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.

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