

# BENSEAL<sup>®</sup>/EZ-MUD SLURRY

## Sealing and Plugging System

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## PRODUCT SUBMITTAL

- Technical Data Sheet
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**Description** The BENSEAL® and EZ-MUD® slurry combines two widely used Baroid products into a patented technique that provides a simple, economical method to seal and grout boreholes, well casings and earthen structures. The slurry develops a high quality grout with low permeability.

### Applications/Functions

- Can seal or grout plastic and steel casings
- Can seal downhole instrumentation in test and observation holes
- Can plug abandoned boreholes for mineral, water and seismic exploration
- Can stabilize broken or unconsolidated formations
- Can grout ground source heat pump loops

### Advantages

- Develop strong bond between grout, casing and formation
- Form a flexible seal with a very low permeability that prevents commingling of aquifers and entry of surface contaminants
- Delay bentonite swelling on surface so that unyielded bentonite will swell in situ
- Pump at reduced pressure
- No heat of hydration
- Easy to mix
- Re-hydratable
- Minimal grout level subsidence
- Allow hole reentry
- Both products are NSF/ANSI Standard 60 certified

### Typical Properties

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|------------------------|--|
| • Slurry weight        | 9.5 lb/gal (1.14 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )   |
| • Total active solids  | 20% by weight  |
| • Permeability         | 1.2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> cm/sec (in fresh water)   |
| • Yield volume         | 26.3 gal per one 50-lb sack BENSEAL grout  |
| • Thermal conductivity | 0.1 m <sup>3</sup> per 22.7 kg sack BENSEAL grout<br>0.43 btu/hour ft °F (0.74 watts/meter °C) |

### Recommended Treatment

The procedure described below must be followed closely to ensure proper mixing. To pump BENSEAL and EZ-MUD slurry, use a piston, diaphragm or gear-type pump. **Do not use a centrifugal pump.**

**Recommended  
Treatment  
(continued)**

**Typical mixing procedure:**

Note: Effective mixing and placement of BENSEAL and EZ-MUD grout requires the use of specific equipment capable of mixing and placing a highly reactive, pumpable bentonite grout such as a commercial grouter or proven low-shear mixing device and pump.

*Do not over mix and do not use a centrifugal pump.*

- 1.) Pre-treat make-up water with Soda Ash to less than or equal to 100 mg/l total hardness and to a pH range of 8.5 – 9.5.
- 2.) Accurately measure 24 U.S. gallons (91-liters) of freshwater into grout mix tank and mark tank to help ensure repeatability.
- 3.) With mixing paddles at high speed add 8-10 fluid ounces (240-300 ml) of EZ-MUD liquid polymer to the 24 U.S. Gallons (91-liters) of freshwater.
- 4.) With mixing paddles maintained at high speed, blend one sack of BENSEAL grout into EZ-MUD water mixture. Rate of addition for BENSEAL grout should always be controlled and consistent. Normal application rates will generally range from 15 to 30 seconds per 50-lb (22.7 kg) bag. Rate of addition will vary based on mixing efficiency of selected grouting equipment. Mixing of grout should continue only as long as necessary to achieve uniform suspension of granular BENSEAL grout within the EZ-MUD water mixture prior to pumping.
- 5.) Pump BENSEAL grout and EZ-MUD slurry grout through a 1.0–1.25 inch (25-32 mm) ID tremie pipe into hole without delay. Paddle speed should be maintained at a moderate speed during active pumping to help ensure continuous suspension of the granular BENSEAL grout. Grout should be pumped through tremie pipe from bottom of interval to surface to ensure effective displacement. Maintain submergence of tremie pipe a minimum of 10-feet within grout column for uniform displacement.
- 6.) Continuous grouting operations should continue until competent grout is present at the surface.

**Heat loop grouting**

Refer to typical mixing procedure. Do not over mix to avoid entrapment of air that will result in reduced thermal conductivity.

For grout volume requirements refer to the following table:

Diameter (inches)	Diameter (mm)	gal/ft	m <sup>3</sup> /meter	ft/gal	meter/m <sup>3</sup>
2	51	0.16	0.002	6.25	493.3
3	76	0.37	0.005	2.70	219.2
4	102	0.65	0.008	1.54	123.3
5	127	1.02	0.013	0.98	78.9
6	152	1.47	0.018	0.68	54.9
7	178	2.00	0.025	0.50	40.3
8	203	2.61	0.032	0.38	30.8
9	229	3.30	0.041	0.30	24.4
10	254	4.08	0.051	0.25	19.7
12	305	5.87	0.073	0.17	13.7
14	356	8.0	0.099	0.13	10.1
16	406	10.5	0.130	0.10	7.7
18	457	13.2	0.164	0.08	6.1
20	508	16.3	0.203	0.06	4.9
24	610	23.5	0.292	0.05	3.4
36	914	52.9	0.657	0.03	1.5

*Note:* Volume of annular space = volume of hole - volume of casing O.D

**Recommended  
Treatment (continued)**

***Sealing casing***

1. Pump the prepared BENSEAL and EZ-MUD slurry through a tremie pipe inserted down the annular space to the bottom of the hole.
2. Fill the annulus uniformly from the bottom up, and withdraw the tremie pipe slowly as the slurry is discharged.

*Notes:*

- In sealing casing, make sure that a "casing shoe shut-off" has been established between the bottom of the casing and the hole. This helps ensure that the sealing slurry remains in the annulus.
- Pump until the grout returned at the surface is of the same consistency as the grout being pumped into the hole.

***Plugging and abandoning boreholes:***

1. Pump the prepared BENSEAL and EZ-MUD slurry through an open-ended drill pipe.
2. Fill the hole from the bottom up and withdraw the drill pipe slowly as the hole fills to prevent pipe from becoming stuck.

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**Additional Information**

- The grouting method selected will depend upon, and you should carefully consider, all prevailing geological and hydrological factors and any existing regulatory requirements. The grouting process may not be complete until the grout is static at the desired level.
  - The subsurface environment that the respective bentonite sealing material or grout is to be placed into should always be taken into consideration when selecting the appropriate material to compose the well seal. If the formation water chemistry has a total hardness of greater than or equal to 500 parts per million and/or a chloride content of greater than or equal to 1500 parts per million the use of a bentonite material may not be appropriate for this environment. In the event that questions regarding subsurface environments arise it is always best to consult your local Baroid IDP representative to determine if the Baroid product of choice is appropriate for the given conditions.
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**Packaging** BENSEAL grout is packaged in 50-lb (22.7 kg) multiwall paper bags, containing 0.7 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.02 m<sup>3</sup>).  
EZ-MUD grout is packaged in 5-gal (19 liter) plastic containers. It is also available in cardboard cartons, which contain four 1-gal (3.8 liter) containers.

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**Availability** BENSEAL grout and EZ-MUD grout can be purchased through any Baroid Industrial Drilling Products Retailer. To locate the Baroid IDP retailer nearest you contact the Customer Service Department in Houston or your area IDP Sales Representative.

**Baroid Industrial Drilling Products  
Product Service Line, Halliburton**

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**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET****Product Trade Name:** BENSEAL®**Revision Date:** 25-Mar-2010**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

**Product Trade Name:** BENSEAL®  
**Synonyms:** None  
**Chemical Family:** Mineral  
**Application:** Viscosifier

**Manufacturer/Supplier** Baroid Fluid Services  
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**2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<b>SUBSTANCE</b>	<b>CAS Number</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>ACGIH TLV-TWA</b>	<b>OSHA PEL-TWA</b>
Bentonite	1302-78-9	60 - 100%	Not applicable	Not applicable
Crystalline silica, tridymite	15468-32-3	0 - 1%	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1/2 x 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> %SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2
Crystalline silica, cristobalite	14464-46-1	0 - 1%	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1/2 x 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> %SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2
Crystalline silica, quartz	14808-60-7	1 - 5%	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> %SiO <sub>2</sub> + 2

**More restrictive exposure limits may be enforced by some states, agencies, or other authorities.**

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Hazard Overview

**CAUTION! - ACUTE HEALTH HAZARD**

May cause eye and respiratory irritation.

**DANGER! - CHRONIC HEALTH HAZARD**

Breathing crystalline silica can cause lung disease, including silicosis and lung cancer. Crystalline silica has also been associated with scleroderma and kidney disease.

This product contains quartz, cristobalite, and/or tridymite which may become airborne without a visible cloud. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid creating dusty conditions. Use only with adequate ventilation to keep exposures below recommended exposure limits. Wear a NIOSH certified, European Standard EN 149, or equivalent respirator when using this product. Review the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this product, which has been provided to your employer.

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### Inhalation

If inhaled, remove from area to fresh air. Get medical attention if respiratory irritation develops or if breathing becomes difficult.

#### Skin

Wash with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

#### Eyes

In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention if irritation persists.

#### Ingestion

Under normal conditions, first aid procedures are not required.

#### Notes to Physician

Treat symptomatically.

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point/Range (F):	Not Determined
Flash Point/Range (C):	Not Determined
Flash Point Method:	Not Determined
Autoignition Temperature (F):	Not Determined
Autoignition Temperature (C):	Not Determined
Flammability Limits in Air - Lower (%):	Not Determined
Flammability Limits in Air - Upper (%):	Not Determined

**Fire Extinguishing Media** All standard firefighting media.

**Special Exposure Hazards** Not applicable.

**Special Protective Equipment for Fire-Fighters** Not applicable.

**NFPA Ratings:** Health 0, Flammability 0, Reactivity 0  
**HMIS Ratings:** Health 0\*, Flammability 0, Reactivity 0

### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**Personal Precautionary Measures** Use appropriate protective equipment. Avoid creating and breathing dust.

**Environmental Precautionary Measures** None known.

**Procedure for Cleaning / Absorption**

Collect using dustless method and hold for appropriate disposal. Consider possible toxic or fire hazards associated with contaminating substances and use appropriate methods for collection, storage and disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling Precautions**

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**Storage Information**

Use good housekeeping in storage and work areas to prevent accumulation of dust. Close container when not in use. Do not reuse empty container. Product has a shelf life of 60 months.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Engineering Controls**

Use approved industrial ventilation and local exhaust as required to maintain exposures below applicable exposure limits listed in Section 2.

**Personal Protective Equipment**

If engineering controls and work practices cannot prevent excessive exposures, the selection and proper use of personal protective equipment should be determined by an industrial hygienist or other qualified professional based on the specific application of this product.

**Respiratory Protection**

Wear a NIOSH certified, European Standard EN 149, or equivalent respirator when using this product.

**Hand Protection**

Normal work gloves.

**Skin Protection**

Wear clothing appropriate for the work environment. Dusty clothing should be laundered before reuse. Use precautionary measures to avoid creating dust when removing or laundering clothing.

**Eye Protection**

Wear safety glasses or goggles to protect against exposure.

**Other Precautions**

None known.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Physical State:</b>	Solid
<b>Color:</b>	Various
<b>Odor:</b>	Mild earthy
<b>pH:</b>	8-10
<b>Specific Gravity @ 20 C (Water=1):</b>	2.6
<b>Density @ 20 C (lbs./gallon):</b>	62
<b>Bulk Density @ 20 C (lbs/ft3):</b>	63- 73
<b>Boiling Point/Range (F):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Boiling Point/Range (C):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Freezing Point/Range (F):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Freezing Point/Range (C):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Vapor Pressure @ 20 C (mmHg):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Percent Volatiles:</b>	Not Determined
<b>Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate=1):</b>	Not Determined
<b>Solubility in Water (g/100ml):</b>	Insoluble
<b>Solubility in Solvents (g/100ml):</b>	Not Determined



## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

VOCs (lbs./gallon):	Not Determined
Viscosity, Dynamic @ 20 C (centipoise):	Not Determined
Viscosity, Kinematic @ 20 C (centistrokes):	Not Determined
Partition Coefficient/n-Octanol/Water:	Not Determined
Molecular Weight (g/mole):	Not Determined

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability Data:	Stable
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will Not Occur
Conditions to Avoid	None anticipated
Incompatibility (Materials to Avoid)	Hydrofluoric acid.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Amorphous silica may transform at elevated temperatures to tridymite (870 C) or cristobalite (1470 C).
Additional Guidelines	Not Applicable

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Principle Route of Exposure	Eye or skin contact, inhalation.
Inhalation	<p>Inhaled crystalline silica in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (IARC, Group 1). There is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (IARC, Group 2A).</p> <p>Breathing silica dust may cause irritation of the nose, throat, and respiratory passages. Breathing silica dust may not cause noticeable injury or illness even though permanent lung damage may be occurring. Inhalation of dust may also have serious chronic health effects (See "Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity" subsection below).</p>
Skin Contact	May cause mechanical skin irritation.
Eye Contact	May cause eye irritation.
Ingestion	None known
Aggravated Medical Conditions	Individuals with respiratory disease, including but not limited to asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation, should not be exposed to quartz dust.

**Chronic Effects/Carcinogenicity** Silicosis: Excessive inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust may cause a progressive, disabling, and sometimes-fatal lung disease called silicosis. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, non-specific chest illness, and reduced pulmonary function. This disease is exacerbated by smoking. Individuals with silicosis are predisposed to develop tuberculosis.

Cancer Status: The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has determined that crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans (Group 1 - carcinogenic to humans) and has determined that there is sufficient evidence in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of tridymite (Group 2A - possible carcinogen to humans). Refer to IARC Monograph 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibres (June 1997) in conjunction with the use of these minerals. The National Toxicology Program classifies respirable crystalline silica as "Known to be a human carcinogen". Refer to the 9th Report on Carcinogens (2000). The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) classifies crystalline silica, quartz, as a suspected human carcinogen (A2).

There is some evidence that breathing respirable crystalline silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of significant disease endpoints such as scleroderma (an immune system disorder manifested by scarring of the lungs, skin, and other internal organs) and kidney disease.

**Other Information** For further information consult "Adverse Effects of Crystalline Silica Exposure" published by the American Thoracic Society Medical Section of the American Lung Association, American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Volume 155, pages 761-768 (1997).

#### **Toxicity Tests**

<b>Oral Toxicity:</b>	Not determined
<b>Dermal Toxicity:</b>	Not determined
<b>Inhalation Toxicity:</b>	Not determined
<b>Primary Irritation Effect:</b>	Not determined
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Refer to <u>IARC Monograph 68, Silica, Some Silicates and Organic Fibres</u> (June 1997).
<b>Genotoxicity:</b>	Not determined
<b>Reproductive / Developmental Toxicity:</b>	Not determined

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Mobility (Water/Soil/Air)</b>	Not determined
<b>Persistence/Degradability</b>	Not determined
<b>Bio-accumulation</b>	Not Determined

#### **Ecotoxicological Information**

<b>Acute Fish Toxicity:</b>	TLM96: 10000 ppm (Oncorhynchus mykiss)
<b>Acute Crustaceans Toxicity:</b>	Not determined

<b>Acute Algae Toxicity:</b>	Not determined
<b>Chemical Fate Information</b>	Not determined
<b>Other Information</b>	Not applicable

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>Disposal Method</b>	If practical, recover and reclaim, recycle, or reuse by the guidelines of an approved local reuse program. Should contaminated product become a waste, dispose of in a licensed industrial landfill according to federal, state, and local regulations.
<b>Contaminated Packaging</b>	Follow all applicable national or local regulations.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Land Transportation**

**DOT**  
Not restricted

**Canadian TDG**  
Not restricted

**ADR**  
Not restricted

**Air Transportation**

**ICAO/IATA**  
Not restricted

**Sea Transportation**

**IMDG**  
Not restricted

**Other Shipping Information**

**Labels:** None

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**US Regulations**

**US TSCA Inventory** All components listed on inventory or are exempt.

**EPA SARA Title III Extremely Hazardous Substances** Not applicable

**EPA SARA (311,312) Hazard Class** Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

**EPA SARA (313) Chemicals** This product does not contain a toxic chemical for routine annual "Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" under Section 313 (40 CFR 372).

<b>EPA CERCLA/Superfund Reportable Spill Quantity</b>	Not applicable.
<b>EPA RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification</b>	If product becomes a waste, it does NOT meet the criteria of a hazardous waste as defined by the US EPA.
<b>California Proposition 65</b>	The California Proposition 65 regulations apply to this product.
<b>MA Right-to-Know Law</b>	One or more components listed.
<b>NJ Right-to-Know Law</b>	One or more components listed.
<b>PA Right-to-Know Law</b>	One or more components listed.
<b>Canadian Regulations</b>	
<b>Canadian DSL Inventory</b>	All components listed on inventory.
<b>WHMIS Hazard Class</b>	D2A Very Toxic Materials Crystalline silica

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### The following sections have been revised since the last issue of this MSDS

Not applicable

#### Additional Information

For additional information on the use of this product, contact your local Halliburton representative.

For questions about the Material Safety Data Sheet for this or other Halliburton products, contact Chemical Compliance at 1-580-251-4335.

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