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OF  
AQUEOUS RECOVERY OF SPENT FUELS

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INTRODUCTION

This report is a portion of a study being conducted on the feasibility of the aqueous recovery of spent fuels resulting from the operation of a nuclear reactor. This study was undertaken at the request of the Consumers Power Company of Jackson County for the Dow Chemical - Detroit Edison and Associates Atomic Power Development Project.

The aqueous recovery of spent nuclear fuels would require the use of a chemical processing plant. The design of such a facility is necessarily dependent on the physical and chemical properties of the materials to be treated. In this report are presented properties of many of the materials which are likely to be encountered in the chemical processing of spent fuels. The compilation of these data will facilitate the process design calculations which will appear in subsequent reports.

With one exception, the properties listed were obtained from the standard reference works and contemporary literature which are listed in the bibliography. The exception is that the properties of hydrofluoric acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, and sodium hydroxide were taken from a private communication received from Mr. A. V. Cowan.

PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

Pertinent properties of the materials are listed on the following pages.

Aluminum Nitrate<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula  $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- b. Molecular weight 375.14
- c. Melting point 163.4°F
- d. Solubility  
Very soluble in cold  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
Soluble in alcohol  
Soluble in  $\text{CS}_2$

Amsco 123-15\*

a. Specific gravity 0.7857

b. Density 6.541 pounds/gallon

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\* American Solvent Company, San Francisco, California.

Calcium<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula Ca
- b. Molecular weight 40.08
- c. Specific gravity 1.55 at 68°F
- d. Melting point 1490°F
- e. Solubility Slightly soluble in alcohol  
Soluble in acid
- f. Latent heat of fusion 8.899 Btu/mole
- g. Specific heat  $5.31 + 0.00333T$  cal/gm-atom-°K,  
where T = °K

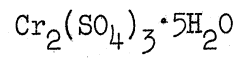


Chromic Sulfate<sup>2,3</sup>

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| a. Formula          | $\text{Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$               |
| b. Molecular weight | 392.2                                      |
| c. Specific gravity | 3.012                                      |
| d. Solubility       | Insoluble in water<br>Insoluble in alcohol |
| e. Specific heat    | 0.1486 Btu/mol-°F                          |

Chromic Sulfate (Hydrate)<sup>2,3</sup>

a. Formula



b. Molecular weight

482.28

c. Solubility

Soluble in water

Soluble in alcohol

Soluble in sulfuric acid

Chromic Sulfate (Hydrate)<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula  $\text{Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- b. Molecular weight 662.44
- c. Specific gravity 1.867
- d. Melting point 212°F
- e. Solubility Soluble in cold water  
Decomposes in water at 152.6°F  
Slightly soluble in alcohol

Chromic Sulfate (Hydrate)<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula  $\text{Cr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- b. Molecular weight 716.49
- c. Specific gravity 1.7 at 72°F
- d. Solubility Soluble in cold water  
Decomposes in hot water  
Soluble in alcohol

Chromium<sup>2,3</sup>

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. Weight composition    | 100% Cr   |
| b. Molecular weight      | 52.01   |
| c. Specific gravity      | 7.1   |
| d. Melting point         | 2939°F  |
| e. Solubility            | Insoluble in water<br>Soluble in hydrochloric acid<br>Soluble in dilute sulfuric acid<br>Insoluble in nitric acid |
| f. Latent heat of fusion | 15.59 Btu/mole  |
| g. Specific heat         | $4.84 + 0.00295T$ cal/gm-atom-°K<br>where T = °K  |

Chromous Sulfate (Hydrate)<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula  $\text{CrSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- b. Molecular weight 274.18
- c. Solubility Soluble in water  
Slightly soluble in alcohol

Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid

## a. Density

| Hydrofluoric Acid,<br>weight percent | Density, g/cc |       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|
|                                      | 0°C           | 15°C  |
| 5                                    | 1.022         | 1.017 |
| 10                                   | 1.042         | 1.035 |
| 15                                   | 1.060         | 1.054 |
| 20                                   | 1.078         | 1.072 |
| 25                                   | 1.096         | 1.091 |
| 30                                   | 1.113         | 1.109 |
| 35                                   | 1.130         | 1.129 |
| 40                                   | 1.148         | 1.149 |
| 45                                   | 1.170         | 1.169 |
| 50                                   | 1.192         | 1.190 |
| 55                                   | 1.220         | 1.209 |
| 60                                   | 1.240         |       |
| 65                                   | 1.253         |       |
| 70                                   | 1.260         |       |
| 75                                   | 1.261         |       |
| 80                                   | 1.255         |       |
| 85                                   | 1.234         |       |
| 90                                   | 1.190         |       |
| 95                                   | 1.050         |       |

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b. Partial Vapor Pressure of Hydrogen Fluoride and Water over Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid

| Partial Pressure,<br>mm Hg | Weight Percent of Hydrofluoric Acid |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                            | 5                                   | 10   | 15    | 20   | 25   | 30   | 35   | 40   |      |
| 25°C                       | HF:                                 |      |       | 0.61 | 1.24 | 2.35 | 3.82 | 5.75 |      |
|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O:                   |      |       | 14.0 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.1 |      |      |
| 40°C                       | HF:                                 | 0.11 | 0.53  | 0.94 | 1.35 |      |      |      |      |
|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O:                   | 49.5 | 45.7  | 42.0 | 38.4 |      |      |      |      |
| 50°C                       | HF:                                 | 0.2  | 0.85  | 1.80 | 3.1  | 5.1  | 8.6  | 15.6 | 24.0 |
|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O:                   | 84.7 | 75.0  | 65.0 | 55.0 | 45.7 | 39.2 | 35.7 | 33.2 |
| 60°C                       | HF:                                 | 0.49 | 1.52  | 2.6  | 5.2  | 8.7  | 12.8 |      |      |
|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O:                   | 131  | 119   | 107  | 95   | 83   | 71.3 |      |      |
| 75°C                       | HF:                                 | 1.97 | 3.78  | 7.2  | 12.0 | 20.0 | 29.8 |      |      |
|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O:                   | 267  | 245.5 | 227  | 204  | 173  | 133  |      |      |



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c. Specific Gravity of Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid Solution at 0°C/4°C

| Be'  | Specific Gravity | Percent HF | Grams per liter | Lbs per cu ft | Lbs per gallon |
|------|------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2.8  | 1.020            | 5          | 51.00           | 3.184         | 0.4256         |
| 5.6  | 1.040            | 10         | 104.0           | 6.492         | 0.8679         |
| 8.2  | 1.060            | 15         | 159.0           | 9.926         | 1.327          |
| 10.7 | 1.080            | 20         | 216.0           | 13.48         | 1.803          |
| 13.1 | 1.099            | 25         | 274.8           | 17.15         | 2.293          |
| 15.4 | 1.119            | 30         | 335.7           | 20.96         | 2.801          |
| 17.7 | 1.139            | 35         | 398.7           | 24.89         | 3.327          |
| 19.9 | 1.159            | 40         | 463.6           | 28.94         | 3.869          |
| 21.9 | 1.178            | 45         | 530.1           | 33.09         | 4.424          |
| 24.0 | 1.198            | 50         | 599.0           | 37.39         | 4.999          |
| 25.9 | 1.217            | 55         | 669.4           | 41.78         | 5.586          |
| 27.6 | 1.235            | 60         | 741.0           | 46.26         | 6.184          |
| 28.8 | 1.248            | 65         | 811.2           | 50.64         | 6.770          |
| 29.7 | 1.258            | 70         | 880.6           | 54.97         | 7.349          |
| 30.0 | 1.261            | 72         | 907.9           | 56.68         | 7.577          |
| 30.1 | 1.262            | 74         | 933.9           | 58.30         | 7.793          |
| 30.1 | 1.262            | 76         | 959.1           | 59.87         | 8.004          |
| 30.0 | 1.261            | 78         | 983.6           | 61.40         | 8.208          |
| 29.8 | 1.259            | 80         | 1007            | 62.88         | 8.405          |
| 29.5 | 1.255            | 82         | 1029            | 64.24         | 8.588          |
| 28.6 | 1.246            | 84         | 1047            | 65.34         | 8.734          |
| 27.4 | 1.233            | 86         | 1060            | 66.20         | 8.849          |
| 25.5 | 1.213            | 88         | 1067            | 66.64         | 8.908          |
| 21.9 | 1.178            | 90         | 1060            | 66.18         | 8.848          |
| 11.9 | 1.089            | 95         | 1035            | 64.58         | 8.633          |
| 0.07 | 1.0005           | 100        | 1001            | 62.46         | 8.349          |

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d. Specific Gravity of Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid Solution at 20°C/4°C

| Be'  | Specific Gravity | Percent HF | Grams per liter | Lbs per cu ft | Lbs per gallon |
|------|------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2.4  | 1.017            | 5          | 50.85           | 3.174         | 0.4244         |
| 4.9  | 1.035            | 10         | 103.5           | 6.461         | 0.8637         |
| 7.3  | 1.053            | 15         | 158.0           | 9.860         | 0.318          |
| 9.5  | 1.070            | 20         | 214.0           | 13.36         | 1.786          |
| 11.5 | 1.086            | 25         | 271.5           | 16.95         | 2.266          |
| 13.3 | 1.101            | 30         | 330.3           | 20.62         | 2.756          |
| 15.1 | 1.116            | 35         | 390.6           | 24.38         | 3.260          |
| 16.7 | 1.130            | 40         | 452.0           | 28.22         | 3.772          |
| 18.1 | 1.143            | 45         | 514.4           | 32.11         | 4.292          |
| 19.5 | 1.155            | 50         | 577.5           | 36.05         | 4.819          |

e. Surface Tension of Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid at 25°C

| Molarity of HF | Surface Tension, dynes/cm |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| 0              | 71.0                      |
| 7.5            | 57.7                      |
| 13.0           | 52.4                      |
| 27.0           | 42.6                      |

## f. Specific Conductivity of Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid Solutions

| Weight<br>Percent<br>of HF | Molarity<br>of HF<br>at 0°C | Specific Conductivity,<br>ohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> |       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------|
|                            |                             | 0°C  | 18°C  |
| 5                          | 2.55                        | 0.051  | 0.064 |
| 10                         | 5.2                         | 0.102  | 0.122 |
| 15                         | 8.0                         | 0.153  | 0.176 |
| 20                         | 10.8                        | 0.204  | 0.233 |
| 25                         | 13.7                        | 0.255  | 0.288 |
| 30                         | 16.8                        | 0.305  | 0.345 |
| 35                         | 19.8                        | 0.355  |       |
| 40                         | 23.1                        | 0.405  |       |
| 45                         | 26.5                        | 0.460  |       |
| 50                         | 30.0                        | 0.517  |       |
| 55                         | 33.5                        | 0.577  |       |
| 60                         | 37.0                        | 0.620  |       |
| 65                         | 40.5                        | 0.654  |       |
| 70                         | 44.0                        | 0.676  |       |
| 75                         | 47.1                        | 0.680  |       |
| 80                         | 50.3                        | 0.662  |       |
| 85                         | 52.7                        | 0.616  |       |
| 90                         | 53.0                        | 0.340  |       |
| 95                         | 51.7                        | 0.175  |       |

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g. Solubility of Hydrofluoric Acid in Water and Boiling Points of Aqueous Hydrofluoric Acid at Atmospheric Pressure

| Boiling Point of HF at Atmospheric Pressure, °C | Weight Percent of HF | Solubility of HF in H <sub>2</sub> O |                             |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |                      | Temperature, °C                      | Solid Phase                 |
| 100.053   | 0.20                 |                                      |                             |
| 100.262   | 1.10                 |                                      |                             |
| 100.464   | 1.99                 |                                      |                             |
| 100.743   | 2.98                 |                                      |                             |
| 100.925   | 3.54                 |                                      |                             |
| 101.496   | 5.78                 |                                      |                             |
|   | 9.3                  | - 10                                 | Ice                         |
| 102.516   | 9.62                 |                                      |                             |
| 103.754   | 12.59                |                                      |                             |
|   | 14.8                 | - 20                                 | Ice                         |
| 105.216   | 15.00                |                                      |                             |
| 108.80  | 18.65                |                                      |                             |
|   | 19.0                 | - 30                                 | Ice                         |
| 111.56  | 22.44                |                                      |                             |
|   | 22.75                | - 40                                 | Ice                         |
|   | 25.5                 | - 50                                 | Ice                         |
| 113.83  | 27.19                |                                      |                             |
|   | 27.5                 | - 60                                 | Ice                         |
|   | 29.75                | - 70.2                               | Eutectic                    |
| 114.85  | 30.70                |                                      |                             |
|   | 34.0                 | - 60                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
| 115.18  | 35.37                |                                      |                             |
|   | 39.0                 | - 50                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
| 113.21  | 43.17                |                                      |                             |
|   | 45.8                 | - 40                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
|   | 52.62                | - 35.4                               | M.P. HF • H <sub>2</sub> O  |
| 63.75   | 56.04                |                                      |                             |
|   | 58.5                 | - 40                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
| 55.70   | 58.85                |                                      |                             |
| 50.44   | 61.43                |                                      |                             |
|   | 64.5                 | - 50                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
| 43.60   | 65.54                |                                      |                             |
|   | 68.2                 | - 60                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
|   | 70.0                 | - 70                                 | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O       |
|   | 70.71                | - 75.2                               | HF • H <sub>2</sub> O + 2HF |
|   | 75.5                 | - 80                                 | 2HF • H <sub>2</sub> O      |
|   | 78.3                 | - 90                                 | 2HF • H <sub>2</sub> O      |
|   | 79.2                 | -100                                 | 2HF • H <sub>2</sub> O      |
|   | 79.39                | -101.4                               | Eutectic                    |
|   | 81.62                | -100.3                               | M.P. 4HF • H <sub>2</sub> O |
|   | 89.1                 | -110                                 | 4HF • H <sub>2</sub> O      |
|   | 92.0                 | -100                                 | HF                          |
| 28.95   | 92.51                |                                      |                             |
| 27.89   | 93.28                |                                      |                             |
| 26.89   | 94.07                |                                      |                             |
| 24.89   | 95.69                |                                      |                             |
|   | 96.0                 | - 90                                 | HF                          |
| 22.87   | 97.37                |                                      |                             |
| 20.81   | 99.11                |                                      |                             |
| 19.54   | 100.00               | - 83.01                              | M.P. HF                     |

Hydrogen<sup>2,3</sup>

|                               |                                      |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| a. Formula                    | H <sub>2</sub>                       |   |
| b. Molecular weight           | 2.016                                |   |
| c. Specific gravity of liquid | 0.0709 at -423°F                     |   |
|                               | 0.06948 referred to air at 1.00000   |   |
| d. Melting point              | -434°F                               |   |
| e. Solubility                 | Slightly soluble in H <sub>2</sub> O |   |
|                               | Slightly soluble in Fe, Pd, and Pt   |   |
| f. Latent heat of fusion      | 0.111 Btu/mole                       |   |
| g. Thermal conductivity       | <u>°F</u>                            | <u>K, Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft)</u> |
|                               | 32                                   | 0.100                                     |
|                               | 122                                  | 0.115                                     |
|                               | 212                                  | 0.129                                     |
|                               | 572                                  | 0.178                                     |
| h. Specific heat              | 6.62 + 0.00081T cal/mole-°K          |   |
|                               | where T = °K                         |   |

Hydrogen Peroxide<sup>2,3</sup>

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. Formula               | $H_2O_2$  |
| b. Molecular weight      | 34.02   |
| c. Specific gravity      | 1.438   |
| d. Melting point         | 30.4°F  |
| e. Boiling point         | 304.52°F  |
| f. Solubility            | Infinitely soluble in water<br>Soluble in alcohol |
| g. Latent heat of fusion | 10 Btu/mole                                       |

Iodine<sup>2,3</sup>

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| a. Formula               | I <sub>2</sub>   |
| b. Molecular weight      | 253.84   |
| c. Specific gravity      | 4.93 at 68°F   |
| d. Melting point         | 234.1°F  |
| e. Boiling point         | 364°F  |
| f. Solubility            | Slightly soluble in hot water<br>Soluble in alcohol<br>Soluble in KI |
| g. Latent heat of fusion | 14.48 Btu/mole   |
| h. Specific heat         | 0.0198 Btu/mole-°F   |

Iron<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Weight composition 100% Fe
- b. Molecular weight 55.85
- c. Specific gravity 7.86 at 68°F
- d. Melting point 2795°F
- e. Solubility Insoluble in water  
Soluble in alcohol  
Insoluble in alkali
- f. Latent heat of fusion 14.13 Btu/mole
- g. Thermal conductivity 34.9 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 64°F  
36.6 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 212°F
- h. Specific heat  $6.12 + 0.00336T$  cal/gm atom-°K  
where  $T = °K$



Isopropyl Alcohol<sup>2,3</sup>

- |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Formula                     | $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHOH}$ |
| b. Molecular weight            | 60.09                        |
| c. Boiling point               | 180.5°F at 1 atmosphere      |
| d. Specific heat of liquid     | 0.52 Btu/lb-°F at -4°F       |
| e. Specific gravity            | 0.789 at 87°F                |
| f. Latent heat of vaporization | 286.2 Btu/lb                 |

Magnesium<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Weight composition 100% Mg
- b. Molecular weight 24.32
- c. Specific gravity 1.74 at 68°F
- d. Melting point 1203.8°F
- e. Solubility Slightly soluble in hot water  
Soluble in acid
- f. Latent heat of fusion 8.57 Btu/mole
- g. Specific heat  $6.20 + 0.00133T - 67,800/T^2$   
cal/gm atom-°K  
where T = °K
- h. Thermal conductivity 92.0 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft)

Nitric Acid

a. Specific Gravity at 60°F/60°F

| Be'  | Specific Gravity | Percent HNO <sub>3</sub> |
|------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 10.0 | 1.0741           | 12.86                    |
| 11.0 | 1.0821           | 14.13                    |
| 12.0 | 1.0902           | 15.41                    |
| 13.0 | 1.0985           | 16.72                    |
| 14.0 | 1.1069           | 18.04                    |
| 15.0 | 1.1154           | 19.36                    |
| 16.0 | 1.1240           | 20.69                    |
| 17.0 | 1.1328           | 22.04                    |
| 18.0 | 1.1417           | 23.42                    |
| 19.0 | 1.1508           | 24.82                    |
| 20.0 | 1.1600           | 26.42                    |
| 21.0 | 1.1694           | 27.67                    |
| 22.0 | 1.1789           | 29.07                    |
| 23.0 | 1.1885           | 30.49                    |
| 24.0 | 1.1983           | 31.94                    |
| 25.0 | 1.2083           | 33.42                    |
| 26.0 | 1.2185           | 34.94                    |
| 27.0 | 1.2288           | 36.48                    |
| 28.0 | 1.2393           | 38.06                    |
| 29.0 | 1.2500           | 39.66                    |
| 30.0 | 1.2609           | 41.30                    |
| 31.0 | 1.2719           | 43.00                    |
| 32.0 | 1.2832           | 44.78                    |
| 33.0 | 1.2946           | 46.58                    |
| 34.0 | 1.3063           | 48.42                    |
| 35.0 | 1.3182           | 50.32                    |
| 36.0 | 1.3303           | 52.30                    |
| 37.0 | 1.3426           | 54.36                    |
| 38.0 | 1.3551           | 56.52                    |
| 39.0 | 1.3679           | 58.82                    |
| 40.0 | 1.3810           | 61.38                    |
| 41.0 | 1.3942           | 64.20                    |
| 42.0 | 1.4078           | 67.18                    |
| 43.0 | 1.4216           | 70.33                    |
| 44.0 | 1.4356           | 73.67                    |
| 45.0 | 1.4500           | 77.17                    |
| 46.0 | 1.4646           | 81.08                    |
| 47.0 | 1.4796           | 85.70                    |
| 48.0 | 1.4948           | 91.35                    |

Nitric Oxide<sup>2,3</sup>

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| a. Formula               | NO   |
| b. Molecular weight      | 30.01  |
| c. Specific gravity      | 1.0367 referred to air at 1.0000                                   |
| d. Melting point         | -257.8°F   |
| e. Solubility            | Soluble in water<br>Soluble in alcohol<br>Soluble in sulfuric acid |
| f. Latent heat of fusion | 2.18 Btu/mole  |
| g. Thermal conductivity  | 0.0138 Btu/(hr)(ft <sup>2</sup> )(°F/ft) at 32°F                   |
| h. Specific heat         | $8.05 + 0.000233T - 156,300/T^2$ cal/mole-°K<br>where T = °K       |

Nitrogen<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Formula  $N_2$
- b. Molecular weight 28.02
- c. Specific gravity 12.5 at 32°F referred to H at 1.0
- d. Solubility Soluble in water  
Slightly soluble in alcohol
- e. Latent heat of fusion 0.683 Btu/mole
- f. Thermal conductivity 0.0140 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 32°F  
0.0160 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 122°F  
0.0180 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 212°F
- h. Specific heat  $6.50 + 0.00100T$  cal/mole-°K  
where T = °K

i. Vapor pressure

| Temperature,<br>°F | Pressure,<br>Atmospheres |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| -320               | 1                        |
| -308               | 2                        |
| -290               | 5                        |

Nitrogen Dioxide<sup>2,3</sup>

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| a. Formula          | NO <sub>2</sub>  |
| b. Molecular weight | 46.01  |
| c. Specific gravity | 1.448 at 68°F  |
| d. Melting point    | 30.14°F  |
| e. Boiling point    | 70.34°F  |
| f. Solubility       | Decomposes in water<br>Soluble in nitric acid<br>Soluble in sulfuric acid<br>Soluble in carbon disulfide |

Nitrous Oxide<sup>2,3</sup>

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| a. Formula               | $N_2O$  |
| b. Molecular weight      | 44.02   |
| c. Specific gravity      | 1.530 referred to air at 1.000  |
| d. Melting point         | $-152.14^{\circ}F$  |
| e. Solubility            | Soluble in water<br>Soluble in sulfuric acid<br>Soluble in alcohol  |
| f. Latent heat of fusion | 6.20 Btu/mole   |
| g. Thermal conductivity  | $0.0087 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hr})(\text{ft}^2)(^{\circ}F/\text{ft})$ at $32^{\circ}F$<br>$0.0128 \text{ Btu}/(\text{hr})(\text{ft}^2)(^{\circ}F/\text{ft})$ at $212^{\circ}F$ |

Potassium<sup>2,3</sup>

- a. Weight composition 100% K
- b. Molecular weight 39.10
- c. Specific gravity 0.86 at 68°F
- d. Melting point 144.14°F
- e. Solubility Decomposes in water  
Soluble in alcohol  
Soluble in acid
- f. Latent heat of fusion 2.28 Btu/mole
- g. Specific heat  $5.24 + 0.00555T$  cal/gm atom-°K  
where T = °K



Sodium<sup>2,3,4</sup>

- a. Weight composition 100% Na  
 b. Molecular weight 22.997  
 c. Melting point 208.06°F  
 d. Density 60.6 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> at 32°F  
 e. Latent heat of fusion 2.47 Btu/mole  
 f. Specific heat

$$C_p(\text{solid}) = 9.93555 - 0.028053T + 0.000057883T^2 \text{ cal/gm atom-}^\circ\text{K}$$

$$C_p(\text{liquid}) = 8.9581 - 0.0045788T + 0.0000025409T^2 \text{ cal/gm atom-}^\circ\text{K}$$

where T = °K

- g. Thermal conductivity

| State  | Temperature, °F | K, Btu/(hr)(ft <sup>2</sup> )(°F/ft) |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Solid  | 32              | 78.5                                 |
|        | 104             | 74.6                                 |
|        | 176             | 70.7                                 |
|        | 208.06          | 69.0                                 |
| Liquid | 482             | 45.5                                 |
|        | 752             | 41.2                                 |
|        | 1022            | 37.0                                 |

- h. Viscosity

| Temperature, °F | Viscosity, lb/ft-sec |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 320             | 3.49                 |
| 500             | 2.53                 |
| 752             | 1.88                 |

- i. Solubility

Decomposes in water and forms NaOH  
 Insoluble in benzene  
 Decomposes in alcohol

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Sodium Hydroxide

a. Specific Gravity of Aqueous Sodium Hydroxide Solutions at 20°C/4°C

| Percent<br>of NaOH | Specific<br>Gravity | Concentration of Sodium Hydroxide |                     |         |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
|                    |                     | gm/liter                          | lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> | lbs/gal |
| 1                  | 1.0095              | 10.10                             | 0.6302              | 0.0842  |
| 2                  | 1.0207              | 20.41                             | 1.274               | 0.1704  |
| 3                  | 1.0318              | 30.95                             | 1.932               | 0.2583  |
| 4                  | 1.0428              | 41.71                             | 2.604               | 0.3481  |
| 5                  | 1.0538              | 52.69                             | 3.289               | 0.4397  |
| 6                  | 1.0648              | 63.89                             | 3.988               | 0.5332  |
| 7                  | 1.0758              | 75.31                             | 4.701               | 0.6284  |
| 8                  | 1.0869              | 86.95                             | 5.428               | 0.7256  |
| 9                  | 1.0979              | 98.81                             | 6.168               | 0.8246  |
| 10                 | 1.1089              | 110.9                             | 6.923               | 0.9254  |
| 12                 | 1.1309              | 135.7                             | 8.472               | 1.113   |
| 14                 | 1.1530              | 161.4                             | 10.08               | 1.347   |
| 16                 | 1.1751              | 188.0                             | 11.74               | 1.569   |
| 18                 | 1.1972              | 215.5                             | 13.45               | 1.798   |
| 20                 | 1.2191              | 243.8                             | 15.22               | 2.035   |
| 22                 | 1.2411              | 273.0                             | 17.05               | 2.279   |
| 24                 | 1.2629              | 303.1                             | 18.92               | 2.529   |
| 26                 | 1.2848              | 334.0                             | 20.85               | 2.788   |
| 28                 | 1.3064              | 365.8                             | 22.84               | 3.053   |
| 30                 | 1.3279              | 398.4                             | 24.87               | 3.324   |
| 32                 | 1.3490              | 431.7                             | 26.95               | 3.602   |
| 34                 | 1.3696              | 465.7                             | 29.07               | 3.886   |
| 36                 | 1.3900              | 500.4                             | 31.24               | 4.176   |
| 38                 | 1.4101              | 535.8                             | 33.45               | 4.472   |
| 40                 | 1.4300              | 572.0                             | 35.71               | 4.773   |
| 42                 | 1.4494              | 608.7                             | 38.00               | 5.080   |
| 44                 | 1.4685              | 646.1                             | 40.34               | 5.392   |
| 46                 | 1.4873              | 684.2                             | 42.71               | 5.709   |
| 48                 | 1.5065              | 723.1                             | 45.14               | 6.035   |
| 50                 | 1.5253              | 762.7                             | 47.61               | 6.364   |

## b. Surface Tension of Aqueous Solutions of Sodium Hydroxide Against Air, 18°C

| Gram Formula Weights<br>per 1000 gm of Solvent | Surface Tension,<br>dynes/cm<br>Less that for water at 18°C. |
|--|--|
| 0.7  | 1.3  |
| 1.5  | 2.8  |
| 5.0  | 10.0   |
| 11.0   | 23.0   |
| 14.0   | 28.0   |

## c. Vapor Pressure of Sodium Hydroxide

| Pressure, mm Hg | Temperature, °C |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1               | 739             |
| 10              | 897             |
| 40              | 1017            |
| 100             | 1111            |
| 400             | 1286            |
| 760             | 1378            |

## d. Melting Point of Sodium Hydroxide

318°C

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Sulfuric Acid

a. Specific Gravity of Aqueous Sulfuric Acid Solutions at 20°C/4°C

| Percent H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | Specific Gravity | Baume' | Gm/liter | Lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> | Lbs/gal |
|--|------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|---------|
| 2                                      | 1.0118           | 1.7    | 20.24    | 1.263               | 0.1689  |
| 4                                      | 1.0250           | 3.5    | 41.00    | 2.560               | 0.3422  |
| 6                                      | 1.0385           | 5.4    | 62.31    | 3.890               | 0.5200  |
| 8                                      | 1.0522           | 7.2    | 84.18    | 5.255               | 0.7025  |
| 10                                     | 1.0661           | 9.0    | 106.6    | 6.655               | 0.8897  |
| 12                                     | 1.0802           | 10.8   | 129.6    | 8.092               | 1.082   |
| 14                                     | 1.0947           | 12.5   | 153.3    | 9.567               | 1.279   |
| 16                                     | 1.1094           | 14.3   | 177.5    | 11.08               | 1.481   |
| 18                                     | 1.1243           | 16.0   | 202.4    | 12.63               | 1.689   |
| 20                                     | 1.1394           | 17.7   | 227.9    | 14.23               | 1.902   |
| 22                                     | 1.1548           | 19.4   | 254.1    | 15.86               | 2.120   |
| 24                                     | 1.1704           | 21.1   | 280.9    | 17.54               | 2.344   |
| 26                                     | 1.1862           | 22.8   | 308.4    | 19.25               | 2.574   |
| 28                                     | 1.2023           | 24.4   | 336.6    | 21.02               | 2.809   |
| 30                                     | 1.2185           | 26.0   | 365.6    | 22.82               | 3.051   |
| 32                                     | 1.2349           | 27.6   | 395.2    | 24.67               | 3.298   |
| 34                                     | 1.2515           | 29.1   | 425.5    | 26.56               | 3.551   |
| 36                                     | 1.2684           | 30.7   | 456.6    | 28.51               | 3.811   |
| 38                                     | 1.2855           | 32.2   | 488.5    | 30.49               | 4.077   |
| 40                                     | 1.3028           | 33.7   | 521.1    | 32.53               | 4.349   |
| 42                                     | 1.3205           | 35.2   | 554.6    | 34.62               | 4.628   |
| 44                                     | 1.3384           | 36.7   | 588.9    | 36.76               | 4.914   |
| 46                                     | 1.3569           | 38.1   | 624.2    | 38.97               | 5.209   |
| 48                                     | 1.3758           | 39.6   | 660.4    | 41.23               | 5.551   |
| 50                                     | 1.3951           | 41.1   | 697.6    | 43.55               | 5.821   |
| 52                                     | 1.4148           | 42.5   | 735.7    | 45.93               | 6.140   |
| 54                                     | 1.4350           | 44.0   | 774.9    | 48.37               | 6.467   |
| 56                                     | 1.4557           | 45.4   | 815.2    | 50.89               | 6.803   |
| 58                                     | 1.4768           | 46.8   | 856.5    | 53.47               | 7.148   |
| 60                                     | 1.4983           | 48.2   | 899.0    | 56.12               | 7.502   |
| 62                                     | 1.5200           | 49.6   | 942.4    | 58.84               | 7.865   |
| 64                                     | 1.5421           | 51.0   | 986.9    | 61.61               | 8.236   |
| 66                                     | 1.5646           | 52.3   | 1033     | 64.46               | 8.618   |
| 68                                     | 1.5874           | 53.7   | 1079     | 67.39               | 9.008   |
| 70                                     | 1.6105           | 55.0   | 1127     | 70.38               | 9.408   |
| 72                                     | 1.6338           | 56.3   | 1176     | 73.44               | 9.817   |
| 74                                     | 1.6574           | 57.5   | 1226     | 76.57               | 10.24   |
| 76                                     | 1.6810           | 58.7   | 1278     | 79.75               | 10.66   |
| 78                                     | 1.7043           | 59.9   | 1329     | 82.99               | 11.09   |
| 80                                     | 1.7272           | 61.1   | 1382     | 86.26               | 11.53   |
| 82                                     | 1.7491           | 62.1   | 1434     | 89.54               | 11.97   |
| 84                                     | 1.7693           | 63.0   | 1486     | 92.78               | 12.40   |
| 86                                     | 1.7872           | 63.9   | 1537     | 95.95               | 12.83   |
| 88                                     | 1.8022           | 64.5   | 1586     | 99.01               | 13.23   |
| 90                                     | 1.8144           | 65.1   | 1633     | 101.9               | 13.63   |
| 92                                     | 1.8240           | 65.5   | 1678     | 104.8               | 14.00   |
| 94                                     | 1.8312           | 65.8   | 1721     | 107.5               | 14.36   |
| 96                                     | 1.8355           | 66.0   | 1762     | 110.0               | 14.70   |
| 98                                     | 1.8361           | 66.0   | 1799     | 112.3               | 15.02   |
| 100                                    | 1.8305           | 65.8   | 1831     | 114.3               | 15.28   |

## b. Electrical Conductivity of Sulfuric Acid

| Temperature, °C | Conductivity, ohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> |
|-----------------|--|
| 0               | 0.5184   |
| 5               | 0.5792   |
| 10              | 0.6408   |
| 15              | 0.7028   |
| 16              | 0.7151   |
| 17              | 0.7275   |
| 18              | 0.7398   |
| 19              | 0.7522   |
| 20              | 0.7645   |
| 21              | 0.7768   |
| 22              | 0.7890   |
| 23              | 0.8013   |
| 24              | 0.8135   |
| 25              | 0.8257   |
| 26              | 0.8378   |
| 27              | 0.8499   |
| 28              | 0.8620   |
| 29              | 0.8740   |
| 30              | 0.8860   |

Test solution was prepared by dissolving 378 gm of 97% acid in pure water and diluting to 1 liter.

Density at 18°C, 1.223.

c. Viscosity of Sulfuric Acid

| Temperature, °C | Viscosity, centipoises |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 0               | 48.4                   |
| 15              | 32.8                   |
| 20              | 25.4                   |
| 30              | 15.7                   |
| 40              | 11.5                   |
| 50              | 8.82                   |
| 60              | 7.72                   |
| 70              | 6.09                   |
| 80              | 5.19                   |

d. Vapor Pressure of Sulfuric Acid

| Temperature, °C | Vapor Pressure, mm Hg |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 145.8           | 1                     |
| 194.2           | 10                    |
| 229.7           | 40                    |
| 257.0           | 100                   |
| 305.0           | 400                   |
| 330.0           | 760                   |

e. Boiling Point of Aqueous Sulfuric Acid

| Be', ° | Boiling Temperature, °F | Specific Gravity | Boiling Temperature, °C |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 50     | 295                     | 1.525            | 136                     |
| 60     | 386                     | 1.708            | 197                     |
| 61     | 400                     | 1.725            | 204                     |
| 62     | 415                     | 1.747            | 213                     |
| 63     | 432                     | 1.769            | 222                     |
| 64     | 451                     | 1.790            | 233                     |
| 65     | 485                     | 1.812            | 252                     |
| 66     | 538                     | 1.836            | 281                     |

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TBP\*

a. Density, Surface Tension, and Viscosity of TBP in Amsco 123-15 Solutions

| Temperature,<br>°C | Volume %<br>of TBP<br>in Amsco | Molarity in Solvent |                  | Density,<br>gm/cc | Surface<br>Tension,<br>dynes/cm | Viscosity,<br>centi-<br>poises |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                    |                                | HNO <sub>3</sub>    | UNH <sub>3</sub> |                   |                                 |                                |
| 25                 | 0                              |                     |                  | 0.7757            | 31.9                            | 1.099                          |
| 25                 | 5                              |                     |                  | 0.7847            | 31.5                            | 1.137                          |
|                    | 10                             |                     |                  | 0.7944            | 31.2                            | 1.186                          |
|                    | 15                             |                     |                  | 0.8030            | 30.9                            | 1.229                          |
| 25                 | 5                              | 0.2                 |                  | 0.7895            | 31.3                            | 1.162                          |
|                    | 10                             | 0.2                 |                  | 0.8005            | 31.0                            | 1.234                          |
| 25                 | 5                              | 0.2                 | 0.01             | 0.7923            | 31.2                            | 1.172                          |
|                    | 10                             | 0.2                 | 0.01             | 0.8029            | 30.6                            | 1.259                          |
| 20                 | 5                              |                     |                  | 0.7885            |                                 | 1.304                          |
| 30                 | 5                              |                     |                  | 0.7811            |                                 | 1.097                          |
| 20                 | 10                             |                     |                  | 0.7980            |                                 | 1.239                          |
| 30                 | 10                             |                     |                  | 0.7904            |                                 | 1.052                          |
| 25                 | 100                            |                     |                  | 0.983             | 26.7                            |                                |

\* Courtesy of the Chemical Section, Atomic Energy Division, American Cyanamid Company.

Uranium<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- a. Weight composition 100% U
- b. Molecular weight 238.07
- c. Specific gravity 18.485
- d. Melting point 2102°F
- e. Solubility Insoluble in water  
Soluble in acid  
Insoluble in alcohol

f. Specific heat

For  $\alpha$ ,  $C_p = 3.15 + 8.44 \times 10^{-3} T + 0.80 \times 10^{-5} T^2$  cal/gm atom-°K

For  $\beta$ ,  $C_p = 10.38$  cal/gm atom-°K

For  $\gamma$ ,  $C_p = 9.10$  cal/gm atom-°K

where  $T = \text{°K}$

Enthalpy for  $\alpha$ :

$$H_T - H_{298.16} = 3.15 T + 4.22 \times 10^{-3} T^2 - 0.80 \times 10^{-5} T^{-1} - 1046$$

cal/gm atom

where  $T = \text{°K}$

g. Heat of fusion 4950 Btu/lb-atom

h. Thermal conductivity 14.5 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 68°F



Uranium Dioxide<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- a. Formula UO<sub>2</sub>
- b. Molecular weight 270.07
- c. Specific gravity 10.9
- d. Melting point 3948°F
- e. Solubility Insoluble in water  
Soluble in nitric acid  
Soluble in concentrated sulfuric acid

f. Specific heat

$$C_p = 19.20 + 1.62 \times 10^{-3} T - 3.95 \times 10^{-5} T^2 \text{ cal/mole-}^\circ\text{K} \quad \text{where } T = ^\circ\text{K}$$

g. Enthalpy

$$\frac{H}{T} - \frac{H}{298.16} = 19.20T + 0.81 \times 10^{-3} T^2 + 3.95 \times 10^{-5} T^3 - 7124 \text{ cal/mole}$$

where T = °K

- h. Thermal conductivity 0.082 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 68-437°F  
0.046 Btu/(hr)(ft<sup>2</sup>)(°F/ft) at 518-1130°F

- i. Heat of formation -1020 Btu/mole at 77°F

Uranium Oxide<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- a. Formula U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- b. Molecular weight 842.21
- c. Specific gravity 7.31
- d. Solubility Insoluble in water  
Soluble in nitric acid  
Soluble in sulfuric acid

e. Specific heat

$$C_p = 62.6 + 6.6 \times 10^{-3} T - 2.5 \times 10^{-5} T^2 \text{ cal/mole-}^\circ\text{K} \quad \text{where } T = ^\circ\text{K}$$

f. Enthalpy

| Temperature, °F | H <sub>T</sub> - H <sub>298</sub> , Btu/mole |
|-----------------|--|
| 77              | 0  |
| 440             | 47.6   |
| 1340            | 167.0  |
| 2240            | 322.0  |

g. Heat of formation -3360 Btu/mole at 77°F

Uranium Tetrachloride<sup>1</sup>

- a. Formula UCl<sub>4</sub>
- b. Molecular weight 379.93
- c. Specific gravity 4.87
- d. Melting point 1094°F
- e. Heat of formation -996.1 Btu/mole
- f. Specific heat

$$C_p = 0.07608 + 2.88 \times 10^{-5} t - 1.3 (t+41)^{-2} \text{ cal/mole-}^\circ\text{C where } t = ^\circ\text{C}$$

- g. Enthalpy

$$H_t - H_{0^\circ\text{C}} = 0.07608 t + 1.44 \times 10^{-5} t^2 - 0.032 + 1.3 (t+41) \text{ cal/mole}$$

where  $t = ^\circ\text{C}$

Uranium Tetrafluoride<sup>1</sup>

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Formula              | UF <sub>4</sub>                        |
| b. Molecular weight     | 314.11                                 |
| c. Specific gravity     | 6.70                                   |
| d. Melting point        | 1760°F                                 |
| e. Solubility           | Insoluble in water                     |
| f. Heat of formation    | -1770 Btu/mole                         |
| g. Thermal conductivity | 1.13 Btu/(hr)(ft <sup>2</sup> )(°F/ft) |

Uranium Trioxide<sup>1,2,3</sup>

a. Formula UO<sub>3</sub>

b. Molecular weight 286.07

c. Specific gravity 7.54

d. Specific heat

$$C_p = 22.09 + 2.54 \times 10^{-3} T - 2.973 \times 10^{-5} T^2 \text{ cal/mole-}^\circ\text{K}$$

where T = °K

e. Enthalpy

$$H_T - H_{298.16} = 22.09 T + 1.27 \times 10^{-3} T^2 + 2.973 \times 10^{-5} T^3 - 7696$$

cal/mole

where T = °K

f. Thermal conductivity

| Temperature, °F | K, Btu/(hr)(ft <sup>2</sup> )(°F/ft) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 77 - 302        | 0.16                                 |
| 320 - 644       | 0.15                                 |
| 590 - 1112      | 0.15                                 |

Uranyl Nitrate, Hexahydrate<sup>2,3</sup>

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| a. Formula          | $UO_2(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  |
| b. Molecular weight | 502.18  |
| c. Specific gravity | 2.807   |
| d. Melting point    | 140.4°F   |
| e. Boiling point    | 234.4°F   |
| f. Soluble          | Very soluble in water<br>Very soluble in alcohol<br>Very soluble in ether |

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