

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	Company-wide	ARTICLE YEAR	2006
ACTIVITY:	Occupational Health	COMPANY:	WBB Minerals
SUB ACTIVITY:	Air and dust	COMPANY LOCATION:	WBB Minerals
BEST PRACTICE No:	BP350	COMPANY TEL:	01270 752651
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	United Kingdom		

TITLE

Control of respirable crystalline silica dust

ARTICLE

WBB Minerals has developed comprehensive systems covering all aspects of the management and control of respirable crystalline silica dust.

These systems include:

- ? Implementation of the IMA Europe standardised dust sampling protocol by an in-house monitoring team
- ? Provision of silica dust awareness training for site operatives
- ? Use of the company intranet to improve communication on respirable crystalline silica issues with operatives
- ? Risk assessment for exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust using a formalised document management system
- ? Fit-testing of dust masks for operatives in accordance with industry best practice and COSHH
- ? Provision of health surveillance for personnel exposed to respirable crystalline silica dust.

These measures need not be expensive and can bring long-term benefits.

ARTICLE IMAGES