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Univis and Super Visbestos OSHA Related Information

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Exposure Limits

Current OSHA asbestos regulations establish permissible exposure limits (PEL) of 10 fibers/cc (f/cc) maximum ceiling count and 2 f/cc on an 8 hour time weighted average (TWA). A variety of special actions must be taken by employers whenever employees are reasonably expected to be exposed to fiber concentrations in excess of the PEL. For many years Montello and Union Carbide Corporation, our supplier, have carried on a joint program of field monitoring, covering a wide variety of representative drillsite workplaces.

A detailed Field Monitoring Information Summary will be sent upon request. We will also furnish the current OSHA regulations, along with a review of the regulatory background. Also, The Asbestos Information Association of North America has developed recommended work practices for the use of asbestos drilling mud additives. We will be glad to supply you with copies upon request.

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Field Monitoring Results

To clarify the regulations on medical examinations, OSHA recently issued a compliance programming letter (CPL2-2.21A). It states in part, "Medical examinations . . . will be required for any 7 to 8 hour time weighted average concentration of 0.1 fibers/cc, or for a greater concentration." Field monitoring of Super Visbestos and Univis typically yield TWA counts below 0.1 fibers/cc.

Summary

In summary, we believe that, with proper work practices and housekeeping, Univis and Super Visbestos can be safely used in drilling fluid applications without exceeding the OSHA PEL. Consequently the requirements on subsequent monitoring, special clothing, change rooms, double lockers, laundering procedures and cautions signs should not apply to the drillsite workplace when using our products.

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