

**COLORADO LIME COMPANY**  
**SAFETY DATA SHEET**

**1. Product and Company Identification**

**Product Name:** Calcium Carbonate

**Other Means of Identification:** Limestone,  
Agricultural Limestone, Calcium Carbonate, Screened  
Limestone, Rip Rap, Pit Run Limestone

**Recommend Use of the chemical and restrictions on use:** Rock dust for underground coal mines, emissions control for coal fired generating power plants, feed ingredient, and fertilizer

**Company Identification:**

Colorado Lime Company  
1468 Hwy 50  
Delta, CO 81416  
Information: 970 874-8300

Colorado Lime Company  
400 E. RR St.  
Salida, CO 81201  
Emergency 970 874-8300

**2. Hazards Identification**

**Hazard Classification** Eye Damage Category – 0, Skin Irritation Category -0, Specific Organ Single Exposure Category – 0, Carcinogen Category – 0.

**Label Elements:**

**Signal Word:** Danger

**Emergency Overview:** Pulverized Limestone (Rock Dust) is odorless and white or grayish in color. Contact to pulverized limestone or limestone dust can cause irritation to the eyes, skin, respiratory system and gastrointestinal tract.

**Potential Health Effects**

**Eyes:** Particles in eyes may cause irritation

**Skin:** Contact to pulverized limestone or limestone dust MAY cause dryness and irritation of the skin.

**Ingestion:** May cause discomfort of constipation if swallowed. If large quantities are swallowed, it may cause nausea, hypocalcaemia or hemorrhage.

**Inhalation:** Inhalation of pulverized limestone or limestone dust may cause irritation of the respiratory system resulting in coughing and/or sneezing.

Pulverized Limestone is not listed by MSHA, OSHA, or IARC as a carcinogen, but this product may contain trace amounts of crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite, which has been classified by IARC as (Group I) carcinogenic to humans when inhaled. Inhalation of silica can also cause a chronic lung disorder, silicosis. Wear NIOSH N-95 particulate respirators if airborne concentration exceeds PEL.

**Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure:** Contact may aggravate disorders of eyes and respiratory system.

**Potential Environmental Effects:** This material is slightly alkaline and if released into water or moist soil may cause an increase in pH. Provide general ventilation for dust control to meet TLV requirements. Provide appropriate dust respirators for non-routine exposure for non-routine use above TLV

**Signal Word:** Danger

**Hazard Statements:** Danger! Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause cancer through inhalation. May cause respiratory irritation. Causes damage to lungs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

**Symbols:**



**Precautionary Statements:**

Do not breathe dust. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.

Calcium Carbonate dust is a physical irritant of the eyes, nose, mucous membranes and skin of humans.

If in eyes: Irritation may result. Immediately and thoroughly flush eyes with large amounts of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Recommended not to wear contacts, however if contacts are being worn - Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Seek medical attention immediately.

If Inhaled: Exposure to large amounts of this substance may cause coughing, sneezing, and nasal irritation. Do not breathe dust. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product, Remove person(s) to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Have victim blow his or her nose, or use a soft tissue to remove particulates or residues from the nostrils. Seek medical attention if you feel unwell.

If on skin; Dryness and/or irritation may exist. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

Immediately and thoroughly wash contaminated skin with soap and water. If skin irritation occurs: Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If exposed or concerned seek medical advice.

Dispose of contents or containers in accordance with applicable regulations.

**Hazards not otherwise classified:** NA

**Ingredients with unknown toxicity:** NA

**3. Composition/Information on Ingredients**

Component	CAS #	% by weight
Calcium Carbonate	1317-65-3	>86 %
Magnesium Carbonate	546-93-0	8-10 %
Crystalline Silica	14808-60-7	< 1.75%

#### **4. First Aid Measures**

**Eyes:** Do not rub eyes. Immediately flush eyes with generous amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Pull back the eyelid to ensure that all lime dust has been washed out. Seek medical advice, if needed.

**Ingestion:** This product can cause irritation of the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed. Do not induce vomiting. Seek medical attention immediately. Never give anything by mouth unless instructed to do so by medical personnel.

**Inhalation:** This product can cause irritation of the respiratory system. Move victim to fresh air. Seek medical attention if necessary. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed:** Irritation of skin, eyes, gastrointestinal tract or respiratory tract. Long-term exposure by inhalation may cause permanent damage. This product contains crystalline silica, which has been classified by IARC as (Group 1) carcinogenic to humans when inhaled. Inhalation of silica can also cause a chronic lung disorder, silicosis.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed:** See first aid information above. Note to Physicians: Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

#### **5. Fire Fighting Measures**

**Fire Hazards:** Limestone (rock dust) is not combustible or flammable. and is not considered to be an explosion hazard.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** None.

**Extinguishing Media:** N/A.

**Fire Fighting Instructions:** N/A

#### **6. Accidental Release Measures**

**Spill /Leak Procedures:**

**Small Spills:** Use dry methods to collect spilled materials. Avoid generating dust. Do not clean up with compressed air. Residue on surfaces may be water washed.

**Large Spills:** Use dry methods to collect spilled materials. Evacuate area downwind of clean-up operations to minimize dust exposure.

**Containment:** For large spills, as much as possible, avoid the generation of dusts. Prevent release to sewers or waterways.

**Cleanup:** Residual amounts of material can be flushed with large amounts of water. Equipment can be washed with either a mild vinegar and water solution, or detergent and water.

#### **7. Handling and Storage**

**Handling and Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated location. Store in original containers or dry bulk tanks. Protect containers from physical damage.

## **8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

<b>Component</b>	<b>CAS #</b>	<b>Exposure Limits</b>
Calcium Carbonate	1317-65-3	OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Total) 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable) ACGIH TLV: 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Magnesium Carbonate	546-93-0	OSHA PEL: 15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total), 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable) ACGIH TLV: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Crystalline Silica	14808-60-7	OSHA PEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> divided by % quartz + 2 (respirable fraction) ACGIH TLV: 0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable)

**Engineering Controls:** Provide ventilation adequate to maintain PELs.

### **Individual Protection Measures:**

**Respiratory Protection:** Use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators if airborne concentration exceeds PEL.

**Skin Protection:** Use appropriate gloves to prevent skin contact. Where there is a risk of skin contact, wear suitable clothing to prevent such contact.

**Eye Protection:** Use safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles. Contact lenses should not be worn when working with lime products.

**Other:** Eye wash fountain and emergency showers are recommended.

## **9. Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Appearance:** White or grayish-white material.

**Odor:** Slightly “earthy” but not offensive

**Physical State:** Solid

**Melting Point:** 825C (aragonite); 1,339C (calcite)

**Vapor Pressure:** N/A

**Specific Gravity at 20 degrees C:** 2.7 - 2.83.

**pH at 25 degrees C in water saturated solution:** 9.4

**Vapor Density:** N/A

**Solubility in Water:** Negligible

**Molecular weight:** 100.09

## **10. Stability and Reactivity**

**Stability:** Chemically stable.

**Incompatibility/Conditions to Avoid:** Windy environment could cause excessive dusting.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None

**Hazardous Polymerization:** None

## **11. Toxicological Information:**

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**Exposure limits:** See section(s) 4 and 8 above.

## **12. Ecological Information:**

**Ecotoxicity:** None

**Environmental Fate:** This material shows no bioaccumulation effect or food chain concentration toxicity.

## **13. Disposal Considerations:**

Dispose of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations. If this product as supplied, and unmixed, becomes a waste, it will not meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

## **14. Transportation Information:**

Limestone (rock dust) is not classified as a hazardous material by DOT when transported by any means.

## **15. Regulatory Information:**

### **EPA Regulations:**

RCRA Hazardous Waste Number: not listed (40 CFR 261.33)

RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification (40 CFR 261): not classified

CERCLA Hazardous Substance (40 CFR 302.4) unlisted specific per RCRA, Sec. 3001; CWA, Sec. 311 (b) (4); CWA, Sec. 307 (a), CAA, Sec. 112

CERCLA Reportable Quantity (RQ) not listed.

SARA 311/312 Codes: not listed.

SARA Toxic Chemical (40 CFR 372.65): not listed.

SARA EHS (Extremely Hazardous Substance) (40 CFR 355): Not listed, Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ): not listed.

All chemical ingredients are listed on the USEPA TSCA Inventory List.

### **OSHA/MSHA Regulations:**

Air Contaminant (29 CFR 1910.1000, Table Z-1, Z-1-A): 5 mg/M<sup>3</sup> TWA-8

MSHA: not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substance (29CFR 1910) not listed.

NFPA: Health-1, Fire-0, Reactivity-0

**State Regulations:** Consult state and local authorities for guidance.

## **16. Other Information:**

**Date of preparation or last revision of this Safety Data Sheet:** 05/19/2015