## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: Ammonium hexafluorozirconate file (CAS # 16919-31-6)

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SUBJECT: Screening level for ammonium hexafluorozirconium acid

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Ammonium hexafluorozirconate is a solid crystalline material at ambient temperatures. It is very water soluble. A water solution is the form used in most industrial applications. The molecular formula is  $ZrF_6(NH_4)_2$  for the crystals. The molecular weight is 241.2 g/mol. The MSDS sheet warns that hydrogen fluoride is emitted from this chemical when heated to decomposition.

The following references or databases were searched to identify data to determine the screening level: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Registry for Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS), American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Values (TLVs), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) library, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs, Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Online (1968-Jan 2006), National Library of Medicine (NLM) - Toxline, and National Toxicology Program (NTP) Status Report.

The CAS and NLM on-line literature searches were conducted on January 31, 2006 to evaluate recent published literature. There were no published toxicity studies found under this CAS number. Due to a lack of available toxicity data, the screening level is being set at  $0.1 \, \mu g/m^3$  with annual averaging under R232(1)(i).