

FACTS & INFORMATION: SULPHUR



WHAT IS IT?

- Sulphur is an abundant, naturally occurring chemical element that is found within the earth's crust.
- Processed sulphur is well-recognized for its bright yellow color when in solid form. Pure molten sulphur is amber in color.
- This natural resource is odourless in its elemental form.
- Sulphur is insoluble in water.

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- Sulphur is found primarily where crude oil and natural gas resources are present.
- Most of Canada's current supply of sulphur comes from natural gas processing in the Foothills region of Alberta as well as Northeast British Columbia.
- Alberta's oil sands region is expected to become the largest sulphur producing region in Canada within the next five to ten years.
- Canada is one of the largest producers of sulphur in the world.
- Canada is a leading exporter of sulphur and transports the resource to approximately 20 countries, including China, United States, Brazil and Australia.

HOW IS IT PRODUCED?

- Most sulphur is recovered as a by-product from crude oil and natural gas processing.
- The recovered sulphur is in molten liquid form.
- Molten liquid sulphur is transported by tanker truck or rail car to markets within Canada or the United States.
- Molten liquid sulphur can be formed into pellets and transported by truck or rail car to Vancouver, British Columbia for offshore export.

WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

- Sulphur is used for a variety of purposes and is a vital nutrient for crops, animals and people.
- Sulphur is a valuable commodity and an integral component of the world economy. It is used to manufacture numerous products including fertilizers for the production of food.
- Sulphur is also used for a variety of other products including:
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Agricultural pesticides
 - Personal care products
 - Rubber products such as tires
 - Cosmetics
 - Water treatment... and many others

IS IT SAFE FOR HUMANS?

- In its elemental form, sulphur is safe. In fact, sulphur is an essential element of all life and we consume it on a daily basis.
- Sulphur plays a significant role in keeping our hair, skin, and fingernails strong and healthy.
- The average person consumes about 200 milligrams of sulphur everyday usually through protein.

You can learn more about sulphur by logging on to the Oxbow website at www.oxbow.com.

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