



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: NTSB investigation ERA19LA026, N555PM, Piper PA-31T Atlantic Ocean (about 100 miles southeast of Charleston, South Carolina, October 25, 2018).

Family members reached out to the NTSB Transportation Disaster Assistance Office with concerns about possible fuel contamination, and hazardous cargo aboard the airplane. The pilot had recently purchased a fuel truck, and the concern was about the possibility that the truck originally contained the incorrect type of fuel and may not have been properly cleaned and refilled with the correct type of fuel. N555PM was equipped with turbine engines, requiring JET-A fuel.

On April 2, 2020, Mr. Hutch Hulseberg the current owner of the fuel truck provided the following information via telephone:

The pilot, Mr. Lambert, and passenger Richard Haddock had purchased the fuel truck and intended to use it for fueling. Mr. Haddock had attended training on how to operate and maintain the truck. Mr. Haddock told Mr. Hulseberg that it was a JET-A truck and as far as he know it always was, which was why they had purchased it. Mr. Hulseberg did not know if N555PM was fueled from the truck on the day of the accident. He advised that the airplane had recently received an annual inspection.

After the accident, Mr. Hulseberg purchased the truck, though he has not seen or used it. He had inquired with a friend, Guy McCleary, who flew agricultural airplanes and was familiar with fuel types, if the truck could possibly be converted to the avgas fuel type. Mr. Hulseberg was considering doing that if possible, however it never was converted.

Mr. Hulseberg added that he had listened to the air traffic control recordings. He believed the person transmitting "We're descending" was Mr. Haddock, and the next transmission "emergency emergency five five five papa mike" was Mr. Lambert.

Regarding possible hazardous cargo, Mr. Doug Decker, a friend of Mr. Haddock, provided the following information via email on March 14, 2019:

Mr. Decker contacted Mr. Haddock's son who found a receipt for two 5 gallon containers of Valspar Clear Exterior stain, believed to have been on board the airplane.

A material safety data sheet for the stain indicated that it contained paraffin was, heavy paraffinic oil, and paraffin oil. It is not considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication

Standard. It has a flammability rating of 0, and a health rating of 3. There are no known significant effects or critical hazards for inhalation, however paraffin oil carries an aspiration hazard.

On April 2, 2020, Mr. Jimmy McCormick, a friend of Mr. Lambert, provided the following information via telephone:

Mr. McCormick was not aware of the flight until after the accident. He purchased some of the chemical that was on board (he did not recall at the time the name of the chemical), and believed it to be water based. He tried to determine if it was flammable, and said he was unable to get it to burn by pouring it on hot metal or exposing it to a cutting torch flame.

He had flown in the airplane previously and noted that it was "nice looking and well maintained." He did not know how the airplane was loaded. He theorized that the airplane may have experienced an engine failure or stall. He looked at the "computer profile" and noted that it was "fast and vertical."

The investigation could not determine if there were any additional chemicals on board.

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Brazy Doug

From: Doug Decker [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Brazy Doug
Subject: N555PM Regarding the Type of Stain Transported on the Airplane
Attachments: Valspar Clear SDS.pdf; ATT00001.c

Dear Doug,

I have followed up with the son of Richard Haddock co-pilot of N555PM airplane, and he found the purchase charge slip, and receipt for the Valspar Clear Exterior Stain that was transported on the airplane.

He indicated they purchased (two) five gallons containers, please see the above attachment containing the manufactures data sheet. It is presumed the product was stored in the nose storage area of the airplane.

Below is the product description from the Lowes store website.

<https://m.lowes.com/pd/Valspar-Clear-Exterior-Stain-Actual-Net-Contents-640-fl-oz/1000515773>

Valspar Clear Exterior Stain (Actual Net Contents: 640-fl oz) at Lowes.com

Prices, promotions, styles, and availability may vary. Our local stores do not honor online pricing. Prices and availability of products and services are subject to change without notice.

m.lowes.com

Hope this assists you in determining the probable cause of the accident.

Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Regards,

Douglas A. Decker, ATP
[REDACTED]

SAFETY DATA SHEET

VL1028070

Section 1. Identification

Product name : Transparent Exterior Stain
Clear

Product code : VL1028070

Other means of identification : Not available.

Product type : Liquid.

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against
Not applicable.

Manufacturer : Valspar
101 W. Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

Emergency telephone number of the company : (800) 424-9300

Product Information Telephone Number : Not available.

Regulatory Information Telephone Number : (216) 566-2902

Transportation Emergency Telephone Number : (800) 424-9300

Section 2. Hazards identification

OSHA/HCS status : While this material is not considered hazardous by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), this SDS contains valuable information critical to the safe handling and proper use of the product. This SDS should be retained and available for employees and other users of this product.

Classification of the substance or mixture : Not classified.

Percentage of the mixture consisting of ingredient(s) of unknown oral toxicity: 2.3%
Percentage of the mixture consisting of ingredient(s) of unknown dermal toxicity: 2.3%
Percentage of the mixture consisting of ingredient(s) of unknown inhalation toxicity: 2.3%

GHS label elements

Signal word : No signal word.

Hazard statements : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Precautionary statements

General : Read label before use. Keep out of reach of children. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

Prevention : Not applicable.

Response : Not applicable.

Storage : Not applicable.

Disposal : Not applicable.

Supplemental label elements WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

This product contains a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) Chemical. Do not allow this product to enter drains, sewers, wastewater treatment systems, groundwater, streams, lakes or ponds. See Environmental Data Sheet (EDS) for additional details.

Section 2. Hazards identification

Please refer to the SDS for additional information. Keep out of reach of children. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage.

Hazards not otherwise classified : None known.

Section 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/mixture : Mixture

Other means of identification : Not available.

CAS number/other identifiers

Ingredient name	% by weight	CAS number
Paraffin Wax	≤5	8002-74-2
Heavy Paraffinic Oil	≤3	64742-54-7
Paraffin Oil	≤3	64742-71-8

Any concentration shown as a range is to protect confidentiality or is due to batch variation.

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health and hence require reporting in this section.

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in Section 8.

Section 4. First aid measures

Description of necessary first aid measures

- Eye contact** : Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- Inhalation** : Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Skin contact** : Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
- Ingestion** : Wash out mouth with water. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

Potential acute health effects

- Eye contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Inhalation** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Skin contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Over-exposure signs/symptoms

- Eye contact** : No specific data.
- Inhalation** : No specific data.
- Skin contact** : No specific data.
- Ingestion** : No specific data.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

- Notes to physician** : Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
- Specific treatments** : No specific treatment.
- Protection of first-aiders** : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Section 4. First aid measures

See toxicological information (Section 11)

Section 5. Fire-fighting measures

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media : Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

Unsuitable extinguishing media : None known.

Specific hazards arising from the chemical : In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.

Hazardous thermal decomposition products : No specific data.

Special protective actions for fire-fighters : Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

Section 6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

For non-emergency personnel : No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilled material. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.

For emergency responders : If specialized clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".

Environmental precautions : **This product contains a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) Chemical. Do not allow this product to enter drains, sewers, wastewater treatment systems, groundwater, streams, lakes or ponds. See Environmental Data Sheet (EDS) for additional details.**

Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up

Small spill : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

Large spill : Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see Section 13). Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see Section 1 for emergency contact information and Section 13 for waste disposal.

Section 7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling

- Protective measures** : Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
- Advice on general occupational hygiene** : Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.

- Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see Section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabeled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits (OSHA United States)

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
Paraffin Wax	ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2017). TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: Fume
Heavy Paraffinic Oil	NIOSH REL (United States, 10/2016). TWA: 2 mg/m ³ 10 hours. Form: Fume
Paraffin Oil	ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2017). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: Inhalable fraction OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2016). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. NIOSH REL (United States, 10/2016). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 10 hours. Form: Mist STEL: 10 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. Form: Mist ACGIH TLV (United States, 3/2017). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: Inhalable fraction OSHA PEL (United States, 6/2016). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. NIOSH REL (United States, 10/2016). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 10 hours. Form: Mist STEL: 10 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. Form: Mist

Occupational exposure limits (Canada)

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
Paraffin Oil	CA Alberta Provincial (Canada, 4/2009). 8 hrs OEL: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: Mist 15 min OEL: 10 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. Form: Mist CA Quebec Provincial (Canada, 1/2014). TWA EV: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: mist STEV: 10 mg/m ³ 15 minutes. Form: mist

Occupational exposure limits (Mexico)

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
Paraffin Oil	NOM-010-STPS-2014 (Mexico, 4/2016). TWA: 5 mg/m ³ 8 hours. Form: mist

Section 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

- Appropriate engineering controls** : Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants.
- Environmental exposure controls** : **This product contains a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) Chemical. Do not allow this product to enter drains, sewers, wastewater treatment systems, groundwater, streams, lakes or ponds. See Environmental Data Sheet (EDS) for additional details.**
- Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.
- Individual protection measures**
- Hygiene measures** : Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Eye/face protection** : Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: safety glasses with side-shields.
- Skin protection**
- Hand protection** : Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
- Body protection** : Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Other skin protection** : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory protection** : Based on the hazard and potential for exposure, select a respirator that meets the appropriate standard or certification. Respirators must be used according to a respiratory protection program to ensure proper fitting, training, and other important aspects of use.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

- Physical state** : Liquid.
- Color** : Not available.
- Odor** : Not available.
- Odor threshold** : Not available.
- pH** : 8.5
- Melting point/freezing point** : Not available.
- Boiling point/boiling range** : 100°C (212°F)
- Flash point** : Closed cup: >93.3°C (>199.9°F)
- Evaporation rate** : 0.09 (butyl acetate = 1)
- Flammability (solid, gas)** : Not available.
- Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits** : Not available.
- Vapor pressure** : 2.3 kPa (17.5 mm Hg) [at 20°C]
- Vapor density** : 1 [Air = 1]
- Relative density** : 1
- Solubility** : Not available.

Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature	: Not available.
Decomposition temperature	: Not available.
Viscosity	: Kinematic (40°C (104°F)): <0.205 cm ² /s (<20.5 cSt)
Molecular weight	: Not applicable.
<u>Aerosol product</u>	
Heat of combustion	: 4.231 kJ/g

Section 10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	: No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
Chemical stability	: The product is stable.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
Conditions to avoid	: No specific data.
Incompatible materials	: No specific data.
Hazardous decomposition products	: Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Not available.

Irritation/Corrosion

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
Paraffin Wax	Eyes - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	50 Percent	-
	Eyes - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 100 milligrams	-
	Skin - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 500 milligrams	-
	Skin - Moderate irritant	Rabbit	-	500 milligrams	-

Sensitization

Not available.

Mutagenicity

Not available.

Carcinogenicity

Not available.

Reproductive toxicity

Not available.

Teratogenicity

Not available.

Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Not available.

Section 11. Toxicological information

Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

Aspiration hazard

Name	Result
Paraffin Oil	ASPIRATION HAZARD - Category 1

Information on the likely routes of exposure : Not available.

Potential acute health effects

- Eye contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Inhalation** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Skin contact** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Ingestion** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

- Eye contact** : No specific data.
- Inhalation** : No specific data.
- Skin contact** : No specific data.
- Ingestion** : No specific data.

Delayed and immediate effects and also chronic effects from short and long term exposure

Short term exposure

- Potential immediate effects** : Not available.
- Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

Long term exposure

- Potential immediate effects** : Not available.
- Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

Potential chronic health effects

Not available.

- General** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Carcinogenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Mutagenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Teratogenicity** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Developmental effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.
- Fertility effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Numerical measures of toxicity

Acute toxicity estimates

Not available.

Section 12. Ecological information

Toxicity

Not available.

Persistence and degradability

Not available.

Bioaccumulative potential

Not available.

Mobility in soil

Soil/water partition coefficient (K_{oc}) : Not available.

Other adverse effects : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Section 13. Disposal considerations

Disposal methods : **This product contains a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) Chemical. Do not allow this product to enter drains, sewers, wastewater treatment systems, groundwater, streams, lakes or ponds. See Environmental Data Sheet (EDS) for additional details.**

The generation of waste should be avoided or minimized wherever possible. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

Section 14. Transport information

	DOT Classification	TDG Classification	Mexico Classification	IATA	IMDG
UN number	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.	Not regulated.
UN proper shipping name	-	-	-	-	-
Transport hazard class(es)	-	-	-	-	-
Packing group	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental hazards	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Additional information	-	-	-	-	-

Section 14. Transport information

Special precautions for user : Multi-modal shipping descriptions are provided for informational purposes and do not consider container sizes. The presence of a shipping description for a particular mode of transport (sea, air, etc.), does not indicate that the product is packaged suitably for that mode of transport. All packaging must be reviewed for suitability prior to shipment, and compliance with the applicable regulations is the sole responsibility of the person offering the product for transport. People loading and unloading dangerous goods must be trained on all of the risks deriving from the substances and on all actions in case of emergency situations.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC Code : Not available.

Proper shipping name : Not available.
Ship type : Not available.
Pollution category : Not available.

Section 15. Regulatory information

U.S. Federal regulations : **TSCA 5(a)2 final significant new use rules:** Nonylphenoxy poly(ethoxy)ethanol
This product contains a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) Chemical. Do not allow this product to enter drains, sewers, wastewater treatment systems, groundwater, streams, lakes or ponds. See Environmental Data Sheet (EDS) for additional details.

SARA 313

SARA 313 (40 CFR 372.45) supplier notification can be found on the Environmental Data Sheet.

California Prop. 65

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Section 16. Other information

Hazardous Material Information System (U.S.A.)

Health	/	3
Flammability		0
Physical hazards		0

The customer is responsible for determining the PPE code for this material. For more information on HMIS® Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) codes, consult the HMIS® Implementation Manual.

Caution: HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. Although HMIS® ratings and the associated label are not required on SDSs or products leaving a facility under 29 CFR 1910.1200, the preparer may choose to provide them. HMIS® ratings are to be used with a fully implemented HMIS® program. HMIS® is a registered trademark and service mark of the American Coatings Association, Inc.

Procedure used to derive the classification

Classification	Justification
Not classified.	

History

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Section 16. Other information

Key to abbreviations

: ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate
BCF = Bioconcentration Factor
GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
IATA = International Air Transport Association
IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container
IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods
LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient
MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)
UN = United Nations

Notice to reader

It is recommended that each customer or recipient of this Safety Data Sheet (SDS) study it carefully and consult resources, as necessary or appropriate, to become aware of and understand the data contained in this SDS and any hazards associated with the product. This information is provided in good faith and believed to be accurate as of the effective date herein. However, no warranty, express or implied, is given. The information presented here applies only to the product as shipped. The addition of any material can change the composition, hazards and risks of the product. Products shall not be repackaged, modified, or tinted except as specifically instructed by Sherwin-Williams, including but not limited to the incorporation of non Sherwin-Williams products or the use or addition of products in proportions not specified by Sherwin-Williams. Regulatory requirements are subject to change and may differ between various locations and jurisdictions. The customer/buyer/user is responsible to ensure that his activities comply with all country, federal, state, provincial or local laws. The conditions for use of the product are not under the control of the manufacturer; the customer/buyer/user is responsible to determine the conditions necessary for the safe use of this product. The customer/buyer/user should not use the product for any purpose other than the purpose shown in the applicable section of this SDS without first referring to the supplier and obtaining written handling instructions. Due to the proliferation of sources for information such as manufacturer-specific SDS, the manufacturer cannot be responsible for SDSs obtained from any other source.