



# Safety Data Sheet

## 1. Identification

**Product Name:** Crude Oil (Sour): Williston Basin  
**Chemical Family:** Petroleum Hydrocarbon Mixture  
**Manufacturers Name:** Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation  
**Address:** 1700 Broadway, Suite 2300  
Denver, Colorado 80290  
**Product Use:** Feedstock for petroleum and petrochemical refining.  
**Phone Number for Information:** (303) 837-1661  
**Emergency Phone Number:** (800) 424-9300 (Chemtrec)

Crude oil (sour) is a complex mixture of paraffinic, cycloparaffinic and aromatic hydrocarbons covering carbon numbers ranging from C1 to over C60. It is amber to black in color. Crude oil contains small amounts of sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen compounds as well as trace amounts of heavy metals. Crude oil (sour) contains hydrogen sulfide.

## 2. Hazard Identification

Crude oil (sour) is extremely flammable and can cause eye, skin, gastrointestinal, and respiratory irritation. Inhalation may cause dizziness, nausea, or headache. More serious health effects can occur if crude oil is inhaled or swallowed.

Crude oil (sour) may contain variable amounts of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylenes and N-Hexane. Long-term exposure to these materials has been shown to lead to systemic toxicity such leukemia and peripheral neurotoxicity.

**DANGER!**  
**FLAMMABLE LIQUID**

MAY VENT HARMFUL CONCENTRATIONS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H<sub>2</sub>S) GAS WHICH CAN CAUSE RESPIRATORY IRRITATION AND ASPHYXIATION. MAY CONTAIN BENZENE WHICH CAN CAUSE CANCER OR BE TOXIC TO BLOOD-FORMING ORGANS. ASPIRATION OF LIQUID INTO THE LUNGS CAN PRODUCE CHEMICAL PNEUMONIA OR EVEN DEATH.

**NO SMOKING!**  
**KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT/SPARKS/OPEN FLAMES/HOT SURFACES. WEAR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION, PROTECTIVE GLOVES, CLOTHING AND EYE WEAR WHEN HANDLING. AVOID RELEASE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.**

## Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Information

### Physical Hazards Classification

Flammable Liquids, Category 2

### Health Hazards Classification

Acute Toxicity (Inhalation), Category 3

Skin Corrosion/irritation, Category 2

Serious eye damage/eye irritation, Category 2a

Carcinogenicity, Category 1B

Specific Target organ toxicity – single exposure, Category 1 (lung), Category 3 (narcotic effects)


Specific Target organ toxicity – repeated exposure, Category 2 (bone marrow, liver, thymus)

Aspiration hazard, Category 1

### Environmental Hazards Classification

Acute Toxicity to the aquatic environment, Category 3

Chronic Toxicity to the aquatic environment, Category 3

<b>GHS Label Information</b>	
	
<b>Symbols:</b>	
<b>Signal Word: Danger</b>	
<b>Hazard Statements:</b>	<b>Precautionary Statements:</b>
<p><b>Physical Hazards</b> Flammable liquid and vapor</p> <p><b>Health Hazards</b> May cause cancer May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways Causes eye irritation May cause drowsiness or dizziness May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure Causes mild skin irritation</p> <p><b>Environmental Hazards</b> Harmful to aquatic life Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects</p>	<p><b>Prevention</b> Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces – no smoking Keep container tightly closed Ground/bond container and receiving equipment Use explosion proof electrical/ventilation/lighting equipment Use only non-sparking tools Take precautionary measures against static discharge Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection Obtain special instructions before use Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood Wash hands thoroughly after handling Do not breathe vapors Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area Avoid release to the environment</p> <p><b>Response</b> IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower In case of fire: use appropriate media for extinction If exposed or concerned: Get medical attention or advice IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove</p>

	<p>contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.          If irritation persists get medical advice/attention  <b>IF INHALED:</b> Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.          Collect spillage  <b>IF SWALLOWED:</b> Immediately call a poison control center or doctor/physician          Do not induce vomiting  <b>Storage</b>          Store locked up          Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.  <b>Disposal</b>          Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations</p>
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### 3. Composition/Information on Ingredients

<u>COMPOSITION</u>	<u>CAS NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Crude Oil	8002-05-9	100
May Contain Variable Amounts of:		
Hydrogen Sulfide	7783-06-4	> 10 ppm
Natural Gas	8005-14-2	---
Benzene	71-43-2	0.05-1.12%
Toluene	108-88-3	0.17-2.74%
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	0.08-0.78%
Xylenes	1330-20-7	0.38-4.08%
N-Hexane	110-54-3	---

### 4. First Aid Measures

#### **Eye Contact**

Immediately flush eyes, while holding eyelids open, with large amounts of clean, low-pressure tepid water for at least 15 minutes. If symptoms, irritation or injury persists, worsen or develop, seek medical attention.

#### **Skin Contact**

Remove contaminated clothing/shoes, wipe excess from skin. Immediately flush skin with water for 15 minutes then wash with soap and water. If illness or adverse symptoms develop or irritation persists, seek medical attention. Discard contaminated leather goods.

#### **Inhalation**

Remove victim to fresh air and provide oxygen if breathing labored, shallow, or difficult. Rescuer must wear appropriate supplied air respirator to remove worker from contaminated area to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if victim is not breathing. Seek medical attention immediately\*.

#### **Ingestion**

Do not induce vomiting. If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep head below hips to prevent aspiration of liquid into the lungs. Seek medical attention.\*

### **\*Note to Physician or Health Care Provider**

If more than 2.0 ML per KG has been ingested and emesis has not occurred, vomiting should be induced with supervision. Keep victim's head below hips to prevent aspiration. If symptoms such as loss of gag reflex, convulsions or unconsciousness occur before emesis, gastric lavage using a cuffed endotracheal tube should be considered.

### **Aggravated Medical Conditions**

Preexisting eye, skin, and respiratory disorders may be aggravated by exposure to crude oil containing hydrogen sulfide.

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

### **Extinguishing Media**

For small fires, class B fire extinguishing media can be used. Use water fog, foam, dry chemical or CO<sub>2</sub> for larger fires. Do not use a direct stream of water. Product will float and can be reignited on surface of water.

### **Special Fire Fighting Procedures and Precautions**

Warning: Flammable. Clear fire area of unprotected personnel. Do not enter confined fire space without full bunker gear (helmet with face shield, bunker coats, gloves and rubber boots) including a positive pressure NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Cool fire exposed containers with water.

### **Unusual Fire Explosion Hazards**

Container exposed to intense heat from fires should be cooled with water to prevent vapor pressure buildup which could result in container rupture (boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion). Container areas exposed to direct flame contact should be cooled with large quantities of water as needed to prevent weakening of container structure. Sulfur oxides and hydrogen sulfide, both of which are toxic, may be released upon combustion.

### **NFPA Ratings**

Health – 3

Flammability – 3

Reactivity – 0

Other – 0

Key: Least-0; Slight-1; Moderate-2; High-3; Extreme-4

## **6. Accidental Release Measures**

Keep the public away. Isolate and evacuate the area. Eliminate all ignition sources. Handling equipment must be grounded to prevent sparking.

**\*\*\* Large Spills \*\*\*** Evacuate the hazard area of unprotected personnel. Wear appropriate respirator and protective clothing. If safe to do so, shut off source of leak. Dike and contain with sand or soil. If vapor cloud forms, water fog may be used to suppress. Contain run-off. Remove with vacuum trucks or

pump to storage/salvage vessels. Soak up residue with an absorbent such as clay, sand or other suitable material; place in non-leaking containers for proper disposal. Flush area with water to remove trace residue and dispose of flush solutions as above.

\*\*\* **Small Spills** \*\*\* Take up with an absorbent material and place in non-leaking containers; seal tightly for proper disposal.

## 7. Handling and Storage

Comply with all regulatory requirements. Store in suitable tanks or closed and labeled containers in a cool, well-ventilated area.

Keep liquid and vapor away from heat, sparks and flame. Surfaces that are sufficiently hot may even ignite liquid product in the absence of sparks or flame. Extinguish pilot lights, cigarettes and turn off all other ignition sources until all vapors are gone. Containers, even those that have been emptied, can contain explosive vapors. Do not cut, drill, grind, weld or perform similar operations on or near containers. Static electricity may accumulate and create a fire hazard. Ground fixed equipment. Bond and ground transfer containers and equipment.

Wash hands with soap and water before eating, drinking, smoking or using toilet facilities. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse. Dispose of leather articles including shoes which cannot be decontaminated.

## 8. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

### Occupational Exposure Limits

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV TWA</u>
Crude Oil	400 ***	Not available
Natural Gas	Not available	Not available
Hexane	500 ppm	50 ppm
Benzene	1 ppm**/STEL 5 ppm	0.5 ppm
Hydrogen Sulfide	20 ppm ceiling	1 ppm/STEL 5 ppm
Toluene	200 ppm	20 ppm
Ethyl Benzene	100 ppm	20 ppm
Xylenes	100 ppm	100 ppm

Notes:

\*\* OSHA's action level is 0.5 ppm (29 CFR 1910.1028)

\*\*\* Listed PEL was vacated in 1993

### Engineering Controls

Maintain air concentrations below flammable limits and occupational exposure standards for chemical components by using ventilation and other engineering controls.

### Personal Protective Equipment

#### Eye/Face Protection

Use safety glasses, chemical splash goggles, or a face shield as appropriate to prevent eye contact.

### Skin Protection

Wear chemical resistant gloves and other protective clothing, as required, to minimize skin contact. Test data from published literature and/or glove and clothing manufacturers indicate suitable protection is provided by neoprene or nitrile gloves.

### Respiratory Protection

Use NIOSH approved respiratory protection, as required, to prevent overexposure to oil mist and vapor. Do not enter storage compartments or hydrogen sulfide areas unless equipped with a NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece and operated in a positive pressure mode.

### Protective Clothing

Wear chemical resistant gloves and other protective clothing, as required, to minimize skin contact. Use safety glasses or chemical splash goggles to prevent eye contact. Test data from published literature and/or glove and clothing manufacturers indicate suitable protection is provided by neoprene or nitrile gloves.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

**Appearance and Odor:** Black, dark green or yellow liquid; strong hydrocarbon and possible sulfur (rotten egg like) odor. Note: Hydrogen sulfide causes olfactory fatigue or loss of smell at high concentrations.

<b>Appearance and Odor:</b>	Black, dark green or yellow liquid
<b>Flammable Limits:</b>	(approximate % volume in air) Lower: 1.0 Upper: 7.0
<b>Odor:</b>	Strong hydrocarbon and possible sulfur odor
<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	3.69-16.01 pounds per square inch
<b>Vapor Density</b>	1.5-3.0 (Air=1)
<b>pH:</b>	Neutral
<b>API Gravity:</b>	25-49.8
<b>Melting Point/freezing point:</b>	Not available
<b>Solubility:</b>	Slight (in water)
<b>Boiling Point and range:</b>	79.9-121.1°F
<b>Flash Point and Method:</b>	<50°F
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	Slower (N-Butyl Acetate =1)
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b>	2-6
<b>Auto ignition temperature</b>	>500 °F
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Stable

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur

**Conditions and Materials to Avoid:** Avoid heat, sparks, flame and contact with strong oxidizing agents.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Thermal decomposition products are highly dependent on the combustion conditions. A complex mixture of airborne, solid, liquid, particulates and gases will evolve

when this material undergoes pyrolysis or combustion. Carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and other unidentified organic compounds may be formed upon combustion.

## 11. Toxicological Information

**Acute toxicity** - Ingestion may cause irritation of the mouth, throat & gastrointestinal tract leading to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and restlessness. Vapors can be harmful or fatal if inhaled. Exposure may result in central nervous system (CNS) depression. Early to moderate CNS depression may be evidenced by giddiness, headache, dizziness and nausea; in extreme cases, unconsciousness and death may occur.

Hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas may accumulate in storage tanks and bulk transport compartments containing petroleum crudes or condensates. Prolonged breathing (greater than one hour) of concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S around 50 ppm can produce eye and respiratory tract irritation; levels of 250 to 600 ppm will result in fluid in the lungs (pulmonary edema), and concentrations around 1,000 ppm will cause unconsciousness and death in a short period of time. The sense of smell rapidly become insensitive to this toxic, colorless gas and the odor of condensate may mask the odor of H<sub>2</sub>S. Therefore, odor cannot be relied upon as an indicator of concentration of the gas.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** - Based on the presence of light hydrocarbons and H<sub>2</sub>S, crude oil (sour) is presumed to be moderately irritating to the skin. Prolonged and repeated contact may cause various skin disorders such as dermatitis, folliculitis, oil acne, or skin tumors.

**Eye damage/irritation** - Based on the presence of light hydrocarbons and H<sub>2</sub>S, crude oil (sour) is presumed to be moderately irritating to the eyes.

**Sensitization** - Not known to cause respiratory or skin sensitization

**Germ cell mutagenicity** – Information not available

**Carcinogenicity** – May contain benzene which is a confirmed human carcinogen (leukemia). Also, several long term skin painting studies in experimental animals have shown crude oil to produce skin cancer.

**Reproductive toxicity** – Not a known reproductive toxin

**Specific Target Organs/Systemic Toxicity** – Blood/bone marrow, nervous system, respiratory system, eyes

**Aspiration hazard** – Aspiration of this product into the lungs can cause chemical pneumonia and can be fatal. Aspiration can occur while vomiting after ingestion of this product. Aspiration pneumonitis may be evidenced by coughing, labored breathing and cyanosis (bluish skin); in severe cases death may occur.

## 12. Ecological Information

Coating action of oil can kill birds, plankton, algae and fish. Keep out of all bodies of water and sewage drainage systems.

## 13. Disposal Considerations

This product as produced is not specifically listed as an EPA RCRA hazardous waste according to 40 CFR 261. However, when disposed of, it may meet the criteria of a “characteristic” hazardous waste (e.g. D001 – ignitable). This product could also contain benzene and could be considered hazardous because it exhibits the characteristic of “toxicity.” It is the responsibility of the user to determine if the material is considered hazardous for disposal under federal, state and local regulations.

## 14. Transportation Information

**Department of Transportation Classification:** Flammable liquid

**D.O.T. proper shipping name:** Crude Oil Petroleum

**Other Requirements:** UN 1267

**Hazard Class:** 3

**Packing Group** I

## 15. Regulatory Information

**TSCA** This product is listed on the TSCA chemical inventory.

**SARA Section 302** This product contains hydrogen sulfide which has been listed on the EPA’s extremely hazardous substance list.

**SARA Section 304** This product may contain the following component(s) which in the event of a spill may be subject to SARA reporting requirements: hydrogen sulfide, toluene, xylene, hexane, benzene.

**SARA Section 311/312** The following hazard categories apply to this product:

Acute health hazard

Chronic health hazard

Fire hazard

**SARA Section 313** This product may contain the following component(s) which may be subject to reporting on a toxic release inventory: hydrogen sulfide, toluene, xylene, hexane, benzene.

**EPA-CWA** Spills into or leading to surface waters that cause a sheen must be reported to the National Response Center, 800-424-8802.

## 16. Other Information

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**Last Reviewed:**

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