#### SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN Coats Island

Nunavut Water Board MAY 0.2 2008 Public Registry

Anthony Gaston 30 April 2008

Land Use Permit / Reserve:

Site:

Coats Island, 5 km W of Cape Pembroke

Location:

62°56' N, 82°01' W

#### Description:

The camp is located on top of a small hill on the north coast of Coats Island. Bedrock is Canadian Shield metamorphic rocks. A landing strip for Twin Otters is located 500 m w of camp, just above the beach. The camp consists of two small plywood cabins (one 6 x 4 m, the other 4 x 4 m. The larger cabin rests on bedrock, the smaller on peat. A small seasonal water course carries meltwater from a persistent sno-patch just above camp. It is usually dry by end July.

Fuel (gasoline, kerosene) is stored on bedrock close to the larger cabin in 25 L Jerry cans, or 4 L plastic jugs (kerosene). These materials are located in a depression in the bedrock which would contain any spill to an area < 5 m square. An emergency fuel spill kit with absorbent materials and protective gloves will be kept at the camp near the fuel storage in the event of a spill (we have had none in > 30 years of high arctic seabird work).

#### General Actions:

In advance of any possible spill, all people at the field site will be made aware of the protocols below, proper protocols for handling, storing and pouring fuel, and the contact information should a spill occur.

In the event of a fuel spill by the cabin;

- Ensure that spill is confined to rock depression
- Use absorbent materials in spill kit to soak up
- Bag absorbent materials and either incincrate (kerosene) or place in leak-proof container and return to Iqaluit for disposal

#### Contacts:

In the event of a spill, the following agencies must be contacted:

Spill Line:

(867) 920 8130 Ph., (867) 873 6924 (FX)

Environment Canada in Iqaluit:

(867) 975 4644

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Gasoline, All Grades

MSDS No. 9950

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW DANGER!

# EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE - EYE AND MUCOUS MEMBRANE IRRITANT - EFFECTS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM - HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED - ASPIRATION HAZARD



High fire hazard. Keep away from heat, spark, open flame, and other ignition sources.

NFPA 704 (Section 16)

If ingested, do NOT induce vomiting, as this may cause chemical pneumonia (fluid in the lungs). Contact may cause eye, skin and mucous membrane irritation. Harmful if absorbed through the skin. Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors or mists. Inhalation may cause irritation, anesthetic effects (dizziness, nausea, headache, intoxication), and respiratory system effects.

Long-term exposure may cause effects to specific organs, such as to the liver, kidneys, blood, nervous system, and skin. Contains benzene, which can cause blood disease, including anemia and leukemia.

#### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT and COMPANY INFORMATION

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Amerada Hess Corporation

1 Hess Plaza

Woodbridge, NJ 07095-0961

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER (24 hrs):

COMPANY CONTACT (business hours): MSDS Internet Website

CHEMTREC (800)424-9300
Corporate Safety (732)750-60

Corporate Safety (732)750-6000 www.hess.com/about/environ.html

SYNONYMS:

Hess Conventional (Oxygenated and Non-oxygenated) Gasoline; Reformulated Gasoline (RFG); Reformulated Gasoline Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending (RBOB); Unleaded

Motor or Automotive Gasoline

See Section 16 for abbreviations and acronyms.

#### 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS \*

(rev. Jan-04)

INGREDIENT NAME (CAS No.)	CONCENTRATION PERCENT BY WEIGHT
Gasoline (86290-81-5)	100
Benzene (71-43-2)	0.1 - 4.9 (0.1 - 1.3 reformulated gasoline)
n-Butane (106-97-8)	< 10
Ethyl Alcohol (Ethanol) (64-17-5)	0 - 10
Ethyl benzene (100-41-4)	< 3
n-Hexane (110-54-3)	0.5 to 4
Methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) (1634-04-4)	0 to 15.0
Tertiary-amyl methyl ether (TAME) (994-05-8)	0 to 17.2
Toluene (108-88-3)	1 - 25
1,2,4- Trimethylbenzene (95-63-6)	< 6
Xylene, mixed isomers (1330-20-7)	1 <b>-</b> 15 ·

A complex blend of petroleum-derived normal and branched-chain alkane, cycloalkane, alkene, and aromatic hydrocarbons. May contain antioxidant and multifunctional additives. Non-oxygenated Conventional Gasoline and RBOB do not have oxygenates (Ethanol or MTBE and/or TAME). Oxygenated Conventional and Reformulated Gasoline will have oxygenates for octane enhancement or as legally required.

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HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION (rev. Dec-97)

#### **EYES**

Moderate irritant. Contact with liquid or vapor may cause irritation.

#### SKIN

Practically non-toxic if absorbed following acute (single) exposure. May cause skin irritation with prolonged or repeated contact. Liquid may be absorbed through the skin in toxic amounts if large areas of skin are exposed repeatedly.

#### INGESTION

The major health threat of ingestion occurs from the danger of aspiration (breathing) of liquid drops into the lungs, particularly from vomiting. Aspiration may result in chemical pneumonia (fluid in the lungs), severe lung damage, respiratory failure and even death.

Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal disturbances, including irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, and central nervous system (brain) effects similar to alcohol intoxication. In severe cases, tremors, convulsions, loss of consciousness, coma, respiratory arrest, and death may occur.

#### INHALATION

Excessive exposure may cause irritations to the nose, throat, lungs and respiratory tract. Central nervous system (brain) effects may include headache, dizziness, loss of balance and coordination, unconsciousness, coma, respiratory failure, and death.

**WARNING**: the burning of any hydrocarbon as a fuel in an area without adequate ventilation may result in hazardous levels of combustion products, including carbon monoxide, and inadequate oxygen levels, which may cause unconsciousness, suffocation, and death.

#### **CHRONIC EFFECTS and CARCINOGENICITY**

Contains benzene, a regulated human carcinogen. Benzene has the potential to cause anemia and other blood diseases, including leukemia, after repeated and prolonged exposure. Exposure to light hydrocarbons in the same boiling range as this product has been associated in animal studies with systemic toxicity. See also Section 11 - Toxicological Information.

#### MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE

trritation from skin exposure may aggravate existing open wounds, skin disorders, and dermatitis (rash). Chronic respiratory disease, liver or kidney dysfunction, or pre-existing central nervous system disorders may be aggravated by exposure.

#### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

(rev. Dec-97)

#### EYES

In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush with clean, low-pressure water for at least 15 min. Hold eyelids open to ensure adequate flushing. Seek medical attention.

#### SKIN

Remove contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated areas thoroughly with soap and water or waterless hand cleanser. Obtain medical attention if irritation or redness develops.

#### INGESTION

DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Do not give liquids. Obtain immediate medical attention. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, lean victim forward to reduce the risk of aspiration. Small amounts of material which enter the mouth should be rinsed out until the taste is dissipated.

#### INHALATION

Remove person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, ensure an open airway and provide artificial respiration. If necessary, provide additional oxygen once breathing is restored if trained to do so. Seek medical attention immediately.

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FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES (rev. Dec-97) 5.

FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES:

**FLASH POINT** 

-45 °F (-43°C)

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** 

highly variable; > 530 °F (>280 °C)

OSHA/NFPA FLAMMABILITY CLASS:

1A (flammable liquid)

LOWER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT (%):

1 4%

UPPER EXPLOSIVE LIMIT (%):

7.6%

#### FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS

Vapors may be ignited rapidly when exposed to heat, spark, open flame or other source of ignition. Flowing product may be ignited by self-generated static electricity. When mixed with air and exposed to an ignition source, flammable vapors can burn in the open or explode in confined spaces. Being heavier than air, vapors may travel long distances to an ignition source and flash back. Runoff to sewer may cause fire or explosion hazard.

#### EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

SMALL FIRES: Any extinguisher suitable for Class B fires, dry chemical, CO2, water spray, fire fighting foam, or Halon.

LARGE FIRES: Water spray, fog or fire fighting foam. Water may be ineffective for fighting the fire, but may be used to cool fire-exposed containers.

During certain times of the year and/or in certain geographical locations, gasoline may contain MTBE and/or TAME. Firefighting foam suitable for polar solvents is recommended for fuel with greater than 10% oxygenate concentration - refer to NFPA 11 "Low Expansion Foam - 1994 Edition."

#### FIRE FIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS

Small fires in the incipient (beginning) stage may typically be extinguished using handheld portable fire extinguishers and other fire fighting equipment.

Firefighting activities that may result in potential exposure to high heat, smoke or toxic by-products of combustion should require NIOSH/MSHA- approved pressure-demand self-contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece and full protective clothing.

Isolate area around container involved in fire. Cool tanks, shells, and containers exposed to fire and excessive heat with water. For massive fires the use of unmanned hose holders or monitor nozzles may be advantageous to further minimize personnel exposure. Major fires may require withdrawal, allowing the tank to burn. Large storage tank fires typically require specially trained personnel and equipment to extinguish the fire, often including the need for properly applied fire fighting foam.

See Section 16 for the NFPA 704 Hazard Rating.

#### ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES (rev. Dec-97) l 6.

ACTIVATE FACILITY SPILL CONTINGENCY OF EMERGENCY PLAN.

Evacuate nonessential personnel and remove or secure all ignition sources. Consider wind direction; stay upwind and uphill, if possible. Evaluate the direction of product travel, diking, sewers, etc. to confirm spill areas. Spills may infiltrate subsurface soil and groundwater; professional assistance may be necessary to determine the extent of subsurface impact.

Carefully contain and stop the source of the spill, if safe to do so. Protect bodies of water by diking, absorbents, or absorbent boom, if possible. Do not flush down sewer or drainage systems, unless system is designed and permitted to handle such material. The use of fire fighting foam may be useful in certain situations to reduce vapors. The proper use of water spray may effectively disperse product

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vapors or the liquid itself, preventing contact with ignition sources or areas/equipment that require protection.

Take up with sand or other oil absorbing materials. Carefully shovel, scoop or sweep up into a waste container for reclamation or disposal - caution, flammable vapors may accumulate in closed containers. Response and clean-up crews must be properly trained and must utilize proper protective equipment (see Section 8).

#### 7. HANDLING and STORAGE (rev. Dec-97)

#### HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

\*\*\*\*\*\*USE ONLY AS A MOTOR FUEL\*\*\*\*\*\*
\*\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT SIPHON BY MOUTH\*\*\*\*\*\*

Handle as a flammable liquid. Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame! Electrical equipment should be approved for classified area. Bond and ground containers during product transfer to reduce the possibility of static-initiated fire or explosion.

Special slow load procedures for "switch loading" must be followed to avoid the static ignition hazard that can exist when higher flash point material (such as fuel oil) is loaded into tanks previously containing low flash point products (such as this product) - see API Publication 2003, "Protection Against Ignitions Arising Out Of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents.

#### **STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Keep away from flame, sparks, excessive temperatures and open flame. Use approved vented containers. Keep containers closed and clearly labeled. Empty product containers or vessels may contain explosive vapors. Do not pressurize, cut, heat, weld or expose such containers to sources of ignition.

Store in a well-ventilated area. This storage area should comply with NFPA 30 "Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code". Avoid storage near incompatible materials. The cleaning of tanks previously containing this product should follow API Recommended Practice (RP) 2013 "Cleaning Mobile Tanks In Flammable and Combustible Liquid Service" and API RP 2015 "Cleaning Petroleum Storage Tanks".

#### WORK/HYGIENIC PRACTICES

Emergency eye wash capability should be available in the near proximity to operations presenting a potential splash exposure. Use good personal hygiene practices. Avoid repeated and/or prolonged skin exposure. Wash hands before eating, drinking, smoking, or using toilet facilities. Do not use as a cleaning solvent on the skin. Do not use solvents or harsh abrasive skin cleaners for washing this product from exposed skin areas. Waterless hand cleaners are effective. Promptly remove contaminated clothing and launder before reuse. Use care when laundering to prevent the formation of flammable vapors which could ignite via washer or dryer. Consider the need to discard contaminated leather shoes and gloves.

#### 8. **EXPOSURE CONTROLS and PERSONAL PROTECTION** (rev. Jan-04) **EXPOSURE LIMITS** Component (CAS No.) **Exposure Limits** Source STEL TWA Note (ppm) (ppm) Gasoline (86290-81-5) Benzene (71-43-2) ACGIH АЗ **OSHA** Carcinogen 2.5 **ACGIH** 0.5 A1. skin 5 n-Butane (106-97-8) 800 2003 NOIC: 1000 ppm (TWA) Aliphatic ACGIH Hydrocarbon Gases Alkane (C1-C4) 1000 Ethyl Alcohol (ethanol) (64-17-5) **OSHA** ACCIH 1000 A4 Ethyl benzene (100-41-4) OSHA 100 **ACGIH** 100

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Component (CAS No.)	Source	TWA	STEL	Exposure Limits
	004100	(ppm)	(ppm)	NOTO
n-l·lexane (110-54-3)	OSHA	500		
	ACGIH	50		skin
Methyl-tertiary butyl ether [MTBE] (1634-04-4)	ACGIH	50		A3
Tertiary-amyl methyl ether [TAME] (994-05-8)		<b></b>		None established
Toluene (108-88-3)	OSHA	200		Ceiling: 300 ppm; Peak: 500 ppm (10 min.)
	ACGIH	50		A4 (skin)
1,2,4- Trimethylbenzene (95-63-6)	ACCIH	25		
Xylene, mixed isomers (1330-20-7)	OSHA	100		***************************************
•	ACGIH	100	150	Δ4

#### **ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

Use adequate ventilation to keep vapor concentrations of this product below occupational exposure and flammability limits, particularly in confined spaces.

#### **EYE/FACE PROTECTION**

Safety glasses or goggles are recommended where there is a possibility of splashing or spraying.

#### SKIN PROTECTION

Gloves constructed of nitrile or neoprene are recommended. Chemical protective clothing such as that made of of E.I. DuPont Tychem ®, products or equivalent is recommended based on degree of exposure.

Note: The resistance of specific material may vary from product to product as well as with degree of exposure. Consult manufacturer specifications for further information.

#### RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

A NIOSH-approved air-purifying respirator with organic vapor cartridges or canister may be permissible under certain circumstances where airborne concentrations are or may be expected to exceed exposure limits or for odor or irritation. Protection provided by air-purifying respirators is limited. Refer to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134, NIOSH Respirator Decision Logic, and the manufacturer for additional guidance on respiratory protection selection and limitations.

Use a positive pressure, air-supplied respirator if there is a potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are not known, in oxygen-deficient atmospheres, or any other circumstance where an air-purifying respirator may not provide adequate protection.

#### 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES (rev. Jan-04)

#### **APPEARANCE**

A translucent, straw-colored or light yellow liquid

#### **ODOR**

A strong, characteristic aromatic hydrocarbon odor. Oxygenated gasoline with MTBE and/or TAME may have a sweet, ether-like odor and is detectable at a lower concentration than non-oxygenated gasoline.

#### **ODOR THRESHOLD**

	Odor Detection	Odor Recognition
Non-oxygenated gasoline:	0.5 - 0.6 ppm	0.8 - 1.1 ppm
Gasoline with 15% MTBE:	0.2 - 0.3 ppm	0.4 - 0.7 ppm
Gasoline with 15% TAME:	0.1 ppm	0.2 ppm

#### BASIC PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

BOILING RANGE: 85 to 437 °F (39 to 200 °C)

VAPOR PRESSURE: 6.4 - 15 RVP @ 100 °F (38 °C) (275-475 mm Hg @ 68 °F (20 °C)

VAPOR DENSITY (air = 1): AP 3 to 4 SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1): 0.70 – 0.78

EVAPORATION RATE: 10-11 (n-butyl acetate = 1)

PERCENT VOLATILES: 100 %

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SOLUBILITY (H2O):

Non-oxygenated gasoline - negligible (< 0.1% @ 77  $^{\circ}$ F). Gasoline with 15% MTBE - slight (0.1 - 3% @ 77  $^{\circ}$ F); ethanol is readily soluble in water

STABILITY and REACTIVITY (rev. Dec-94)

STABILITY: Stable. Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID** 

Avoid high temperatures, open flames, sparks, welding, smoking and other ignition sources

INCOMPATIBLE MATERIALS

Keep away from strong oxidizers.

HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS

Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and non-combusted hydrocarbons (smoke). Contact with nitric and sulfuric acids will form nitrocresols that can decompose violently.

#### TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES l 11.

(rev. Dec-97)

ACUTE TOXICITY

Acute Dermal LD50 (rabbits): > 5 ml/kg

Acute Oral LD50 (rat): 18.75 ml/kg

Primary dermal irritation (rabbits): slightly irritating

CHRONIC EFFECTS AND CARCINOGENICITY

Draize eye irritation (rabbits): non-irritating

Guinea pig sensitization: negative

Carcinogenicity: OSHA: NO

IARC: YES - 2B NTP: NO

ACGIH: YES (A3)

IARC has determined that gasoline and gasoline exhaust are possibly carcinogenic in humans. Inhalation exposure to completely vaporized unleaded gasoline caused kidney cancers in male rats and liver tumors in female mice. The U.S. EPA has determined that the male kidney tumors are species-specific and are irrelevant for human health risk assessment. The significance of the tumors seen in female mice is not known. Exposure to light hydrocarbons in the same boiling range as this product has been associated in animal studies with effects to the central and peripheral nervous systems, liver, and kidneys. The significance of these animal models to predict similar human response to gasoline is uncertain.

This product contains benzene. Human health studies indicate that prolonged and/or repeated overexposure to benzene may cause damage to the blood-forming system (particularly bone marrow), and serious blood disorders such as aplastic anemia and leukemia. Benzene is listed as a human carcinogen by the NTP, IARC, OSHA and ACGIH.

This product may contain methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE ): animal and human health effects studies indicate that MTBE may cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation, central nervous system depression and neurotoxicity. MTBE is classified as an animal carcinogen (A3) by the ACGIH.

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Keep out of sewers, drainage areas and waterways. Report spills and releases, as applicable, under Federal and State regulations. If released, oxygenates such as ethers and alcohols will be expected to exhibit fairly high mobility in soil, and therefore may leach into groundwater. The API (www.api.org) provides a number of useful references addressing petroleum and oxygenate contamination of groundwater.

#### **DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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Consult federal, state and local waste regulations to determine appropriate disposal options.

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14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION (rev. Jan-04)

DOT PROPER SHIPPING NAME: DOT HAZARD CLASS and PACKING GROUP:

DOT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

DOT SHIPPING LABEL:

Gasoline 3, PG II UN 1203

FLAMMABLE LIQUID



15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, and LOCAL REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product and its constituents listed herein are on the EPA TSCA Inventory. Any spill or uncontrolled release of this product, including any substantial threat of release, may be subject to federal, state and/or local reporting requirements. This product and/or its constituents may also be subject to other federal, state, or local regulations; consult those regulations applicable to your facility/operation.

#### **CLEAN WATER ACT (OIL SPILLS)**

Any spill or release of this product to "navigable waters" (essentially any surface water, including certain wetlands) or adjoining shorelines sufficient to cause a visible sheen or deposit of a sludge or emulsion must be reported immediately to the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802) or, if not practical, the U.S. Coast Guard with follow-up to the National Response Center, as required by U.S. Federal Law. Also contact appropriate state and local regulatory agencies as required.

### CERCLA SECTION 103 and SARA SECTION 304 (RELEASE TO THE ENVIRONMENT)

The CERCLA definition of hazardous substances contains a "petroleum exclusion" clause which exempts crude oil, refined, and unrefined petroleum products and any indigenous components of such. However, other federal reporting requirements (e.g., SARA Section 304 as well as the Clean Water Act if the spill occurs on navigable waters) may still apply.

#### SARA SECTION 311/312 - HAZARD CLASSES

ACUTE HEALTH CHRONIC HEALTH FIRE SUDDEN RELEASE OF PRESSURE REACTIVE

#### SARA SECTION 313 - SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION

This product contains the following toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and of 40 CFR 372:

INGREDIENT NAME (CAS NUMBER)	CONCENTRATION WT. PERCENT
Benzene (71-43-2)	0.1 to 4.9 (0.1 to 1.3 for reformulated gasoline)
Ethyl benzene (100-41-4)	< 3
n-Hexane (110-54-3)	0.5 to 4
Methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) (1634-04-4)	0 to 15.0
Toluene (108-88-3)	1 to 15
1,2,4- Trimethylbenzene (95-63-6)	< 6
Xylene, mixed isomers (1330-20-7)	1 to 15

US EPA guidance documents (<u>www.epa.gov/tri</u>) for reporting Persistent Bioaccumulating Toxics (PBTs) indicate this product may contain the following deminimis levels of toxic chemicals subject to Section 313 reporting:

INGREDIENT NAME (CAS NUMBER)
Polycyclic aromatic compounds (PACs)
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene (191-24-2)
Lead (7439-92-1)

CONCENTRATION - Parts per million (ppm) by weight

17 2.55 0.079

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#### CANADIAN REGULATORY INFORMATION (WHMIS)

Class B, Division 2 (Flammable Liquid)

Class D. Division 2A (Very toxic by other means) and Class D. Division 2B (Toxic by other means)

16. OTHER INFORMATION (rev. Jan-04) NFPA® HAZARD RATING HEALTH: Slight FIRE: 3 Serious REACTIVITY: 0 Minimal Minimal HEALTH: **HMIS® HAZARD RATING** 1 \* Slight

FIRE: REACTIVITY: 3 Serious0 Minimal

\* CHRONIC

SUPERSEDES MSDS DATED: 12/30/97

**ABBREVIATIONS:** 

AP = Approximately < = Less than > = Greater than

N/A = Not Applicable N/D = Not Determined ppm = parts per million

#### ACRONYMS:

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ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental	NTP	National Toxicology Program
	Industrial Hygienists	OPA	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
AIHA	American Industrial Hygiene Association	OSHA	U.S. Occupational Safety & Health
ANSI	American National Standards Institute		Administration
	(212)642-4900	PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit (OSHA)
API	American Petroleum Institute	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
	(202)682-8000	REL	Recommended Exposure Limit (NIOSH)
CERCLA	Comprehensive Emergency Response,	SARA	Superfund Amendments and
	Compensation, and Liability Act		Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
	[General Info: (800)467-4922]	SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control, and
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		Countermeasures
HMI\$	Hazardous Materials Information System	STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit (generally 15
IARC	International Agency For Research On		minutes)
	Cancer	TLV	Threshold Limit Value (ACGIH)
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration	TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association	TWA	Time Weighted Average (8 hr.)
	(617)770-3000	WEEL	Workplace Environmental Exposure
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety		Level (AIHA)
	and Health	WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials
NOIC	Notice of Intended Change (proposed		Information System (Canada)
	change to ACGIH TLV)		

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### SECTION 1 PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name: Propane

Trade Name: LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)

Chemical Formula: C3H8

WHIMIS Classification: Class A - Compressed Gas

Class B, Division I – Flammable Gas

**Business:** 

Supplier:

Non Medical Emergency:

Uses and Occurrence:

Propane is commonly used as fuel for heating, cooking, automobiles, forklift trucks, crop drying and welding and cutting operations. Propane is used in

industry as a refrigerant, solvent and as a chemical feedstock.

CEPA: CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

All components of this product are either on the Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are exempt.

### $\textbf{SECTION} \ \textbf{II} - \textbf{HAZARDOUS} \ \textbf{INGREDIENTS}$

Components	CAS Registry No.	<b>Proportion of Product</b>	LC50	LD50
Рторапе	74986	95% - 98%	N/A	N/A
Ethane	74840	3% - 5%	N/A	N/A
Butane	791068	1% - 3%	N/A	$N/\Lambda$
Iso-Butane	75285	0.1% - 0.3%	N/A	N/A
Methane	74828	0.1% - 0.2%	N/A	N/A

Note: Composition given is typical for Grade 1 Propane; exact composition will vary from shipment to shipment.

> Explanation for change – HD5 refers to American specification, Grade 1 is Canadian equivalent in CGSB 3.14 Standard

### SECTION III - CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

Form: While stored under pressure - liquid and/or

vapor

**Boiling Point**: -42 °C atm **Freezing Point**: -188 °C

Evaporation Rate: Rapid (Gas at Normal

Ambient Conditions)

Vapor Pressure: 1,013 (kPa) @ 26.0 °C

Vapor Density: 1.52 (Air = 1)

Coefficient of Water/Oil Distribution: Not

available

PH: Not available

Soluble in Water: 6.1% by Volume @ 17.8°C

and 753 mmHg

Specific Gravity: 0.51 (Water = 1)

Appearance: Colorless liquid and vapor while

stored under pressure.

Colorless and odorless gas in natural state at any

concentration.

Commercial propane has an odorant added which is commonly ethyl mercaptan which has an odor

similar to boiling cabbage or rotten eggs.

Odor Threshold: 4800 PPM See Note 1 - Odorants

### SECTION IV – FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

Flash Point: -103.4 °C Method: Closed Cup Flammable Limits: Lower 2.4%, Upper 9.5%

Auto Ignition Temperature: 432 °C

Products Evolved Due to Heat or Combustion: Carbon monoxide can be produced when primary and secondary airs are deficient while combustion is taking place.

Fire and Explosive Hazards: Explosive air-vapor mixtures may form if allowed to leak to atmosphere.

Sensitivity to Impact: No

Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Yes

Fire Extinguishing Precautions: Use water spray to cool exposed cylinders or tanks. Do not extinguish fire unless the source of the escaping gas that is fuelling the fire can be turned off. Fire can be extinguished with carbon dioxide and/or dry chemical (BC). Container metal shells require cooling with water to prevent flame impingement and the weakening of metal. If weakening, the area must be evacuated. If gas has not ignited, liquid and vapor may be dispersed by water spray or flooding.

**Special Fire Fighting Equipment:** Protective clothing, hose monitors, fog nozzles, self contained breathing apparatus.

#### **SECTION V** – REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: Keep separate fro oxidizing agents. Gas explodes spontaneously when mixed with chlorine dioxide.

**Incompatibility**: Remove sources of ignition and observe distance requirements for storage tanks

from combustible material, drains, and openings to buildings.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**: Deficient primary and secondary air can produce carbon monoxide.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

#### SECTION VI – TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF MATERIAL

#### ACUTE EXPOSURE:

Eyes: As a gas, none, Liquid causes "cold burns'. Respiratory System: Little physiological effect at concentrations below 10.000 PPM. Higher concentrations may cause dizziness and unconsciousness due to asphyxiation. SEE

NOTE 2 – ASPHYXIANT.

Chronic Exposure: There are not reported effects from long-term low-level exposure.

Other: Liquid can cause burns and frostbite if in

direct contact with skin.

Sensitization Properties: Skin - unknown,

Respiratory - unknown.

Carcinogenicity: Not determined. SEE NOTE 3

(NORM).

#### MEDIAN LETHAL DOSE:

Oral: Not applicable for gas.

Inhalation: Not determined.

Dermal: Not applicable for gas.

Other: Not determined. IRRITATION INDEX:

Skin: No appreciable effect (gas). Eyes: No appreciable effect (gas).

Symptoms of Exposure: Above 10,000 PPM – dizziness, stupor, unconsciousness. SEE NOTE 2 attached. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) classifies propane as an asphyxiate; there is no recommended

"Threshold Limit Value" (TLV).
Teratogenicity: Not determined.
Mutagenicity: Not determined.

### SECTION VII - OCCUPATION CONTROL PROCEDURES

Eyes: Safety glasses, goggles, or face shield required when transferring product.

Skin: Insulated gloves if contact with liquid or liquid cooled equipment is expected. Wear gloves and long sleeves when transferring product.

Inhalation: In atmosphere, where the

concentration of propane would reduce oxygen

level below 18% in inhaled air, self contained breathing apparatus required. SEE NOTE 3 – (NORM).

Ventilation: Explosion proof ventilation equipment required in confined spaces.

#### **SECTION VIII** – EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES

#### FIRST AID:

Eyes: Should eye contact with liquid occur, flush eyes with lukewarm water for 15 minutes. Obtain immediate medical care.

Skin: In case of "Cold Burn" from contact with liquid, immediately place affected area in lukewarm water and keep at this temperature until circulation returns. If fingers or hands are frostbitten, have the victim hold his hand next to his body such as under the armpit. Obtain immediate medical care.

#### SPILL OR LEAK:

Eliminate leak if possible.
Eliminate source of ignition.
Ensure cylinder is upright.
Disperse vapors with hose streams using fog nozzles, watch for low area, as propane is heavier than air and can settle in low areas. Remain upwind of leak, keep people away.
Prevent vapor and/or liquid from entering into sewers, basements or confined areas.

#### **SECTION 1X** – TRANSPORTATION, HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Transport and store cylinders and tanks secured in an upright position in a ventilated space, away from ignition sources (so relief valve is in contact with vapor space of cylinder or tank).
- Cylinders that are not in use must have the valves in the closed position and be equipped with a protective cap or guard.
- Do not store with oxidizing agents, oxygen or chlorine cylinders.

Transport, handle and store according to applicable federal and provincial regulations (CGA B149.2). SEE NOTE 4 - MAGNETIC RESIDUES.

TDG Classification: 2.1 (gas)

TDG Shipping Name: Liquid Petroleum Gas

(Propane)

TDG Special Provisions: 56, 90, and 102

PIN UN: 1075

### SECTION X – PREPARTATION INFORMATION

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This information is in addition to the information supplied on the MSDS and forms a part of the MSDS by reference to note numbers indicated:

#### NOTE 1 ODOURANTS:

Odorants are not completely effective warning agents in all cases.

Certain odorants are polar and/or chemically reactive and may be depleted by reaction or absorption. Sensitivity to odorants differs from person to person and may decrease with age or impaired physical conditions such as colds or respiratory allergies.

Prolonged exposure to odorants can create desensitization to the odor.

#### NOTE 2 ASPHYXIANT AND NARCOTIC EFFECTS OR PROPANE:

LPG's can displace air and can act as an asphyxiant. Lack of oxygen may cause dizziness, headaches, diminished awareness, faulty judgment, increase in fatigue and impaired muscular coordination. If these symptoms are identified while working in close proximity to propane that is released, go immediately into a fresh air environment.

LPG's are anaesthetic gases within the upper explosive limits and higher concentrations. A person working around propane in an enclosed space or in close proximity to a propane source such as filling cylinders, purging lines, investigating leaks, etc. who feels light-headed, dizzy, drunken, sleepy, or intoxicated should go immediately into fresh air. This narcotic effect may impair a person's judgment temporarily but will rapidly disappear in fresh air.

### NOTE 3 NATURALLY OCCURRING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL (NORM):

Sludges and tank scale from propane storage tanks, bulk delivery truck tanks, railway tank cars, and fuel filters and strainers screens may contain Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) in the form of lead 210.

Equipment used for the transfer of propane such as propane piping and hoses, pumps and compressors may have detectable levels of radioactive lead 210 on inner surfaces.

Workers involved in cleaning, repair or maintenance on inner surfaces of such equipment should avoid breathing dust generated from such activities. Suitable codes of practice should be developed for the activities, detailing appropriate occupational hygiene and disposal practices.

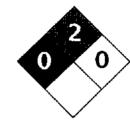
#### NOTE 4 MAGNETIC RESIDUES IN PROPANE:

Magnetic residues generated in automotive fuel tanks from "mill scale" or corrosion processes may impair the operation of magnetic gauges and electronic solenoid valves.

Collection of gross amounts of solid residues can affect the proper operation of lock offs, mixers, pressure release valves, etc.

Solid residues could contain NORM (see note 3).





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### Material Safety Data Sheet Kerosene MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Kerosene

Catalog Codes: SLK1048

CAS#: 8008-20-6 or 64742-81-0

RTECS: OA5500000

TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Kerosene

CI#: Not available.

**Synonym:** Astral Oil; Coal Oil, Fuel Oil No. 5, Deobase, Astral Oil, Jet A Fuel; Jet Fuel JP-1; JP-5 Navy Fuel; Kerosine, petroleum; Range Oil; K1 Kerosene; Kerosene,

hydrodesulfurized; Kerosine

Chemical Name: Kerosene

Chemical Formula: Not available.

#### **Contact Information:**

Sciencelab.com, Inc. 14025 Smith Rd. Houston, Texas 77396

US Sales: 1-800-901-7247

International Sales: 1-281-441-4400

Order Online: ScienceLab.com

CHEMTREC (24HR Emergency Telephone), call:

1-800-424-9300

International CHEMTREC, call: 1-703-527-3887

For non-emergency assistance, call: 1-281-441-4400

Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients			
Composition:			
Name	CAS#	% by Weight	
Kerosene	8008-20-6 or	100	
	64742-81-0		

**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** Kerosene: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 15000 mg/kg [Rat]. 20000 mg/kg [Guinea pig]. 2835 mg/kg [Rabbit].

#### Section 3: Hazards Identification

#### **Potential Acute Health Effects:**

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator). Severe over-exposure can result in death.

#### **Potential Chronic Health Effects:**

Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer),

CARCÍNOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast.

TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available.

DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available.

The substance is toxic to the nervous system.

The substance may be toxic to blood, kidneys, liver, central nervous system (CNS).

Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage. Repeated exposure to a highly toxic material may produce general deterioration of health by an accumulation in one or many human organs.

#### Section 4: First Aid Measures

#### **Eve Contact:**

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

#### Skin Contact:

In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

#### Serious Skin Contact:

Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

#### Inhalation:

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.

#### Serious Inhalation:

Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek immediate medical attention.

#### Ingestion:

If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention immediately.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

#### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product: Flammable.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: 210°C (410°F)

Flash Points: CLOSED CUP: 38°C (100.4°F). (Tagliabue.)

Flammable Limits: LOWER: 0.7% UPPER: 5% - 7%

Products of Combustion: Not available.

Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances: Flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

#### Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:

Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

#### Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:

Flammable liquid, insoluble in water.

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder.

LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure

build-up, autoignition or explosion.

Special Remarks on Fire Hazards: Not available.

Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards: Not available.

#### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Small Spill: Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

#### Large Spill:

Toxic flammable liquid, insoluble or very slightly soluble in water. Poisonous liquid.

Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Use water spray to reduce vapors. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal.

#### Section 7: Handling and Storage

#### Precautions:

Keep locked up.. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

#### Storage:

Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

#### Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

#### **Engineering Controls:**

Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

#### Personal Protection:

Splash goggles. Lab coat, Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent, Gloves.

#### Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits: Not available.

#### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Liquid. (Oily liquid.)

Odor: Not available.

Taste: Not available.

Molecular Weight: Not available.

Color: Yellow. Clear (Light.)

pH (1% soln/water): Not applicable.

Boiling Point: 149°C (300.2°F) - 325 C

Melting Point: Not available.

Critical Temperature: Not available.

Specific Gravity: 0.775 - .840(Water = 1)

Vapor Pressure: 0.1 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** 4.5 (Air = 1)

Volatility: Not available.

Odor Threshold: Not available.

Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.

Ionicity (in Water): Not available.

Dispersion Properties: Not available.

Solubility:

Insoluble in cold water, hot water. Miscible with other petroleum solvents

#### Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.

Instability Temperature: Not available.

Conditions of Instability: Heat, ignition sources (sparks, flames), incompatible materials

Incompatibility with various substances: Reactive with oxidizing agents.

Corrosivity: Not considered to be corrosive for metals and glass.

Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.

Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.

Polymerization: Will not occur.

#### **Section 11: Toxicological Information**

Routes of Entry: Absorbed through skin. Eye contact.

Toxicity to Animals: Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 2835 mg/kg [Rabbit].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** 

MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for bacteria and/or yeast. Causes damage to the following organs: the nervous system.

May cause damage to the following organs: blood, kidneys, liver, central nervous system (CNS).

#### Other Toxic Effects on Humans:

Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation (lung irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator).

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: May affect genetic material (mutagenic)

#### Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:

Acute Potential Health Effects:

Skin: Causes moderate to severe skin irritation. It can cause defatting dermatitis.

Eyes: May cause eye irritation.

Inhalation: May cause respiratory tract and mucous membrane irritation and a burning sensation in the chest. Because of its relatively low volatility, overexposure by inhalation is uncommon, but it can occur in poorly ventilated areas or by inhalation of mists or aerosols. Symptoms of inhalation overexposure include central nevous system (CNS) depression (transient euphora, headache, irritability, excitement, ringing in the ears, weakness, incoordination, confusion, disorientation, drowsiness, tremor, somnolence, hallucinations, seizures, coma, death). May affect the heart (cardiac arrythmias), liver, kidneys, and respiration( asphyxia, apnea, acute pulmonary edema, dyspnea, fibrosis, or cyanosis)

Ingestion: Causes gastrointestinal tract irritation with burning sensation in mouth, esophagus, and stomach, a b d o m in a l p a in , n a u s e a , v o m i t in g , h y p e r m o t i l i t y , d i a r r h e a , h e a d a c h e , m a l a i s e . M a y a f f e c t

respiration/trachea/bronchi through accidental pulmonary aspiration which can cause hypoxia, chemical pneumonitis, and noncardiogenic pulmonary edema, pulmonary hemmorrhage, coughing, breathing difficulty, acute or chronic pulmonary edema, emphysema, respiratory stimulation. It may also affect the heart (dysrrhythmias, myocardial depression, tachycardia), liver, endocrine system (pancreas - hypoglycemia), behavior/central nervous system (symptoms similar to that of inhalation).

Chronic Potential Health Effects:

Inhalation: Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause respiratory tract irritation and affect behavior/central nervous system with symptoms similar to that of acute inhalation. It may also affect the blood (changes in white blood cell count, changes in serum compositon, pigmented or nucleated red blood cells, leukopenia, normocytic anemia), cardiovascular system, respiratory system (trachea, bronchi), and may cause kidney damage. Ingestion: Repeated or prolonged ingestion may affect the liver, endocrine system (adrenal gland, pancreas, spleen), and metabolism (weight loss), and blood.

Skin: Repeated or prolonged skin contact may cause defatting dermatitis, erythema, and eczema-like skin lesions, drying and cracking of the skin, and possible bums.

#### Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.

BOD5 and COD: Not available.

#### Products of Biodegradation:

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

#### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

#### Waste Disposal

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: CLASS 3: Flammable liquid. Identification: : Kerosene UNNA: 1223 PG: III Special Provisions for Transport: Not available.

#### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

#### Federal and State Regulations:

Connecticut hazardous material survey.: Kerosene Rhode Island RTK hazardous substances: Kerosene

Pennsylvania RTK: Kerosene Massachusetts RTK: Kerosene Massachusetts spill list; Kerosene

New Jersey: Kerosene

TSCA 8(b) inventory: Kerosene

#### Other Regulations:

OSHA: Hazardous by definition of Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

### Other Classifications:

#### WHMIS (Canada):

CLASS B-3: Combustible liquid with a flash point between 37.8°C (100°F) and 93.3°C (200°F).

CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

#### DSCL (EEC):

R10- Flammable.

R65- Harmful: may cause lung

damage if swallowed.

S23- Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray

S24- Avoid contact with skin.

S62- If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

#### HMIS (U.S.A.):

Health Hazard: 2

Fire Hazard: 2

Reactivity: 0

Personal Protection: h

#### National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

Health: 0

Flammability: 2

Reactivity: 0

Specific hazard:

Protective Equipment:

Gloves.
Lab coat.
Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate.
Splash goggles.

#### Section 16: Other Information

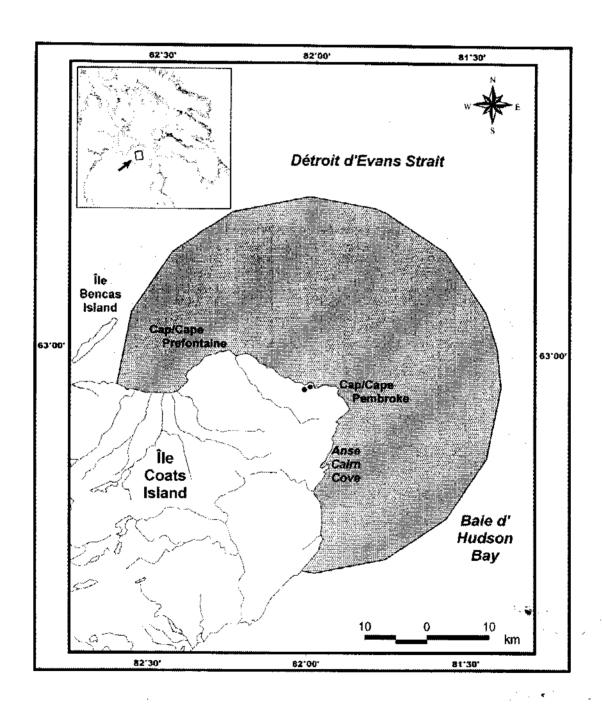
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Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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## CWS Seabird Monitoring Programme: determine population parameters and trends for marine birds in northern Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait

Nunavut supports substantial proportions of the Canadian and world populations of several seabird species. Most seabirds are long-lived with low reproductive rates, meaning that influence adult survival can have major impacts on local populations. Glaucous gulls and Iceland gulls are common across Nunavut, but relatively little is known about their populations, or importantly trends in these numbers. In the case of the Thick-billed Murre (*Uria Iomvia*), over 90% of the Canadian population nests in Nunavut, and the majority of these nest in colonies around Hudson Strait. For some communities, murre eggs still form an important part of local subsistence harvest. However, adult murres experience high harvest in Greenland and Newfoundland, and most of these birds come from colonies in Nunavut. This ongoing project aims to continue the collection of demographic and population trend information needed to monitor or influence harvest of selected seabird species. As well, the on-site monitoring of seabird diet at Coats Island is one of the best examples in the Arctic of changing marine ecosystems, presumably in response to climate change.

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