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### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Name:** Riverdale® MCPA-4 Amine  
**Synonyms:** MCPA DMA salt; 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid, dimethylamine salt  
**EPA Reg. No.:** 228-143

**Company Name:** Nufarm Americas Inc.  
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### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview:**

**Appearance and Odor:** Brown liquid with a slight amine odor.

**Warning Statements:** Keep out or reach of children. DANGER. Corrosive, causes irreversible eye damage. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through skin. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or clothing. Avoid inhalation of spray mists.

**Potential Health Effects:**

**Likely Routes of Exposure:** Inhalation, eye and skin contact

**Eye Contact:** Severely irritating.

**Skin Contact:** Slightly irritating. Overexposure by skin absorption may cause headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal irritation, weakness and central nervous system depression.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if swallowed. May cause headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal irritation, weakness and central nervous system depression.

**Inhalation:** Low inhalation toxicity.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Inhalation of product may aggravate existing chronic respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema or bronchitis. Skin contact may aggravate existing skin disease.

See Section 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information

**Potential Environmental Effects:**

Drift and run-off may adversely affect non-target plants.

See Section 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION for more information

### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

COMPONENT	CAS NO.	% BY WEIGHT
Dimethylamine Salt of 2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenoxyacetic Acid	2039-46-5	48.58
Other Ingredients		51.42

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

**If in Eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Swallowed:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**If on Skin:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**If Inhaled:** Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash Point:** Not applicable due to aqueous formulation

**Autoignition Temperature:** Not determined

**Flammability Limits:** Not determined

**Extinguishing Media:** Recommended for large fires: foam or water spray. Recommended for small fires: dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting turn out gear. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Containers will burst from internal pressure under extreme fire conditions. If water is used to fight fire or cool containers, dike to prevent runoff contamination of municipal sewers and waterways.

**Hazardous Decomposition Materials (Under Fire Conditions):** May produce gases such as hydrogen chloride, other chlorine compounds, nitrogen oxides, and carbon oxides.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Hazard Rating:**

**Rating for this product: Health: 2      Flammability: 1      Reactivity: 0**

Hazards Scale: 0 = Minimal    1 = Slight    2 = Moderate    3 = Serious    4 = Severe

**6. ACCIDENTIAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions:** Wear appropriate protective gear for the situation. See Personal Protection information in Section 8.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent material from entering public sewer systems or any waterways. Do not flush to drain. Large spills to soil or similar surfaces may necessitate removal of topsoil. The affected area should be removed and placed in an appropriate container for disposal.

**Methods for Containment:** Dike spill using absorbent or impervious materials such as earth, sand or clay. Collect and contain contaminated absorbent and dike material for disposal.

**Methods for Clean-Up and Disposal:** Pump any free liquid into an appropriate closed container. Collect washings for disposal. Decontaminate tools and equipment following cleanup. See Section 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS for more information.

**Other Information:** Large spills may be reportable to the National Response Center (800-424-8802) and to state and/or local agencies.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling:**

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or clothing. Avoid inhalation of spray mists. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet. Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

**Storage:**

Always use original container to store pesticides in a secured warehouse or storage building. Do not store near open containers of fertilizer, seed or other pesticide. Store at temperature above 32°F. If allowed to freeze, warm to at least 40°F and remix before using. Freezing does not alter this product. Containers should be opened in well-ventilated areas. Keep container tightly sealed when not in use. Do not stack cardboard cases more than two pallets high. Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Engineering Controls:**

Where engineering controls are indicated by specific use conditions or a potential for excessive exposure, use local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)], then handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

**Eye/Face Protection:** To avoid contact with eyes, wear face shield, goggles or safety glasses with front, brow and temple protection. An emergency eyewash should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Skin Protection:** To avoid contact with skin, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks, shoes and waterproof gloves. An emergency shower should be readily accessible to the work area.

**Respiratory Protection:** Not normally required. If vapors or mists exceed acceptable levels, wear NIOSH approved air-purifying respirator with cartridges/canisters approved for use against pesticides.

**General Hygiene Considerations:** Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: 1) Do not store, use and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored. 2) Wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics or using the toilet.

**Exposure Guidelines:**

Component	OSHA		ACGIH		Unit
	TWA	STEL	TWA	STEL	
Dimethylamine Salt MCPA	NE	NE	NE	NE	

NE = Not Established

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Appearance and Odor:** Brown liquid with a slight amine odor.

**Boiling Point:** Not determined  
**Density:** 9.39 pounds/gallon  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not determined  
**Freezing Point:** 32°F (0°C)  
**pH:** 7 - 8

**Solubility in Water:** Soluble  
**Specific Gravity:** 1.140  
**Vapor Density:** Not determined  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not determined  
**Viscosity:** Not determined

**Note:** Physical data are typical values, but may vary from sample to sample. A typical value should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis or as a specification.

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical Stability:** This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Excessive heat. Do not store near heat or flame.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong oxidizing agents: bases and acids.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Under fire conditions, may produce gases such as hydrogen chloride, other chlorine compounds, nitrogen oxides, and carbon oxides.

**Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Toxicological Data:

Data from laboratory studies conducted on this product are summarized below:

**Oral:** Rat LD<sub>50</sub>: 1,300 mg/kg (females) and 1,800 mg/kg (males); FIFRA Category III

**Dermal:** Rabbit LD<sub>50</sub>: >2,000 mg/kg; FIFRA Category III

**Inhalation:** Rats: 4-hr LC<sub>50</sub>: >3.8 mg/L; FIFRA Category IV

**Eye Irritation:** Rabbits: Severely irritating based on potential for irreversible damage; FIFRA Category I

**Skin Irritation:** Rabbits: Slightly irritating; FIFRA Category IV

**Skin Sensitization:** Not a contact sensitizer in guinea pigs following repeated skin exposure.

**Subchronic (Target Organ) Effects:** Repeated overexposure may cause effects to liver, kidneys, blood chemistry, testes and gross motor function. Rare cases of peripheral nerve damage have been reported, but extensive animal studies have failed to substantiate these observations, even at high doses for prolonged periods.

**Carcinogenicity / Chronic Health Effects:** The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) lists exposure to chlorophenoxy herbicides as a class 2B carcinogen, the category for limited evidence for carcinogenicity in humans. However, newer rat and mouse lifetime feeding studies did not show carcinogenic potential for MCPA.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Testicular effects and lower male fertility have been noted in animal studies.

**Developmental Toxicity:** MCPA studies in laboratory animals have shown decreased fetal body weights and delayed development in the offspring at doses toxic to mother animals.

**Genotoxicity:** There have been some positive and some negative studies, but the weight of evidence is that MCPA is not mutagenic.

### Assessment Carcinogenicity:

This product contains substances that are considered to be probable or suspected human carcinogens as follows:

Component	Regulatory Agency Listing As Carcinogen			
	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Chlorophenoxy Herbicides	No	2B	No	No

See Section 2: HAZARDOUS IDENTIFICATION for more information.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Drift or runoff may adversely affect non-target plants. For terrestrial uses, do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate nor pour washwaters on the

ground, spray or drain over a large area away from wells and other water sources. Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system. Do not contaminate domestic or irrigation waters.

Most cases of groundwater contamination involving phenoxy herbicides such as MCPA have been associated with mixing/loading and disposal sites. Caution should be exercised when handling these phenoxy pesticides at such sites to prevent contamination of groundwater supplies. Use of closed systems for mixing and transferring this pesticide will reduce the probability of spills. Placement of mixing/loading equipment on an impervious pad to contain spills will help prevent groundwater contamination.

**Ecotoxicity:**

Except as noted, data from laboratory studies conducted on this product.

96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> Bluegill:	>310 mg/l
96-hour LC <sub>50</sub> Rainbow Trout:	230 mg/l
48 hour EC <sub>50</sub> Daphnia:	190 mg/l
Bobwhite Quail Oral LD <sub>50</sub> :	478 mg/kg (data on MCPA dimethylamine salt)
Mallard Duck 8 day Dietary LC <sub>50</sub> :	>5,620 ppm (data on MCPA dimethylamine salt)

**Environmental Fate:**

MCPA dimethylamine salt rapidly dissociates to parent MCPA in the environment. In soil, MCPA is microbially degraded with a typical half-life of approximately 10 to 14 days.

<b>13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>
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Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

**Waste Disposal Method:**

Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixtures, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If container is damaged or if pesticide has leaked, contain all spillage. Absorb and clean up all spilled material with granules or sand. Place in a closed labeled container for proper disposal. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

**Container Handling and Disposal:**

Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by other procedures approved by State and local authorities. Plastic containers are also disposable by incineration, or if allowed by State and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

<b>14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION</b>
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Follow the precautions indicated in Section 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE of this MSDS.

For Department of Transportation (DOT) regulatory information, if required, consult transportation regulations, product-shipping papers or call Nufarm's DOT Manager at 708-755-2104, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central Time.

<b>15. REGULATORY INFORMATION</b>
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**U.S. Federal Regulations:**

**TSCA Inventory:** This product is exempted from TSCA because it is solely for FIFRA regulated use.

**SARA Hazard Notification/Reporting:****Hazard Categories Under Criteria of SARA Title III Rules (40 CFR Part 370):**

Immediate, Delayed

**Section 313 Toxic Chemical(s):** None**Reportable Quantity (RQ) under U.S. CERCLA:** None**RCRA Waste Code:** None**State Information:**

Other state regulations may apply. Check individual state requirements.

**California Proposition 65:** Not listed

<b>16. OTHER INFORMATION</b>
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This Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) serves different purposes than and DOES NOT REPLACE OR MODIFY THE EPA-ACCEPTED PRODUCT LABELING (attached to and accompanying the product container). This MSDS provides important health, safety and environmental information for employers, employees, emergency responders and others handling large quantities of the product in activities generally other than product use, while the labeling provides that information specifically for product use in the ordinary course.

Use, storage and disposal of pesticide products are regulated by the EPA under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) through the product labeling, and all necessary and appropriate precautionary, use, storage, and disposal information is set forth on that labeling. It is a violation of federal law to use a pesticide product in any manner not prescribed on the EPA-accepted label.

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