Safety Recommendations for EID600

(Ultra-Fine Elemental Iron Powder, Particle Size: 1 nm – 12 μm)

1. General Precautions

- Treat EID600 as a hazardous fine particulate.
- Store and handle in accordance with established nanomaterial and fine metal dust protocols.
- Restrict access to authorized personnel trained in chemical hygiene, nanomaterial safety, and fire prevention.
- Avoid generating dust clouds. Work in well-ventilated areas or fume hoods designed for fine powders.

2. Inhalation Hazards

Risk: Prolonged or repeated inhalation of iron dust can cause siderosis (iron accumulation in lungs). While typically non-fibrotic, it may impair lung clearance and increase susceptibility to other lung diseases.

Recommendations:
- Use NIOSH-approved respirators (P100 filters or equivalent).
- Implement local exhaust ventilation (LEV) with HEPA filters.
- Conduct air monitoring to ensure concentrations remain below OSHA PEL for iron oxide fumes/dust: 10 mg/m^3 (total dust).
- Never use compressed air for cleaning work surfaces or clothing.

3. Dermal Exposure Hazards

Risk: Iron nanoparticles may adhere to skin. Penetration through intact skin is unlikely, but damaged skin (cuts, dermatitis) increases risk of penetration and localized toxicity due to oxidative stress.

Recommendations:
- Always wear nitrile gloves; latex gloves may not be adequate.
- Avoid handling with bare hands, especially if skin integrity is compromised.
- Wash exposed skin promptly with soap and water; 85–90% of nanoparticles can be removed this way.
- Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaners on skin.

4. Eye Exposure Hazards

Risk: Particles can cause mechanical irritation or embed in ocular tissue.

Recommendations:
- Wear ANSI-approved chemical safety goggles when handling powders.
- In case of exposure, rinse eyes immediately with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical evaluation.

5. Ingestion Hazards

Risk: Accidental ingestion can occur from hand-to-mouth contact. Small quantities are unlikely to cause systemic toxicity, but chronic or significant intake may contribute to iron overload in susceptible individuals.

Recommendations:
- Prohibit eating, drinking, or smoking in handling areas.
- Wash hands thoroughly before meals and breaks.

6. Fire and Explosion Hazards

Risk: Fine iron dust is pyrophoric under certain conditions and may present a combustible dust explosion hazard. Nano- and micron-sized particles have high surface area and may ignite spontaneously in air when dispersed.

Recommendations:
- Prevent accumulation of dust on surfaces.
- Eliminate ignition sources (sparks, flames, static discharge).
- Ground and bond all equipment to prevent electrostatic buildup.
- Store in inert atmosphere or sealed containers when possible.
- Use Class D fire extinguishers (dry powder type, e.g., graphite, sodium chloride) for fires; do not use water or CO_2.

7. Environmental Considerations

Risk: Iron dust can enter soil and water, altering local chemistry and potentially causing ecological stress (oxidative and pH effects).

Recommendations:
- Prevent uncontrolled releases.
- Collect spills with HEPA vacuum or wet wiping (never dry sweeping).
- Dispose of waste according to local hazardous waste regulations.

8. Medical Monitoring

- Workers with chronic exposure should undergo periodic medical evaluations, including pulmonary function tests and serum ferritin levels.

- Individuals with hemochromatosis or iron metabolism disorders should not be assigned to work with ultrafine iron powders.

9. Emergency Measures

- Spills: Isolate area, shut off ignition sources, and clean with HEPA-filtered vacuum or wet wiping.
- Skin contact: Wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- Eye contact: Rinse immediately for at least 15 minutes, seek medical attention.
- Inhalation: Move to fresh air, provide oxygen if necessary, seek medical care.
- Ingestion: Rinse mouth, do not induce vomiting, seek medical attention.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Icons

The following pictograms illustrate the recommended PPE for handling EID600:

 Gloves (Nitrile)	 Safety Goggles	 Respirator (P100)
 Protective Clothing	 No Eating/Drinking	 Combustible Dust Warning