



NEOFLO™ 2-4

Olefin & Paraffin Drilling Fluids

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SICC Product Code: V1394

Description:

- NEOFLO 2-4 is part of our Enhanced series of synthetic olefin and paraffin drilling fluids. Suitable for use in both deep and shallow water applications, NEOFLO 2-4 helps reduce the risks associated with offshore discharges.
- NEOFLO 2-4 biodegrades in both aerobic and anaerobic conditions and is non-toxic in the water column.
- The product has a low viscosity and pour point and performs as well or better than mineral oil based fluids.
- NEOFLO 2-4 is a C14 linear alpha olefin.

Classification:

This product is classified as a synthetic according to the US EPA definition. "Synthetic material as applied to synthetic-based drilling fluid means material produced by the reaction of specific purified chemical feedstock, as opposed to the traditional base fluids such as diesel and mineral oil which are derived from crude oil solely through physical separation processes. Physical separation processes include fractionation and distillation and/or minor chemical reactions such as cracking and hydro processing." *

*(Notice of Final NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico {GMG290000, Section G. Definitions, 77 "Synthetic Material," pg. 62}).

Typical Chemical Properties ^a	Property	Unit	Value	Method
	C12 & Lower	%m/m	<2.0	SMS 2895
	C14	%m/m	>96.0	SMS 2895
	C16 & Higher	%m/m	<3.0	SMS 2895
	Total Branched Olefins	%m/m	<4.0	SMS 2895
	Total n-Alpha Olefins	%m/m	>94.0	SMS 2895
	Total Paraffins	%m/m	<0.2	SMS 2895
	Appearance		CSFV ^b	Visual
	Color, Pt-Co		<5	ASTM D1209
	Water	mg/kg	<100	ASTM E1064

a: An official sales specification is available from your local Shell Chemicals representative.

b: Clear and Substantially Free of Visible Impurities

Typical Physical Properties	Property	Unit	Value	Method
	Density @ 20 °C	kg/m ³	771	ASTM D4052
	Flash Point	°C	113	ASTM D93
	Fire Point	°C	135	ASTM D92
	Pour Point	°C	-14	ASTM D97
	Aniline Point	°C	>66	ASTM D611
	Kinematic viscosity @ 40°C	cSt	2.0	ASTM D445
	Boiling Range			ASTM D2887
	5%	°C	252	
95%	°C	257		
Vapor Pressure @ 40°C	mmHg	<0.05	Calculated ¹	

¹ Calculated from data on single carbon number olefins.

Typical Environmental Properties	Property	Method/Endpoint	Value	Notes
	<u>Biodegradation</u>			
	Anaerobic	Modified ISO 11734 275-d	78%	BRR ¹ = 0.6
	Aerobic	OECD 306 28-d	67%	
	<u>Water Column Toxicity</u>			
	<i>Mysidopsis bahia</i>	96-h LC ₅₀ SPP ²	>10 ⁶ mg/L	
<u>Sediment Toxicity</u>				
<i>Leptocheirus plumulosus</i>	ASTM E 1367 10-d LC ₅₀	179 mg/kg	STR ³ = 9	
PAH	EPA 1654A	<10 mg/kg		

¹ BRR = biodegradation rate ratio (% biodegradation of C1618 internal olefin reference /% biodegradation of test material)

² SPP = suspended particulate phase according to US EPA Drilling Fluids Toxicity Test, 1985

³ STR = sediment toxicity ratio (C1618 internal olefin reference LC50/test material LC50)

Storage and Handling

NEOFLO products may be stored in carbon steel tanks. Hoses manufactured from polyethylene, butyl rubber, or neoprene liners are suitable for discharging. A nitrogen blanket is recommended to reduce potential for product degradation. Antioxidants can be added, upon request, to enhance the long-term stability. The recommended storage temperature is 20°C, the recommended maximum is 65°C and the recommended minimum is -10°C to prevent freezing. NEOFLO 2-4 is classified as "non-regulated" by the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT). Additional advice on the storage and handling of NEOFLO products can be found on our website at www.shell.com/chemicals, or by contacting your local Shell chemicals companies representative.

Hazard Identification

NEOFLO products have been demonstrated to have a relatively low order of toxicity by the routes of exposure (oral, dermal, inhalation) encountered in normal handling. Like many hydrocarbon liquids, olefins will dry and de-fat the skin on prolonged contact and will result in skin irritation and dermatitis. Also, like other hydrocarbons, this product can be dangerous when aspirated or ingested. Before handling the product, refer to the Safety Data Sheet that is available from your local Shell chemicals companies representative. Additional information can be found on our website at www.shell.com/chemicals in the Safety Data Sheet section.

Emergency Helpline

For emergency telephone numbers refer to the Safety Data Sheet relevant for your company's country and language.

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