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## GHS SAFETY DATA SHEET

GRAIN DUST

SDS DATE: 04/17/2019

### SECTION 1: PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME (GHS Product Identifier):** Grain Dust  
**(Other means of Identification):** Grain dust corn, Corn dust

**PRODUCT INTENDED USE AND RESTRICTION:** Byproduct of grain handling, storage, and processing

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**SECTION 1 NOTES:** None Available

### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**GHS LABELING AND CLASSIFICATION:** This product meets the definition of the following hazard classes as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard and Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

#### GHS CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO ANNEX II:

HEALTH	ENVIRONMENTAL	PHYSICAL
Not classified	Not classified	Combustible Dust
<b>SIGNAL WORD:</b>		<b>WARNING</b>
<b>SYMBOL:</b>		No Symbol



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<b>PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS (OSHA):</b>	<b>PREVENTIVE:</b>	P210-Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces.—No smoking. P241: Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/light/...equipment. P261: Avoid breathing dust
	<b>RESPONSE:</b>	P346+P311: If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a poison center/doctor
	<b>STORAGE:</b>	Prevent dust accumulations to minimize explosion hazard.
	<b>DISPOSAL:</b>	Not Applicable

**Any Regional Considerations:** N/A

**SECTION 2 NOTES:** Warning! May form combustible dust concentrations in air (during processing). The chemical manufacturer or importer shall label chemicals that are shipped in dust form, and present a combustible dust hazard in the form when used downstream.

### SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

**CHEMICAL NAME:** Grain dust  
**COMMON NAME:** Grain dust  
**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** Dust (combustible dust)  
**CHEMICAL FORMULA:** NA  
**SYNONYMS:** Grain dust corn; corn dust

**INGREDIENT:**  
 Corn dust

NAME	CAS#	EC#	ICSC#	% WT
Grain dust	NA	NA	NA	60%
Particulates not otherwise classified or regulated (corn)	NA	NA	NA	40%

**CARCINOGENICITY**  
**OSHA:** NO      **ACGIH:** NO      **NTP:** NO      **IARC:** NO  
**OTHER:** NA

**IMPURITIES/STABILIZING ADDITIVES IDENTIFICATION:** None

**IMPURITIES/STABILIZING ADDITIVES CLASSIFICATION (if applicable):** None

**SECTION 3 NOTES:** None Available

### SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

*Contaminated individuals of chemical exposure must be taken for medical attention if any adverse effect occurs. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention, if necessary. Take copy of label and MSDS/SDS to health professional with contaminated individual.*

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Dust dispersin in air poses explosion hazard.

**ROUTES OF ENTRY/FIRST AID:** Eye contact, Inhalation, skin contact

**EYES CONTACT:** Contact may cause slight irritation due to mechanical action. Symptoms include redness and tearing. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Cold water may be used. Get medical attention.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Skin effects may include itchy skin and skin rashes. In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Cold water may be used. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention. In case of serious skin contact, wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**INHALATION:** Grain dust is a respiratory sensitizer. It can trigger an allergic reaction in the respiratory system. Once this reaction has taken place, further exposure to the dust, even to very small amounts, may produce symptoms. The symptoms may delay for several hours. Possible illnesses are rhinitis, coughing and breathing difficulties, asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, extrinsic allergic alveolitis, organic dust toxic syndrome such as grain fever (a sudden onset, short-lived, 'flu-like' illness with fever and often associated with cough and chest discomfort). Get medical attention if symptoms appear. In case of serious inhalation, evacuate the victim to fresh air. 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. Seek medical attention.

**INGESTION:** None expected.



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**MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** Allergies, pre existing lung conditions such as asthma.

**NOTES TO PHYSICIANS OR FIRST AID PROVIDERS:** Treat symptomatically.

**SECTION 4 NOTES:** You can't usually see the very fine dust that you can breathe into lungs, which will cause most harm.

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### SECTION 5: FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

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**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical or water fog

**PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS:** DO NOT use direct hose stream if dust can be dispersed into air. Dust dispersed by water stream in the presence of an ignition source could cause an explosion.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:**

*(Define specific hazards arising from the chemical e.g., nature of any hazardous combustion products)*

If improperly handled, stored, and/or exposed to an ignition source, this material may burn. Airborne dust in sufficient concentrations when confined and to a sufficient ignition source can explode.

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** NA

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS IN AIR,**

**UPPER:** Unknown

**LOWER:** 55 gm/m<sup>3</sup>

**FLASH POINT:** Not Applicable.

**IGNITION TEMPERATURE:**

**Cloud (°C)<sup>3</sup>:** 400 °C (752 °F)

**Layer (°)<sup>4</sup>:** 250 °C (482 °F)

**NFPA HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:** No information found

**SECTION 5 NOTES:** None available.

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### SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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**PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:** Avoid dust dispersion in confined space for explosion prevention.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRECAUTIONS:** Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air. Nonsparking tools should be used.

**METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR CONTAINMENT AND CLEANING UP:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place in disposal container; avoid dust dispersion in air

**SECTION 6 NOTES:** None available.

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### SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

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**PRECAUTION FOR SAFE HANDLING:** Minimize dust generation and accumulation, should never be allowed to exceed 1/8" accumulation.

The use of compressed air to blow dust from ledges, walls, and other areas shall only be permitted when all machinery that presents an ignition source in the area is shut-down, and all other known potential ignition sources in the area are removed or controlled. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.

**CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE (any incompatibilities):** Store in a dry place.

**SECTION 7 NOTES:** None Available.

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### SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

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**EXPOSURE LIMITS/GUIDELINES:**

INGREDIENTS	ACGIH	OSHA-FINAL PELs
Grain Dust	4 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA; 1900 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA
Particulates not otherwise classified or regulated (corn)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust-TWA; 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust-TWA	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> total dust-TWA; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> respirable dust-TWA

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:**

**VENTILATION:** It is recommended that all dust control equipment such as local exhaust ventilation and material transport systems involved in handling of this product contain explosion relief vents or an explosion suppression system or an oxygen-deficient environment. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area. Use only appropriately classified electrical equipment and powered industrial trucks.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):**

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses or goggles

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Non-spark-producing clothing such as natural fiber

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134. Use a NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

**OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT:** Sleeved clothing

**SECTION 8 NOTES:** None Available.

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**SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**APPEARANCE:** light grayish brown

**PHYSICAL STATE:** solid/powerder

**COLOR:** light grayish brown

**ODOR:** normally odorless

**pH:** Not Applicable

**FREEZING POINT:** Not Applicable

**BOILING POINT:** Not Applicable

**MELTING POINT:** Not Applicable

**FLASH POINT:** Not Applicable

**EVAPORATION RATE (BASIS=1):** Not Applicable

**FLAMMABILITY (by %volume):**

**UPPER FLAMMABILITY LIMIT:** unknown

**LOWER FLAMMABILITY LIMIT:** 55 gm/m<sup>3</sup>

**VAPOR PRESSURE (mmHg):** Not Applicable

**VAPOR DENSITY (AIR = 1):** Not Applicable

**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** Not Applicable

**PARTITION COEFFICIENT n-octanol/water:** Not Applicable

**Deflagration Index (Kst):** 89 bar m/sec (Explosion Testing)

**Minmum Ignition Energy (MIE):** 300-1000 mJ (Explosion Testing)



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**Minimum Explosible concentration (MEC):** 50 to 150 grams per cubic meter

**MINIMUM IGNITION TEMPERATURE:**

**Cloud (°C)<sup>3</sup>:** 490 °C (Explosion Testing)

**Layer (°)<sup>4</sup>:** 300 °C (Explosion Testing)

**DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE:** No data available

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1):** Not Applicable

**BULK DENSITY:** 0.150-0.308 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**PARTICLE DENSITY:** 1.43-1.69 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**MASS MEAN DIAMETER:** 10.7-14 µM

**ASH CONTENT:** 5.12-30.6%

**PERCENT VOLATILE:** Not Applicable

**VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOC):** Not Applicable

**MOLECULAR WEIGHT:** Not Applicable

**VISCOSITY:** Not Applicable

**SECTION 9 NOTES:** The MEC for grain dust varies according to the particle size (smaller particles are more powerful) and energy (caloric) nature of the product. Extracted flour from corn may have different explosive energy than corn dust. Corn starch is considered one of the more volatile and powerful grain products, but all grain dust should be considered as very dangerous.

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## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

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**REACTIVITY:** NA

**STABILITY:** Stable

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID (STABILITY):** Dusty conditions exceeding the Lower Flammable Limit (LFL). Ignition sources.

**POSSIBILITY OF HAZARDOUS REACTIONS:** NA

**INCOMPATIBILITY MATERIAL:** NA

**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** NA

**SECTION 10 NOTES:** Follow procedures specified in the National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards for handling combustible dusts. Maintain good house keeping to avoid dust buildup.

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## SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:** The toxicity data of this product has not been determined by testing or research, but to our best knowledge, this product is minimally toxic. The toxicity data shown below is for reference only.

**ROUTES OF EXPOSURE:** Eye contact. Inhalation.

**SYMPTOMS RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

**CONTACT WITH EYES:** It can cause irritation to eyes and symptoms include redness and tearing.

**CONTACT WITH SKIN:** Contact with dust may cause slight irritation.

**INHALATION:** Inhalation of grain dust may cause coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, and shortness of breath. Prolonged or repeated overexposure may cause lung damage.

**INGESTION:** NA

**DELAYED AND IMMEDIATE EFFECTS AND ALSO CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM SHORT- AND LONG-TERM EXPOSURE:**

**SHORT-TERM EFFECTS:** The substance irritates the eyes. Inhalation of grain dust may cause irritation of respiratory tract.



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**LONG-TERM EFFECTS:** Long-term grain dust exposure may result in chronic obstructive lung disease. Studies have reported that grain dust inhalation may cause respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis and grain fever.

**NUMERICAL MEASURES OF TOXICITY:**

**LD50/LC50:** No information found

**IRRITATION DATA:** No information available.

**CARCINOGENICITY:** No

**EPIDEMIOLOGY:** Exposure to grain dust causes grain fever, wheezing, chest tightness, productive cough, eye and nasal irritation, and symptoms of chronic respiratory disease. Grain dust may also induce asthmatic reactions via an allergic mechanism, particularly in individuals who are predisposed to developing allergies.

**TERATOGENICITY:** No information available.

**REPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS:** No information available.

**NEUROTOXICITY:** No information available.

**MUTAGENICITY:** No information available.

**CHROMATID EXCHANGE:** No information available.

**SECTION 11 NOTES:** None Available.

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### SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**ECOTOXICITY (AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL, WHERE AVAILABLE):** Not Applicable

**PERSISTENCE AND DEGRADABILITY:** Not Applicable

**BIOACCUMULATIVE POTENTIAL:** Very unlikely to have bioaccumulation.

**MOBILITY IN SOIL:** Not Applicable

**OTHER ADVERSE EFFECTS:** No information available.

**SECTION 12 NOTES:** None Available.

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### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

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**DISPOSAL METHOD:** Vacuum or sweep up material and place in disposal container. Disposal of this material must be made in accordance with national, state, and local regulations. Avoid water contamination.

**RCRA HAZARD CLASS:** Not Applicable

**DESCRIPTION OF WASTE RESIDUES AND INFORMATION ON THEIR SAFE HANDLING AND METHODS OF DISPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY CONTAMINATED PACKAGING:** Not Applicable

**SECTION 13 NOTES:** None Available.

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### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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**U.N. GHS TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT**

**UN NUMBER:** Not Applicable

**PROPER SHIPPING NAME:** Not Applicable

**TRANSPORT HAZARD CLASS:** Not Applicable

**PACKING GROUP:** Not Applicable

**LABEL STATEMENT:** Not Applicable

**MARINE POLLUTANT:** Not Applicable



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**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR USER:** Not Applicable

**SECTION 14 NOTES:** Shipment of grain does not present a combustible dust hazard in the shipped form. But when processed downstream in a plant, such hazards are a concern.

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### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

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#### U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS

**TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT (TSCA):** Not Applicable

**OCCUPATIONAL, SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA):** 29 CFR 1910.272

**COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA):** Not Applicable

**CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA):** Not Applicable

**CLEAN AIR ACT (CAA):** Grain dust can contribute to particulate emission significantly.

**SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT (SARA) CODES:** Not Applicable

**SARA SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:** Not Applicable

**SARA 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS:** Not Applicable

**STATE REGULATIONS:** Not Applicable

**INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS:** Not Applicable

**SECTION 15 NOTES:** None Available.

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### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

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**DISCLAIMER:** The information above is believed to be accurate and represents the best information currently available to us. However, we make no warranty of merchantability or any other warranty, express or implied, with respect to such information, and we assume no liability resulting from its use. Users should make their own investigations to determine the suitability of the information for their particular purposes. In no event shall Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. be liable for any claims, losses or damages of any third party or for lost profits or any special, indirect, incidental, consequential or exemplary damages, howsoever arising, even if Green Plains, Inc. has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Refer to NFPA 654, *Standard for the prevention of fire and dust explosions from the manufacturing, processing, and handling of combustible particulate solids*, for safe handling.

#### REFERENCES:

GHS Annex II  
GHS SDS Instruction

#### ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS:

ACGIH-American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists  
CAA-Clean Air Act  
CAS-Chemical Abstracts Service  
CERCLA-Comprehensive Response Compensation and Liability Act  
CHEMTREC-It serves as a round-the-clock resource for obtaining immediate response information for incidents involving hazardous material and dangerous goods.  
CWA-Clean Water Act  
EC-European Commission  
GHS-Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
IARC-International Agency for the Research on Cancer  
ICSC-International Chemical Safety Cards  
J-symbol for the minimum ignition energy of a combustible mixture  
LC50-The concentration of a chemical in air or of a chemical in water which causes the death of 50% of a group of test animals.  
LD50-The amount of a chemical, given all at once, which causes the death of 50% of a group of test animals.  
MEC-Minimum explosive concentration; the minimum concentration of combustible dust suspended in air, measured in mass per unit volume that will support deflagration. The MEC can be determined using the test procedure in ASTM E 1515, Standard Test Method for Minimum Explosible Concentration of Combustible Dusts.  
MIE-Minimum ignition energy; measures the ease of ignition of a dust cloud by electrical and electrostatic discharges.



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MIT-Minimum ignition temperature; the lowest temperature at which ignition occurs. The smaller the particle size, the lower the MIT; the lower the moisture content, the lower the MIT.

NIOSH-The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NTP-National Toxicology Program

OSHA-Occupational Safety and Health Administration

RCRA-Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

SARA-Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

STOST-SE-Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure

TSCA-Toxic Substance Control Act

U.N.-United Nation

UNCED-United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

VOL-Volume

WT-Weight

(°C)-a symbol for cloud where the auto-ignition in a combustible cloud is measured in Degrees Celsius

(°)-a symbol for layer where the layer ignition temperature is measured in degrees Celsius

<sup>i</sup> Calvin B. Parnell, Jr., David D. Jones, Ross D. Rutherford, and Kerry J. Goforth. Physical Properties of Five Grain Dust Types. Environ Health Perspect. 1986 Apr; 66:183-8.