Standard Operating Procedure

Tremolite (asbestiform)

*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. |
| **Office Phone:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Emergency Contact:** | Click here to enter text. |
| *(Name and Phone Number)* |
| **Location(s) covered by this SOP:** | Click here to enter text. |
| *(Building/Room Number)* |

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

**Purpose**

Tremolite is a naturally occurring amphibole mineral classified as one of six recognized types of asbestos, a known carcinogen. Prolonged exposure of the fibers can cause lung cancer, asbestosis, and both [pleural](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pleural) and [peritoneal mesothelioma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peritoneal_mesothelioma). Acute exposure may cause irritation to the respiratory tract. Tremolite is not used commercially, but it can be found as a contaminant in chrysotile asbestos.

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

CAS#: 77536-68-6

Class: **Carcinogen**

Molecular Formula: [Ca](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calcium)2Mg5Si8O22(OH)2

Form (physical state): Solid

Color: Colorless, white, green, gray

Boiling point: N/A

**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

May irritate the respiratory tract. Overexposure has caused damage to lungs including asbestosis and lung cancer. Asbestos splinters may penetrate skin and cause asbestos corns. Can cause irritation to eyes. Ingestion can cause GI and laryngeal cancer.

**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**

Nitrile gloves.

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

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 glasses/goggles.

**Skin and Body Protection**

Lab coat, long pants, closed-toe shoes.

**Hygiene Measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wash hands after use.

**Engineering Controls**

Chemical fume hood. Adequate exhaust and capture filtration.

**First Aid Procedures**

**If inhaled**

Remove to fresh air. Give oxygen/CPR if necessary. Seek medical attention.

**In case of skin contact**

Remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated skin with soap and water for at least 15 minutes. Remove asbestos splinters promptly. If asbestos corn develops, surgical removal may be required. Seek medical attention.

**In case of eye contact**

Flush eyes thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contacts while rinsing and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

Do not open containers without proper enclosure/ventilation controls. Avoid inhalation or creation of dust. Store in dust-tight closed containers. Store in dry, secured area. Protect containers from damage.

**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 a HEPA-filter vacuum and soap and water. Avoid sweeping. 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 tremolite, 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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