEL – Lower Explosive Limit

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NTP - National Toxicology Program

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PBT - Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic

PNOR - Particulate Not otherwise Regulated

PNOS - Particulate Not Otherwise Specified

PG - Packing Group

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Skin Irrit. 2 – Skin corrosion/irritation, Category 2

STOT - Specific Target Organ Toxicity

TDG - Canada-Transportation of Dangerous Goods

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act

**UN - United Nations** 

vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

WHMIS - (Canada) Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

#### HAZARD STATEMENTS IN FULL

H315 Causes skin irritation

H319 Causes serious eye irritation

H335 May cause respiratory irritation