



#### **4. Inert absorbents**

##### **A. Vermiculite:**

**Description:** According to TVA (The Vermiculite Association), vermiculite is “the mineralogical name given to hydrated laminar magnesium-aluminum-iron silicate which resembles mica in appearance.” It is non-combustible and inert.

##### **B. Other inert “loose bulk” such as clay, sand, or kitty litter**

**Description:** When used correctly, “loose bulk” can prevent a liquid spill from spreading.

**Considerations:** Paper towels, rags, and sawdust are not inert materials. They are combustible and may react with a variety of chemicals.

##### **C. Commercial pillows, socks, pads, particulates, etc.**

**Description:** Many nonselective amorphous silicate sorbents and polypropylene sorbents are available as socks, pillows, diking tubes, etc.

**Considerations:** See manufacturers’ product information for product limitations.

##### **D. Other Considerations**

Some chemicals require special precautions and all absorbents have limitations.