"REDUCING SILICA EXPOSURE"

Silicosis, the silent killer, is a problem that cannot be underestimated. The only way to avoid the problem is to control the cause of the problem… respirable dust.

BEST PRACTICES

- Take away the brooms. Sweeping suspends dust in the air. Replace with vacuum cleaners, preferably using HEPA filters.
- Remove air hoses from equipment to prevent their use in blowing dust as a means of clean-up.
- Replace high silica type oil/grease absorbent with type having no silica content.
- Monitor respirable dust testing to determine exposure (time-weighted average (TWA)).
- Use Environmental/Engineering Controls (enclosed cabs/booths/workstations, etc.)
- Where practical, use dust suppression systems.

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