Standard Operating Procedure

Acrylonitrile

*This is an SOP template and is not complete until: 1) lab specific information is entered into the box below 2) lab specific protocol/procedure is added to the protocol/procedure section and
3) SOP has been signed and dated by the PI and relevant lab personnel.*

 Print a copy and insert into your
*Laboratory Safety Manual* and *Chemical Hygiene Plan*.
Refer to instructions for assistance.

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| **Date SOP was written:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date SOP was approved by PI/lab supervisor:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Principal Investigator:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Internal Lab Safety Coordinator/Lab Manager:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Lab Phone:** | Click here to enter text. |
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| *(Building/Room Number)* |

**Type of SOP:** ☐ Process ☒Hazardous Chemical ☐ Hazardous Class

**Purpose**

Acrylonitrile (also called vinyl cyanide) is a highly flammable chemical. It is toxic if inhaled, ingested or absorbed through skin. It can undergo explosive polymerization when exposed to heat, light, strong acid, or strong bases. It is used in the synthesis of various plastics such as high impact acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) plastics found in business machines, luggage, and construction material. It can also be used to make styrene-acrylonitrile (SAN) plastics used in automotive and household goods. Dimerization of monomeric acrylonitrile forms [adiponitrile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adiponitrile), a chemical used to make nylon, dyes, drugs, and pesticides.

**Physical & Chemical Properties/Definition of Chemical Group**

CAS#: 107-13-1

Class: **Highly flammable, toxic, potentially explosive, carcinogen**

Molecular Formula: C3H3N

Form (physical state): Liquid

Color: Colorless

Boiling point: 77 °C

**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

Acylonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and vapor that should be kept away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. It can form explosive mixtures with air. It easily forms violently explosive polymerides when exposed to heat, light, strong bases, strong acids, and strong oxidizers. Components of the hazardous decomposition of acrylonitrile exposed to fire include carbon oxides, nitrogen oxides, and hydrogen cyanide.

Chemical is toxic if inhaled. Material is extremely destructive to the tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. It may cause allergy or asthma symptoms, breathing difficulties, or respiratory irritation if inhaled. It may be fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin burns. Causes eye burns. Toxic if swallowed. A potential carcinogen.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Respirator Protection**

Use a full-face respirator with multi-purpose combination (US) respirator cartridges as a backup to engineering controls. If the respirator is the sole means of protection, use a full-face supplied air respirator.

Respirators should be used only under any of the following circumstances:

* As a last line of defense (i.e., after engineering and administrative controls have been exhausted).
* When Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) has exceeded or when there is a possibility that PEL will be exceeded.
* Regulations require the use of a respirator.
* An employer requires the use of a respirator.
* There is potential for harmful exposure due to an atmospheric contaminant (in the absence of PEL)
* As PPE in the event of a chemical spill clean-up process

Lab personnel intending to use/wear a respirator mask must be trained and fit-tested by ORS and should contact occhealt@uga.edu. This is a UGA requirement described in more detail in the [UGA Respiratory Protection Plan](https://esd.uga.edu/sites/default/files/respiratoryprotection.pdf) and supported by the [Office of Research Occupational Health and Safety Program](https://research.uga.edu/ohsp/).

**Hand Protection**

Handle with gloves (butyl gloves are recommended). Wash hands after use.

NOTE: Consult with your preferred glove manufacturer to ensure that the gloves you plan on using are compatible with acrylonitrile.

Refer to glove selection chart from the links below:

<http://www.ansellpro.com/download/Ansell_8thEditionChemicalResistanceGuide.pdf>

OR

<http://www.allsafetyproducts.biz/page/74172>

OR

<http://www.showabestglove.com/site/default.aspx>

OR

<http://www.mapaglove.com/>

**Eye Protection**

ANSI approved, tight-fitting safety glasses/goggles. Face shields are also recommended.

**Skin and Body Protection**

Flame resistant lab coat preferably made of antistatic material, long pants, and closed-toe shoes.

**Hygiene Measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.

**Engineering Controls**

Chemical fume hood. Good ventilation. Electrically grounded lines and equipment.

**First Aid Procedures**

**If inhaled**

Move person into fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash skin with soap and plenty of water. Take victim immediately to hospital. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician. Continue rinsing eyes during transport to hospital.

**If swallowed**

Do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

**Precautions for safe handling:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of vapor or mist. Use explosion-proof equipment. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Take measures to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge.

**Conditions for safe storage:** Keep container tightly closed in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated place. Isolate from incompatible materials and conditions. Containers which are opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Light sensitive. Store in original container. Store away from heat sources and in a flame proof area.

**Spill and Accident Procedure**

**Chemical Spill Dial 911**

**24-7 On-Call Response to Research, Environment, Health or Safety Concerns Dial 2-5561 from a campus phone or 706-542-5561 from a non-campus line.**

**Spill** – Follow the procedures set out in the [UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.](http://research.uga.edu/docs/units/safety/manuals/Chemical-Laboratory-Safety-Manual.pdf)

[If there are any chemical-specific protocols for responding to a spill, insert them here or mark “none”:]

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# **Medical Emergency Dial 911**

**Life Threatening Emergency, After Hours, Weekends And Holidays** – Dial **911** or the emergency phone numbers listed at the beginning of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Non-Life Threatening Emergency** – Follow the instructions in the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Decontamination/Waste Disposal Procedure**

**For general hazardous waste disposal procedures, see Appendix H of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.**

**Chemical Specific Procedures: [to be inserted or marked as “none”]**

Wearing proper PPE, decontaminate equipment and bench tops using soap and water. Dispose of the used chemical and contaminated disposables as hazardous waste.

**Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Location**

UGA personnel can access Online SDS through a link in the upper left corner of the ESD home page (<https://esd.uga.edu>) and logging in by using their UGA email user name and password.

**Protocol/Procedure (Add lab specific Protocol/Procedure here)**

Click here to enter text.

**NOTE**

Any deviation from this SOP requires approval from PI.

**Documentation of Training** (signature of all users is required)

* Prior to conducting any work with acrylonitrile, designated personnel must provide training to his/her laboratory personnel specific to the hazards involved in working with this substance, work area decontamination, and emergency procedures.
* The Principal Investigator must provide his/her laboratory personnel with a copy of this SOP and access to the SDS provided by the manufacturer.
* The Principal Investigator must ensure that his/her laboratory personnel have attended appropriate laboratory safety training or refresher training within the last 12 months.

**Principal Investigator SOP Approval**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date:

I have read and understand the content of this SOP:

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