



# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Section 1 - Product Identification and Use

Product Identifier: **GARNET SAND**

Description: Pink to purple in colour

Product Use: Water filtration & treatment

Manufacturer's Name:  
Emerald Creek Garnet Ltd.  
PO Box 190  
Fernwood, ID USA 83830

Supplier's Name:  
Anthratech Western Inc.  
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\* Garnet Sand is manufactured by Emerald Creek Garnet Ltd. and is distributed by AWI.

## Section 2 - Hazardous Ingredients

Garnet Sand is a natural mixture of Almandite Garnet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$  with Mg and Mn in particle substitution for Fe in the formula, and other minerals. It is suitable for use as a low free silica blast cleaning media. The following substances are present and regulated by OSHA or ACGIH limits: CAS #1302-62-1

<u>Substance</u>	<u>WT%</u>	<u>OSHA/ACGIH limit in use*</u>	
Nuisance dust	N/A	15 mg/cu.m.	*If these levels are exceeded respiratory protection must be employed
Respirable dust	N/A	5 mg/cu.m.	
Crystalline silica	<0.5%	0.10 mg/cu.m.	

## Section 3 - Physical Data

Melting Point: Circa 1315 °C      Specific gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1): 4.0 - 4.1  
Solubility in water: Insoluble      Appearance and odour: Deep red to pink colour; no odour

## Section 4 - Fire and Explosion Data

Flash point (method used): Material is a non-flammable solid  
Extinguishing media: Use extinguishing media appropriate for the surrounding fire  
Special fire fighting procedures: As appropriate to surrounding fire. Fire fighters should be protected from nuisance dust.  
Unusual fire and explosion hazards: None

## Section 5 - Reactivity Data

Stability:	Stable-no special handling
Conditions to avoid:	Almandite garnet is an inert, stable solid needing no special handling in normal use
Material to Avoid:	None known
Incompatibility (materials to avoid):	None known
Hazardous Decomposition By-Products:	None known
Hazardous Polymerization:	Will not occur

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## Section 6 - Toxicological Properties

Route of Entry:	Inhalation - Possible, Skin - None, Ingestion - None
Health Hazard:	(Acute and Chronic) None known use care to limit possible exposure to nuisance Dust during blast cleaning.
Carcinogen:	Crystalline silica (quartz) - IARC Monographs = #42 - OSHA regulations = 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Signs & Symptoms of Exposure:	Exposure to nuisance dust may cause eye, throat or lung irritation, coughing, or shortness of breath, medical conditions generally aggravated by exposure: chronic bronchitis, emphysema and other lung diseases may be aggravated by exposure to nuisance dust
Eye Contact:	Wash with water to flush out dust particles
Skin Contact:	Wash with soap and water

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## Section 7 - Preventative Measures

Clean Up:	Sweep up for disposal and clean area to control unnecessary dust
Waste Disposal:	Local and federal standards for inert, non-hazardous solid waste <b>Material contaminated in use may require special handling!</b>
Handling and Storage:	None - Use good housekeeping practices to reduce dust; use approved hand, eye, and respiratory protection when handling material.
Other Precautions:	Use material ONLY for the purposes intended and incorporate methods of dust control to maintain airborne dust within federal or local TLV limits.

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## Section 8 - First Aid

Respiratory:	Wear approved dust and mist respirator NIOSH/OHSA
Eyes:	Approved safety glasses with side shields must be worn at all times
Protective Gloves:	Leather or equivalent - in use
Ventilation:	Use local ventilation to reduce dust concentration to permissible exposure limits
Clothing:	Proper work clothing to be worn to prevent skin contact
Hygiene:	Maintain clean environment

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## Section 9 - Preparation & Date of MSDS

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