# CAPITAL POWER CORPORATION GENESEE COAL ASH MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



# SECTION 1 - PRODUCT & COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Names:** Genesee Coal Ash

**Product Identifiers:** Coal Fly Ash, Fly Ash, FA, Classified Ash, Coal Bottom Ash, Bottom

Ash, BA and Coal Ash

**Manufacturer:** Genesee Generating Station, Capital Power Corporation, Box 20,

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**Product Uses:** Fly Ash & Bottom Ash are used as ingredients of cement and

concrete products, as well as filler in asphalt and may be present in other products widely used in construction. It is also often used for

soil stabilization.

**Notes:** Fly Ash & Bottom Ash are by-products of the coal combustion

process and the content is dependent on the coal burned, for this

reason composition of hazardous constituents may vary.

#### Section 2 - Hazards Identification

**Emergency Overview:** Genesee Coal Ash is a dark grey odourless powder which contains

solidified masses and is neither combustible nor explosive. Periodic

short-term exposure to the dry product poses little hazard.

**Skin Contact:** Coal Ash may cause dry skin and irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Irritation and inflammation of the eye may be caused by on contact or

symptoms may develop sometime after contact.

**Chronic Inhalation:** Risk of illness increases with the higher level and duration of

exposure:

Silicosis: Chronic inhalation of crystalline silica contain in Coal

Ash can cause silicosis, a fatal lung disease.

Tuberculosis: Chronic inhalation may result in a higher risk of

contracting tuberculosis associated with silicosis.

Renal Disease: Exposure to crystalline silica has been linked to

kidney disease by some studies.

**Acute Inhalation:** Breathing air containing large amounts of Coal Ash dust may cause

nose, throat or lung irritation. In extreme instances, choking may

result.

**Carcinogenicity:** Coal Ash contains crystalline silica which is a suspected human

carcinogen.

**Autoimmune Disease:** Some studies show a link between chronic exposure to crystalline

silica and autoimmune disorders. It is inconclusive if a link exists as

a result of chronic exposure or as a result of silicosis.

**Ingestion:** Distress of the digestive track may result from the ingestion on Coal

Ash.

#### Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

	Percent by Weight	CAS Number	8 h Exposure Limit (mg/m³)	LD <sub>50</sub>	LC <sub>50</sub>
Ash from Coal Combustion	<100.0	68121-74-8	NA	NA	NA
Amorphous Silica (Fused)	60.0	61790-53-2	0.10	NA	NA
Crystalline Silica (Quartz)	4.2	14808-60-7	0.025	NA	NA
Crystalline Silica (Cristobolite)	2.5	14464-46-1	0.025	NA	NA
Coal	1.0		2.00	NA	NA
Not Otherwise Regulated	32.3	NA	NA	NA	NA

## SECTION 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

**Eye:** Flush eyes with plenty of water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists seek medical

attention.

**Skin:** Wash contacted area with soap and water as soon after exposure as possible. **Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting; if conscious drink plenty of water. Seek medical attention

immediately.

**Inhalation:** Move to fresh air and clear nasal passages. Do not inhale.

#### Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

Coal Ash is a non-combustible that poses no fire related hazard. Firefighting should wear SCBA to avoid inhalation of friable dust.

#### Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

Don Personal Protective Equipment as specified in Section 8 of this MSDS. Spray spilt Coal Ash with water mist and scope into containers with securable lids. If vacuum is used, do not spray with water mist and ensure vacuum is fitted with HEPA designated filters.

#### SECTION 7 - HANDLING & STORAGE

**Handling:** Coal Ash, when dry is extremely friable; avoid causing the Coal Ash

to become airborne. Use dust suppression when handling indoors. Use dust suppression techniques when transported pneumatically.

When wetted Coal ash sets as it dries.

**Storage:** To avoid setting, store dry in closed containers.

## Section 8 – Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:** Store and handle in well-ventilated areas only. Use local exhaust

and dust suppression techniques to maintain dust levels to below

jurisdictional exposure limits.

**Respiratory PPE:** When handling or exposed to friable dust above jurisdictional

exposure limits, wear a properly fitted NIOSH Approved respirator the use of which meets CSA Standard Z94.4-02 – Selection, Use and Care of Respirators. Observe all relevant site respirator policies. When handling use safety glasses with side and brow protection or

safety goggles meeting the requirements of CSA Standard Z94-.3-99

- Industrial Eye and Face Protectors.

**Skin PPE:** Do not use barrier creams to prevent skin contact. Wear gloves,

boots and protective clothing to prevent skin contact. Remove

clothing saturated with wet Coal Ash immediately and wash exposed

areas.

#### SECTION 9 - PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical State	Powdered Solid	Vapour Pressure	NA
Appearance	Light to Dark Grey	Vapour Density	NA
Odour	None	pH in Water	Varies between 7 to 13
Evaporation Rate	NA	Freezing Point	Solid - None
Boiling Point	NA	Viscosity	Solid - None
Specific Gravity	Approximately 2.5	Solubility in Water	< 5%

#### SECTION 10 - STABILITY & REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable: Store dry.

**Incompatible:** Avoid contact with acids.

Hazardous-

Eye PPE:

**By-Products:** Reacts with hydrofluoric acid to form corrosive silicon tetra fluoride

gas.

Hazardous-

**Decomposition:** None

Hazardous-

Polymerization: None

#### Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Carcinogenicity:** Crystalline silica (quartz silica) is a suspected carcinogen.

Reproductive Effects: None reported Mutagenicity: None reported.

Radioactivity: Trace radioactive elements are present in Coal Ash but are generally

considered to result in exposure equal to or less than background

radiation levels in many areas.

#### Section 12 - Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Coal Ash can alter but has not been demonstrated to have a toxic

effect on aquatic ecosystems. Increased Turbidity and decreased phosphorus may result with a corresponding decrease in habitat

productivity.

**Bioaccumulation:** Trace elements present in Coal Ash have been shown to bio-

accumulate in fauna of lakes exposed to Coal Ash

## Section 13 - Disposal Consideration

Consult applicable Local, Provincial, State or Federal regulations in addition to any Site Operating Approval or related legal documents governing handling and she had disposal. Dispose of waste in closed containers in compliance with those regulations.

### Section 14 - Transport Information

Coal Ash is not considered as a Hazardous Material under Canadian TDG or US DOT regulations.

# SECTION 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the Canadian Controlled Product regulations (CPR).

## Section 16 - Other Information

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