Characterization of Airborne Emissions from Nanoscale Operations – Learning's and Approaches to Consider

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Nanomaterials and the Environment: Identification of principal sources of exposure and exposure routes from handling nanoscale material







Total Particle Concentration (cm⁻³)

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SEM/EDAX of ELPI Stage 6 (previous slide)



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Accelerating Voltage: 15.0 kV

Magnification: 3000





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Risk Management

Facilities & Engineering Control

Healthful workplace

Regulatory Compliance

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: Occupational Exposure Level

Particle Diameter (nm)

1000

100

30x10

25

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ELPI Total Worker breathing zone CPC 1: Behind press (no containmen

10:00 AM

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10:30 AM

Time

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11:30 AM

11:00 AM

CPC 2 Worker breathing zone PTrak: Left front outside door

PTrak: Right front outside d

Total Particle Concentration (cm)



Approaches to Consider – Going forward

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- <u>Synergy and Funding</u>: Environmental is inclusive and includes workplace Safety and Occupational Health. Need major funding to be directed to Instrument, Metrology, and Analytical Methods and Human and Environmental Exposure Assessments for workplace exposure – detection, collection and analysis.
- <u>Outreach:</u> Need to ensure products/results of EHS research projects are timely shared (pushed) to the target groups who need knowledge and solutions. e.g. NIOSH web site (++).

Instrument, Metrology and Analytical Methods

- <u>Exposure Assessment Capabilities:</u> Industrial hygiene air samplers are needed now, that are effective, reliable, personal/portable, real time, easy to analyze and maintain, affordable to conduct life cycle exposure assessments. Hazards data is invaluable for the risk management equation yet long term in results. Engage instrument manufacturers to bring IH samplers to market.
- <u>Science:</u> IMA methods that have been developed and validated for nanoscale objects and different material matrices.

Human and Environmental Exposure

• <u>Exposure Assessment Effectiveness</u>: Field demonstrate performance of instruments and methods. Push communication of specific instruments/assessment and methods to users.



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Thanks for listening





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