

## 1. IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Natural Gas, Sour

**Synonyms:** Raw Gas; Sour Gas; Sour Raw Gas; Wellhead Natural Gas, Sour.

**SDS Number:** 791785

**Product Use:** Fuel.

**Restrictions on Use:** Not available.

  

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### GHS INFORMATION

**Classification:** Flammable Gases, Category 1  
Gases Under Pressure - Liquefied Gas  
Acute Toxicity - Inhalation, Category 2  
Eye Irritation, Category 2A  
Germ Cell Mutagenicity, Category 1B  
Carcinogenicity, Category 1A

### LABEL ELEMENTS

**Hazard Pictogram(s):**



**Signal Word:** Danger

**Hazard Statements:** Extremely flammable gas.  
Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.  
Fatal if inhaled.  
Causes serious eye irritation.  
May cause genetic defects.  
May cause cancer.

### Precautionary Statements

**Prevention:** Obtain special instructions before use.  
Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. – No smoking.  
Do not breathe gas.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.  
Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection.

Wear respiratory protection.

**Response:** 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.  
 Immediately call a poison center or doctor.  
 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  
 Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely.  
 Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

**Storage:** Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  
 Store locked up.  
 Protect from sunlight.

**Disposal:** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations.

**Hazards Not Otherwise Classified:** Not applicable.

**Ingredients with Unknown Toxicity:** None.

This material is considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, (29 CFR 1910.1200).

This material is considered hazardous by the Hazardous Products Regulations, 2015.

### 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Hazardous Ingredient(s)	Common name / Synonyms	CAS No.	% vol./vol.
Natural gas	Not available.	8006-14-2	100
Hydrogen sulfide (H2S)	Hydrogen sulphide	7783-06-4	5 - 10
Methane	Not available.	74-82-8	variable
Ethane	Not available.	74-84-0	variable
Propane	Not available.	74-98-6	variable
Benzene	Not available.	71-43-2	< 0.2

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Inhalation:** If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a poison center or doctor.

**Acute and delayed symptoms and effects:** Fatal if inhaled. May cause respiratory irritation. Signs/symptoms may include cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain. Inhalation of Hydrogen sulphide may cause loss of sense of smell, major irritation of the respiratory tract, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and fluid buildup in the lungs (pulmonary edema), which can be fatal. At 300 ppm unconsciousness may occur after 20 minutes. From 300 to 500 ppm, death can occur within 1 to 4 hours of continuous exposure. At 500 ppm the respiratory system is paralyzed, the victim collapses almost instantaneously, and death can occur after exposure of only 30 to 60 minutes. Above 500 ppm Hydrogen sulphide may cause immediate loss of consciousness; death is rapid, and possibly immediate.

**Eye Contact:** If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately

call a poison center or doctor.

**Acute and delayed symptoms and effects:** Contact with rapidly expanding or liquefied gas may cause irritation and/or frostbite. The pain after contact with liquid can quickly subside. Permanent eye damage or blindness could result. Causes serious eye irritation. Signs/symptoms may include redness, swelling, pain, tearing, and blurred or hazy vision. Hydrogen sulphide may cause eye irritation at 1-20 ppm and acute conjunctivitis at higher concentrations. Above 50 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S, eye irritation may include symptoms of redness, severe swelling, tearing, sensitivity to light and the appearance of 'Halos' around lights.

**Skin Contact:**

Contact with rapidly expanding or liquefied gas may cause irritation and/or frostbite. If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get immediate medical advice/attention. Thaw frosted parts with lukewarm water. Do not rub affected area. Remove non-adhering contaminated clothing. Do not remove adherent material or clothing.

**Acute and delayed symptoms and effects:** Contact with rapidly expanding or liquefied gas may cause irritation and/or frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite include change in skin color to white or grayish-yellow. The pain after contact with liquid can quickly subside. May cause skin irritation. Signs/symptoms may include localized redness, swelling, and itching.

**Ingestion:**

Not a normal route of exposure.

**Acute and delayed symptoms and effects:** Not a normal route of exposure.

**General Advice:**

In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label or SDS where possible).

**Note to Physicians:**

Symptoms may not appear immediately. For inhalation of Hydrogen Sulphide, consider oxygen.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**FLAMMABILITY AND EXPLOSION INFORMATION**

Extremely flammable gas. Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated. May be ignited by heat, sparks or flames. May form explosive mixtures with air. Vapors from liquefied gas are initially heavier than air and spread along ground. Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back. Cylinders exposed to fire may vent and release toxic and flammable gas through pressure relief devices. Containers may explode when heated. Ruptured cylinders may rocket. Runoff may create fire or explosion hazard. DO NOT EXTINGUISH A LEAKING GAS FIRE UNLESS LEAK CAN BE STOPPED.

If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 1600 meters (1 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 1600 meters (1 mile) in all directions.

Fire involving Tanks: Fight fire from maximum distance or use unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles. Cool containers with flooding quantities of water until well after fire is out. Do not direct water at source of leak or safety devices; icing may occur. Withdraw immediately in case of rising sound from venting safety devices or discoloration of tank. ALWAYS stay away from tanks engulfed in fire.

**Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact:** This material is not sensitive to mechanical impact.

**Sensitivity to Static Discharge:** This material is sensitive to static discharge.

**MEANS OF EXTINCTION**

<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media:</b>	Small Fire: Dry chemical, CO2, water spray or alcohol-resistant foam.  Large Fire: Water spray, fog or alcohol-resistant foam. Move containers from fire area if you can do it without risk. Damaged cylinders should be handled only by specialists.
<b>Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:</b>	Not available.
<b>Products of Combustion:</b>	Oxides of carbon. Oxides of sulphur.
<b>Protection of Firefighters:</b>	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish, unless leak can be stopped safely. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. TOXIC; may be fatal if inhaled or absorbed through skin. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. Fire will produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases. Runoff from fire control may cause pollution. Hydrogen sulphide is heavier than air and may collect in low lying areas and confined spaces. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Wear chemical protective clothing that is specifically recommended by the manufacturer. It may provide little or no thermal protection. Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it is not effective in spill situations where direct contact with the substance is possible.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Emergency Procedures:</b>	As an immediate precautionary measure, isolate spill or leak area for at least 100 meters (330 feet) in all directions. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Stay upwind. Many gases are heavier than air and will spread along ground and collect in low or confined areas (sewers, basements, tanks). Keep out of low areas. Ventilate closed spaces before entering. ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area). All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded.
<b>Personal Precautions:</b>	Fully encapsulating, vapor protective clothing should be worn for spills and leaks with no fire. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Don full-face, positive pressure, self-contained breathing apparatus.
<b>Environmental Precautions:</b>	Prevent entry into waterways, sewers, basements or confined areas.
<b>Methods for Containment:</b>	Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Do not direct water at spill or source of leak. Use water spray to reduce vapors or divert vapor cloud drift. Avoid allowing water runoff to contact spilled material. If possible, turn leaking containers so that gas escapes rather than liquid.
<b>Methods for Clean-Up:</b>	Prevent spreading of vapors through sewers, ventilation systems and confined areas. Isolate area until gas has dispersed. CAUTION: When in contact with refrigerated/cryogenic liquids, many materials become brittle and are likely to break without warning.
<b>Other Information:</b>	See Section 13 for disposal considerations.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling:**

Do not breathe gas. Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. – No smoking. Pressurized container: Do not pierce or burn, even after use. Wash thoroughly after handling. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. See Section 8 for information on Personal Protective Equipment.

**Storage:**

Limit quantity of material in storage. Restrict access to storage area. Post appropriate warning signs. Keep storage area separate from populated work areas. Consider leak detection and alarm systems, as required. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Protect from sunlight. Store away from incompatible materials. See Section 10 for information on Incompatible Materials. Keep out of the reach of children. Head spaces in storage containers may contain toxic hydrogen sulphide gas. Structural materials and lighting and ventilation systems should be corrosion resistant.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Exposure Guidelines**

**Component**

Natural gas [CAS No. 8006-14-2]

**ACGIH:** Asphyxia

**OSHA:** No PEL established.

Hydrogen sulphide [CAS No. 7783-06-4]

**ACGIH:** 1 ppm (TWA); 5 ppm (STEL); (2009)

**OSHA:** 20 ppm (C); 50 ppm (Peak) (Maximum duration: 10 mins. once only if no other meas. exp. occurs.)

10 ppm (TWA); 15 ppm (STEL) [Vacated]

Methane [CAS No. 74-82-8]

**ACGIH:** Asphyxia

**OSHA:** No PEL established.

Ethane [CAS No. 74-84-0]

**ACGIH:** Asphyxia

**OSHA:** No PEL established.

Propane [CAS No. 74-98-6]

**ACGIH:** Asphyxia

**OSHA:** 1000 ppm (TWA), 1800 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (TWA)

Benzene [CAS No. 71-43-2]

**ACGIH:** 0.5 ppm (TWA); 2.5 ppm (STEL); Skin; A1; BEI (1996)

**OSHA:** 1 ppm (TWA); 5 ppm (STEL);

**PEL:** Permissible Exposure Limit  
**TWA:** Time-Weighted Average  
**STEL:** Short-Term Exposure Limit  
**C:** Ceiling

**Engineering Controls:** Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures (airborne levels of dust, fume, vapour, gas, etc.) below recommended exposure limits.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**



**Eye/Face Protection:** Wear cold insulating face shield and eye protection. Ensure that eyewash stations are close to the workstation location. Use equipment for eye protection that meets the standards referenced by CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z94.3-92 and OSHA regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 for Personal Protective Equipment.

**Hand Protection:** Wear protective gloves. Wear cold insulating gloves. Consult manufacturer specifications for further information.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Wear protective clothing.

**Respiratory Protection:** Wear respiratory protection. If engineering controls and ventilation are not sufficient to control exposure to below the allowable limits then an appropriate NIOSH/MSHA approved air-purifying respirator that meets the requirements of CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z94.4-11, or self-contained breathing apparatus must be used. Supplied air breathing apparatus must be used when oxygen concentrations are low or if airborne concentrations exceed the limits of the air-purifying respirators.

**General Hygiene Considerations:** Handle according to established industrial hygiene and safety practices. Consult a competent industrial hygienist to determine hazard potential and/or the PPE manufacturers to ensure adequate protection.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance:</b>	Liquefied gas.
<b>Colour:</b>	Colourless.
<b>Odour:</b>	Rotten egg / sulfurous.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	0.0047 ppm, (Hydrogen sulphide)
<b>Physical State:</b>	Gas.
<b>pH:</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting Point / Freezing Point:</b>	-172 °C (-277.6 °F)
<b>Initial Boiling Point:</b>	Not available.

<b>Boiling Range:</b>	-157 to -107 °C (-250.6 to -160.6 °F)
<b>Flash Point:</b>	-188 °C (-306.4 °F) (SFCC)
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas):</b>	Extremely flammable gas.
<b>Lower Flammability Limit:</b>	5 % (Methane)
<b>Upper Flammability Limit:</b>	15 % (Methane)
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor Density:</b>	< 1 (Air = 1)
<b>Relative Density:</b>	0.422 (Water = 1) at 15.6 °C (60.1 °F)
<b>Solubilities:</b>	Slightly soluble in water.
<b>Partition Coefficient: n-Octanol/Water:</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition Temperature:</b>	260 °C (500 °F) (Hydrogen sulphide)
<b>Decomposition Temperature:</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity:</b>	Not available.
<b>Percent Volatile, wt. %:</b>	100
<b>VOC content, wt. %:</b>	Not available.
<b>Density:</b>	Not available.
<b>Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution:</b>	Not available.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Reactivity:</b>	Contact with incompatible materials. Sources of ignition. Exposure to heat.
<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable under normal storage conditions.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:</b>	None known.
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Contact with incompatible materials. Sources of ignition. Exposure to heat.
<b>Incompatible Materials:</b>	Bases. Oxidizers. Metals.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products:</b>	Hazardous sulphur dioxide, and related oxides of sulphur may be generated upon combustion.

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**EFFECTS OF ACUTE EXPOSURE**

**Product Toxicity**

**Oral:** Not available.

**Dermal:** Not available.

**Inhalation:** Not available.

**Component Toxicity**

Component	CAS No.	LD50 oral	LD50 dermal	LC50
Natural gas	8006-14-2	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Hydrogen sulphide	7783-06-4	Not available.	Not available.	444 ppm (rat); 4H
Methane	74-82-8	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Ethane	74-84-0	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Propane	74-98-6	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Benzene	71-43-2	930 mg/kg (rat)	> 9400 µL/kg (rabbit)	10000 ppm (rat); 7H

**Likely Routes of Exposure:** Eye contact. Skin contact. Inhalation. Skin absorption.

**Target Organs:** Skin. Eyes. Respiratory system. Lungs. Blood. Cardiovascular system. Bone marrow. Central nervous system.

**Symptoms (including delayed and immediate effects)**

**Inhalation:** Fatal if inhaled. May cause respiratory irritation. Signs/symptoms may include cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, headache, hoarseness, and nose and throat pain. Inhalation of Hydrogen sulphide may cause loss of sense of smell, major irritation of the respiratory tract, headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and fluid buildup in the lungs (pulmonary edema), which can be fatal. At 300 ppm unconsciousness may occur after 20 minutes. From 300 to 500 ppm, death can occur within 1 to 4 hours of continuous exposure. At 500 ppm the respiratory system is paralyzed, the victim collapses almost instantaneously, and death can occur after exposure of only 30 to 60 minutes. Above 500 ppm Hydrogen sulphide may cause immediate loss of consciousness; death is rapid, and possibly immediate.

**Eye:** Contact with rapidly expanding or liquefied gas may cause irritation and/or frostbite. The pain after contact with liquid can quickly subside. Permanent eye damage or blindness could result. Causes serious eye irritation. Signs/symptoms may include redness, swelling, pain, tearing, and blurred or hazy vision. Hydrogen sulphide may cause eye irritation at 1-20 ppm and acute conjunctivitis at higher concentrations. Above 50 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S, eye irritation may include symptoms of redness, severe swelling, tearing, sensitivity to light and the appearance of 'Halos' around lights.

**Skin:** Contact with rapidly expanding or liquefied gas may cause irritation and/or frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite include change in skin color to white or grayish-yellow. The pain after contact with liquid can quickly subside. May cause skin irritation. Signs/symptoms may include localized redness, swelling, and itching.

**Ingestion:** Not a normal route of exposure.

**Skin Sensitization:** Not available.

**Respiratory Sensitization:** Not available.

**Medical Conditions:** Not available.

**Aggravated By Exposure:**



**EFFECTS OF CHRONIC EXPOSURE (from short and long-term exposure)**

**Target Organs:** Skin. Eyes. Respiratory system. Lungs. Blood. Cardiovascular system. Bone marrow. Central nervous system.

**Chronic Effects:** Prolonged exposure to Natural gas can lead to hypoxia, bluish colouration to the skin, numbness, damage to the nervous system, heart sensitization, reduced consciousness and death. Hydrogen sulphide may reduce lung function; cause neurological effects such as headaches, nausea, depression and personality changes; eye and mucous membrane irritation; and damage to cardiovascular system. Long term inhalation of Benzene vapours can result in bone marrow abnormalities with damage to blood forming tissues and may cause anemia and other blood cell abnormalities. Immunodepressive effects have also been reported.

**Carcinogenicity:** May cause cancer. Chronic exposure to benzene has been associated with an increased incidence of leukemia and multiple myeloma (tumour composed of cells of the type normally found in the bone marrow).

**Component Carcinogenicity**

Component	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA	Prop 65
Benzene	A1	Group 1	List 1	OSHA Carcinogen.	Listed.

**Mutagenicity:** May cause genetic defects.

**Reproductive Effects:** Not available.

**Developmental Effects**

**Teratogenicity:** Not available.

**Embryotoxicity:** Benzene has caused adverse fetal effects in laboratory animals.

**Toxicologically Synergistic Materials:** Not available.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity:** Petroleum gases will readily evaporate from the surface and would not be expected to have significant adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

**Persistence / Degradability:** The hydrocarbons in this material are expected to be inherently biodegradable. In practice, hydrocarbon gases are not likely to remain in solution long enough for biodegradation to be a significant loss process. Hydrogen sulfide will be rapidly oxidized in water and insoluble sulfides precipitated from water when metallic radicals are present.

**Bioaccumulation / Accumulation:** Since the log Kow values measured for refinery gas constituents are below 3, they are not regarded as having the potential to bioaccumulate.

**Mobility in Environment:** Due to the extreme volatility of petroleum gases, air is the only environmental compartment in which they will be found. In air, these hydrocarbons undergo photodegradation by reaction with hydroxyl radicals with half-lives ranging from 3.2 days for n-butane to 7 days for propane.

**Other Adverse Effects:** Not available.

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Disposal Instructions:** Disposal should be in accordance with applicable regional, national and local laws and regulations. Local regulations may be more stringent than regional or national requirements.

### 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)**

**Proper Shipping Name:** UN1953, COMPRESSED GAS, TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, N.O.S. (Methane, Hydrogen sulphide), 2.3 (2.1)

**Class:** 2.3 (2.1)

**UN Number:** UN1953

**Packing Group:** Not applicable.



**Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)**

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**Class:** 2.3 (2.1)

**UN Number:** UN1953

**Packing Group:** Not applicable.



### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**Chemical Inventories**

**US (TSCA)**

The components of this product are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of TSCA.

**Canada (DSL)**

The components of this product are in compliance with the chemical notification requirements of the NSN Regulations under CEPA, 1999.

**Federal Regulations**

**United States**

This SDS has been prepared to meet the U.S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**SARA Title III**

Component	Section 302 (EHS) TPQ (lbs.)	Section 304 EHS RQ (lbs.)	CERCLA RQ (lbs.)	Section 313	RCRA CODE	CAA 112(r) TQ (lbs.)
Hydrogen sulphide	500	100	100	313	U135	10000
Methane	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	10000
Ethane	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	10000
Propane	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	Not listed.	10000
Benzene	Not listed.	Not listed.	10	313	U019	Not listed.

**State Regulations**

**Massachusetts**

US Massachusetts Commonwealth's Right-to-Know Law (Appendix A to 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulations Section 670.000)

Component	CAS No.	RTK List
Natural gas	8006-14-2	Listed.
Hydrogen sulphide	7783-06-4	E
Methane	74-82-8	Listed.
Ethane	74-84-0	Listed.
Propane	74-98-6	Listed.
Benzene	71-43-2	E

**Note:** E = Extraordinarily Hazardous Substance

**New Jersey**

US New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (New Jersey Statute Annotated Section 34:5A-5)

Component	CAS No.	RTK List
Hydrogen sulphide	7783-06-4	SHHS
Methane	74-82-8	SHHS
Ethane	74-84-0	SHHS
Propane	74-98-6	SHHS
Benzene	71-43-2	SHHS

**Note:** SHHS = Special Health Hazard Substance

**Pennsylvania**

US Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law (34 Pa. Code Chap. 301-323)

Component	CAS No.	RTK List
Natural gas	8006-14-2	Listed.
Hydrogen sulphide	7783-06-4	E
Methane	74-82-8	Listed.
Ethane	74-84-0	Listed.
Propane	74-98-6	Listed.
Benzene	71-43-2	ES

**Note:** E = Environmental Hazard; S = Special Hazardous Substance

**California**

**California Prop 65:** WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**Component**

Benzene

**Type of Toxicity**

cancer; developmental, male

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**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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