# **DESCRIPTION**

SODIUM BICARBONATE, NaHCO $_3$  is used to lower the pH of drilling slurry from a pH of 12-13 (alkaline) to a neutral pH range of 8-9. A white powder, SODIUM BICARBONATE is also added to a base drilling fluid as a pH neutralizing additive. A buffer, SODIUM BICARBONATE is added to acidic water to raise the pH to 8-9.

## **RECOMMENDED USE**

SODIUM BICARBONATE is used to treat cement contamination in SHORE PAC drilling slurry and bentonite water based drilling fluids. It is also used as a buffer. SODIUM BICARBONATE will remove calcium and manganese making hard water soft.

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

- · Easy to mix and use, soluble in water
- Economical method to lower pH
- · Safe to use, noncombustible

# **MIXING AND APPLICATION**

SODIUM BICARBONATE should be added to the mixing water prior to mixing the primary drilling product. SODIUM BICARBONATE dissolves readily in water. Add slowly through a hopper at a ratio of 5 lbs per 1,000 gallons mix water.

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

Appearance White powder

Solubility 7.8 g/100 g water @ 64 °F (18 °C)

pH (1% solution) 8.3 Density 2.2

## **PACKAGING**

50 lb bags, 49 bags per pallet.

