

# Safety Data Sheet

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# 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name	Americium-243, Am-243	
Physical Form	Black powder	
CAS No.	7440-35-9	
Chemical Formula	Americium oxide: AmO <sub>2</sub>	
Mass Number	243.06138 g/mol (148 neutrons)	
Supplier Address*	ISOFLEX USA P.O. Box 29475 San Francisco, CA 94129 United States	
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#### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Emergency Overview** Sealed sources pose no internal radiation hazard. However, in the event of loss of containment by the sealed source, all precautions should be taken to prevent inhalation or ingestion of the material.

Radiological Hazard. Warning: THIS MATERIAL SHOULD ONLY BE USED BY PERSONS QUALIFIED TO HANDLE RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL!

Americium-243 is a radioactive material. It decays by alpha-particle emission to Neptunium-239, which decays by beta-particle emission. During the decay process X-rays and gamma rays with energies from 14 keV to 700 keV are emitted.



Symbol



DANGER

Hazard Statement(s)	H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
Precautionary Statement(s)	<ul> <li>P260 Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapors, or spray.</li> <li>P264 Wash hands thoroughly after handling.</li> <li>P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection.</li> <li>P301/330/331 If swallowed: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.</li> <li>P303/361/353 If on skin (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.</li> <li>P304/340 If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.</li> <li>P305/351/338 If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes.</li> <li>Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.</li> <li>P310 Immediately call a doctor.</li> <li>P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.</li> <li>P405 Store locked up.</li> <li>P501 Dispose of contents and container according to local regulations.</li> </ul>
Potential Health Effects	
Principle Routes of Exposure:	Inhalation Skin Contact Ingestion
Dosimetry:	Whole Body
Critical Organ(s):	Bone surface
Annual Dose Limits:	Non-nuclear energy workers: 1mSv per year
Nuclear Energy Workers:	a) 50 mSv in one year
	b) 100 mSv total over five years
Pregnant Nuclear Energy Workers:	4 mSv over the balance of the pregnancy
Non-Radiological Hazards	Currently no information available
Control Levels	No data available
NFPA Ratings (0 = Minimal; 1	= Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; 4 = Severe)
Health Hazard: 3	Flammability: 0 Reactivity Hazard: 0
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FLAMMABILITY	0
PHYSICAL HAZARD	0
PERSONAL PROTECTION	

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name:	Americium-243
CAS No.:	7440-35-9
Physical Half-Life:	7370 years
Specific Activity (Ci/g):	0.2
Decay Mode:	а

# Radiation Energy (MeV):

Alpha (α):	5.3
Beta (β):	0.022
Gamma (γ):	0.055

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Methods of detection (in order of preference):

- 1. A radiation survey meter equipped with an energy-compensated Geiger Mueller detector.
- 2. Ion chamber survey meter tends to be less sensitive than a Geiger Mueller survey meter but is able to respond more precisely in higher radiation fields.
- 3. Gamma scintillation detector very sensitive but is also energy-dependent. Must be calibrated for Am-243 before it can be used for dose assessment surveys.

The following is a guide for first-responders. The following actions, including remediation, should be carried out by qualified individuals. In cases where life-threatening injury has resulted, first treat the injury, second deal with personal decontamination.

#### **Personal Decontamination Techniques**

Wash well with soap and water; monitor skin Do not abrade skin, only blot dry Decontamination of clothing and surfaces are covered under operating and emergency procedures

# 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable Properties	Negligible fire hazard
Suitable Extinguishing Media	Suitable: Use extinguishing media appropriate to the surrounding fire. Unsuitable: None listed.
Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical	Oxides of nitrogen
Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters	Gloves, footwear covers, safety glasses, and outer layer or easily removed protective clothing (as situation requires). NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus. Avoid inhalation of material or combustion byproducts.

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

This material is radioactive. DO NOT TOUCH spilled material. Immediately notify safety personnel of a spill.

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment: gloves, footwear covers, outer layer or easily-removed full protective clothing (as situation requires).
Damage to Sealed Radioactive	Evacuate the immediate vicinity around the source holder
Source Holder	Place a barrier at a safe distance from the source holder (minimum 5 meters).
	Identify area as a radiation hazard. Contact emergency number posted on local warning sign.
Spill and Leak Control	

Alert everyone in the area Confine the problem or emergency (includes the use of absorbent material) Clear area Summon aid

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Safe Handling Precautions/Storage:

This material is radioactive. Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. See NRC 10 CFR 20 or state regulations. See Section 8, below.

8.	EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION		
	Exposure Limits:		
	Americium-243:		
	ALI <sub>inh</sub> :	0.006 μCi (bone surface) See NRC 10 CFR 20 Appendix B.	
	ALI <sub>ing</sub> :	0.8 μCi (bone surface)	
	OSHA:	See OSHA 29 CFR and NRC 10 CFR 20.	
	ACGIH:	See International Commission on Radiological Protection guidelines.	
	Nitric Acid:		
	NIOSH (REL):	5 mg/m³ (2 ppm; TWA)	
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)	
		65 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (25 ppm; IDLH)	
	ACGIH (TLV):	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)	
		10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (4 ppm; STEL)	
	OSHA (PEL):	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (2 ppm; TWA)	
	Engineering Controls:	Provide local exhaust or process enclosure ventilation system. Ensure compliance with	
		applicable exposure limits.	
	Personal Protection:	In accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.132, subpart I, wear appropriate Personal	
		Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure to this material.	
	Respiratory Protection	n: If workplace conditions warrant a respirator, a respiratory protection program that meets	
		OSHA 29CFR 1910.134 must be followed. Refer to NIOSH 42 CFR 84 for applicable	
		certified respirators.	
	Eye/Face Protection:	Wear splash-resistant safety goggles with a face shield. An eye wash station should be	
		readily available near areas of use.	
	Skin/Body Protection:	Wear protective clothing to prevent contact with skin. Wear appropriate gloves.	

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES (Americium-243)

Appearance		
Form	Powder	
Color	Black	
Safety Data		
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# 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

10.		
	Stability	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure
	Incompatible Materials	Acids, combustible materials, halo carbons, amines, bases, oxidizing materials, metals, halogens, metal salts, metal oxides, reducing agents, peroxides, metal carbide, cyanides
	Conditions to Avoid	Avoid contact with combustible materials and incompatible materials.
	Hazardous Polymerization	Will not occur
11.	TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION	
	Routes of Exposure:	Inhalation, Skin, Ingestion
	Symptoms Related to the Physical, Chemical and	
	Toxicological Characteristics:	Burning pain and severe corrosive skin damage. Permanent eye damage, including blindness, could result.
	(Acute, Chronic and Delayed):	<ul> <li>Inhalation: Nitric acid, if inhaled, can damage the mucous membranes and respiratory tract. Short-term exposure may cause irritation and inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, coughing, choking, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness and nausea. Long-term exposure to acid fumes may cause damage to teeth, bronchial irritation, chronic cough, bronchial pneumonia, and gastrointestinal disturbances.</li> <li>Skin Contact: Nitric acid can cause severe skin burns. Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure. Effects of acid burns may be delayed.</li> <li>Eye Contact: Nitric acid can cause severe eye irritation, corneal burns, permanent eye damage, or blindness.</li> <li>Severity of the damage depends on the concentration and duration of exposure.</li> <li>Ingestion: Ingestion of this material is unlikely under normal conditions of use. If ingested, nitric acid can cause severe burns and damage to the gastrointestinal tract.</li> </ul>
	Numerical Measures of Toxicity: Acute Toxicity:	Nitric acid – Rat - Inhalation LC50: 130 mg/m³ (4 hours)
	Skin Corrosion/Irritation:	If material contains 6% nitric acid, it is classified as Category 1B.
	Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:	If material contains 6% nitric acid, it is classified as Category 1.
	Respiratory Sensitization:	No data available
	Skin Sensitization:	No data available
	Germ Cell Mutagenicity:	No data available

Carcinogenicity:

*Listed as a Carcinogen/Potential Carcinogen* - No Nitric acid is not listed by NTP, IARC or OSHA as a carcinogen. *Radiological Hazard*: Americium-243 - Ionizing radiation is a known carcinogen.

Reproductive Toxicity: Specific Target Organ	No data available
Toxicity / Single Exposure: Specific Target Organ	No data available
Toxicity / Repeated Exposure: Aspiration Hazard:	No data available No data available

### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Ecotoxicity Data

Component: Nitric Acid

Fish: Starfish (Asterias rubens), LC50: 100-300 mg/L (48 hrs / renewal / aerated water)

Component: Americium-243

No ecotoxicity data listed

Persistence and Degradability No data available

Bioaccumulative Potential No data available

Mobility in Soil No data available

Other Adverse Effects No data available

### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal:

This material is radioactive. Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations for RADIOACTIVE materials. See NRC 10 CFR 20 subpart K.

# 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT/IATA

Primary Risk: Subsidiary Risk: UN2031, Nitric acid 6%, Hazard Class 8, Packing Group II Non-radioactive per transportation regulations. *Note*: Not radioactive for shipping purposes unless more than 5 units ordered.

# 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### US Regulations

Nitric Acid, 1000 lbs; 454 kg RQ
N <mark>i</mark> tric Acid, 1000 lbs TPQ.
Nitric Acid, 1000 lbs EPCRA RQ
Nitric Acid, 1.0 % de minimis concentrations
Nitric Acid at higher concentrations (>94.5 %) is

regulated.

SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE HEALTH:	Yes	
CHRONIC HEALTH:	Yes	
FIRE:	No	
REACTIVE:	No	
PRESSURE:	No	
TSCA Inventory:	Nitric acid listed	
TSCA 12(b), Export Notification:	No components are listed	

#### State Regulations

California Proposition 65:

No components are regulated

## **Canadian Regulations**

WHMIS Information:

Not provided for this material

#### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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DOT 49 CFR 173, Shippers General Requirements for Shipments and Packages.

# ISOFLEX USA's Commonly Used Abbreviations and Acronyms\*

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by
Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances
As Low As Is Reasonably Achievable
Atomic Mass Unit
American National Standards Institute
Basic Life Support
Biochemical Oxygen Demand
Continuous Air Monitor
Chemical Abstracts Service (division of the American Chemical Society)
European Committee for Standardization
Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act
Classification, Labelling and Packaging (European Union)
Chemical Oxygen Demand
Controlled Products Regulations (Canada)
Clean Water Act (USA)
Derived Air Concentration (USA)
United States Department of Energy (USA)
United States Department of Transportation (USA)
Domestic Substances List (Canada)
Half Maximal Effective Concentration
Korean Existing Chemicals List
European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances

EHS	Environmentally Hazardous Substance
ELINCS	European List of Notified Chemical Substances
EMS	Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Identification System (USA)
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IBC	Intermediate Bulk Containers
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health
IECSC	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances Produced or Imported in China
IMDG	International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods
IMO	International Maritime Organization
LC50	Lethal concentration. 50 percent
LD50	Lethal dose 50 percent
	Lethal Dose Low
LOEC	Lowest-Observed-Effective Concentration
	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Shins
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration (LISA)
NCRP	National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements (USA)
NDSI	Non-Domestic Substances List (Canada)
	National Fire Protection Association (USA)
	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA)
	No Observed Effect Concentration
NOLC	Not Otherwise Specified
NDC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USA)
	Nucleal Regulatory Commission (USA)
	Occupational Sofety and Health Administration (USA)
	Dereistent Biosseymulative and Taxia Chemical
	Persistent bioaccumulative and Toxic Chemical
	Permissible Exposure Limit
	Philippines inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances
	Poisonous by Initial Ion Hazaru
	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (USA)
	Radiation Control Technician
	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Europe)
	Regulations Concerning the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail
	Reponable Quantity
RIECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances
	Right to Know
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (USA)
SNUR	Significant New Use Rule (TSCA)
TDG	Transportation of Dangerous Goods (Canada)
	I oxic by Inhalation Hazard
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TPQ	Inreshold Planning Quantity
ISCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
TWA	Time Weighted Average
UN	United Nations (Number)
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
vPvB	Very Persistent Very Bioaccumulative Chemical
WGK	Wassergetährdungsklassen (Germany: Water Hazard Classes)
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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