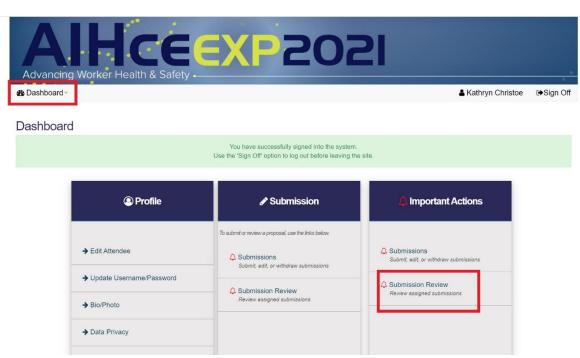
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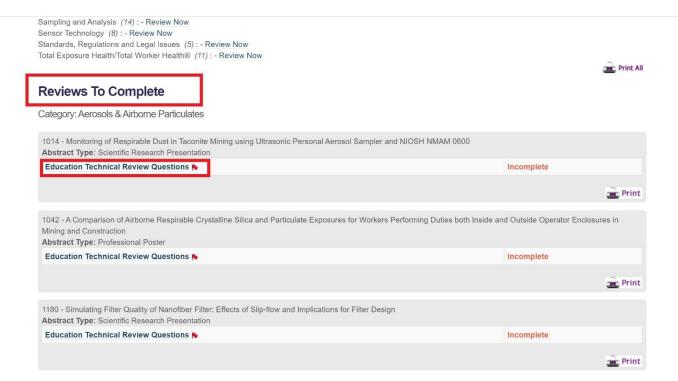
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1014 - Monitoring of Respirable Dust in Taconite Mining using Ultrasonic Personal Aerosol Sampler and NIOSH NMAM 0600

Abstract Type: Scientific Research Presentation

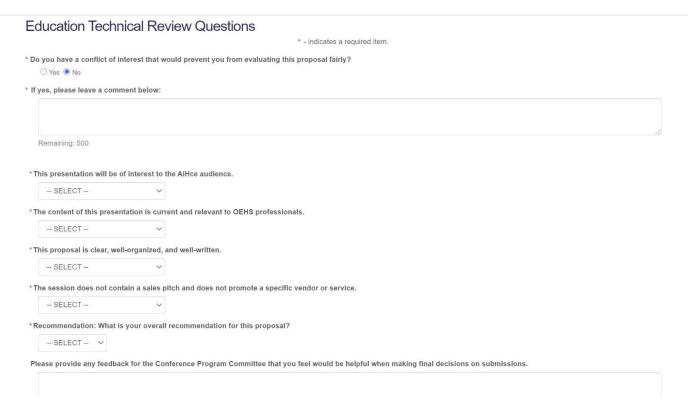
Description: Inhalation of respirable dust (particles sampled according to the respirable convention with a 50% sampling efficiency at an aerodynamic diameter of 4 µm) leads to a range of cardiovascular and respiratory health issues. The gold-standard for sampling RD from the breathing zone of a worker has been characterized by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Manual of Analytical Methods (NMAM) 0600 that involves use of a 4-L/min mechanical pump with need of pre- and post-calibration that connects to a cyclone via tubing to sample the RD during the work shift. In this study, we introduce an alternative way of performing the personal sampling using an ultrasonic personal aerosol sampler (UPAS) that is challenged in an occupational setting (a Taconite mine), for the first time.

Objective: We investigate the feasibility of using an ultrasonic personal aerosol sampler (UPAS) to replace NIOSH MEthod 0600 for occupational exposure assessment of the respirable dust in an intensely polluted site of a taconite mine.

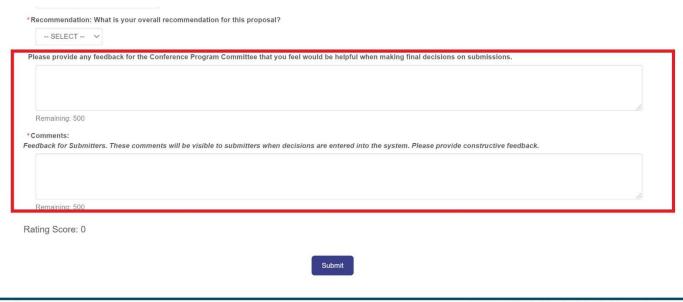
Methods: The UPAS is a time-integrated monitor that features a novel piezoelectric micropump to drive the air flow at a rate of 2±0.05 L/min and runs silent during operation. In total, we recruited 39 workers from various departments (i.e., crushing, pelleting, milling, and maintenance) of a taconite in the Northern Minnesota. Each worker wore two personal RD samplers an aluminum cyclone specified in NIOSH method for RD personal sampling on the right-side of the worker's collar and a UPAS clipped to the left-side of the worker's collar. The collocated RD samplers then used for sampling for the entire work shift of 8 hr. Both samplers used 37-mm PTFE filters that were pre- and post-weighed to obtain the integrated RD concentration. Additionally, two area sampling sites per department were used to measure real-time mass concentration of RD using DustTrak (Model 8534, TSI Inc., St. Paul, MN, USA) aerosol monitors. Regression analysis to correlate the measurements obtained using the UPAS and NIOSH NMAM methods was conducted and accuracy of using UPAS as potentially a substitute for NMAM 0600 was investigated using a Bland-Altman plot. Comparisons between the average mass concentrations of RD using both types of personal monitors and nephelometric real-time RD monitors in the area stations are also conducted. Regression analysis for statistical comparison was conducted and the NISOH criteria for potentially replacement of the NIOSH 0600 with use of the UPAS was investigated.

Results / Conclusions: The average RD concentrations based on personal sampling using the UPAS and NIOSH NMAM 0600 were quite similar: 178 and 177 µg/m3. Statistical analysis of the gravimetric analysis of the data obtained from 39 workers indicated a strong linear correlation between RD concentration measured by the UPAS respect to RD concentration measured by the NIOSH NMAM 0600: NIOSH Method 0600 = 1.06 (UPAS) - 9.22 µg/m3, r2 of 0.72, Pearson correlation factor of 0.854. None of the workers was exposed to a respirable dust concentration above the OSHA PEL of 5 mg/m3. A bland-Altman analysis revealed that 72% of the valid UPAS samples agreed within +/-25% of the traditional method mean. In the studied mine site, the impact of job category on correlation of the methods was not statistically significant.

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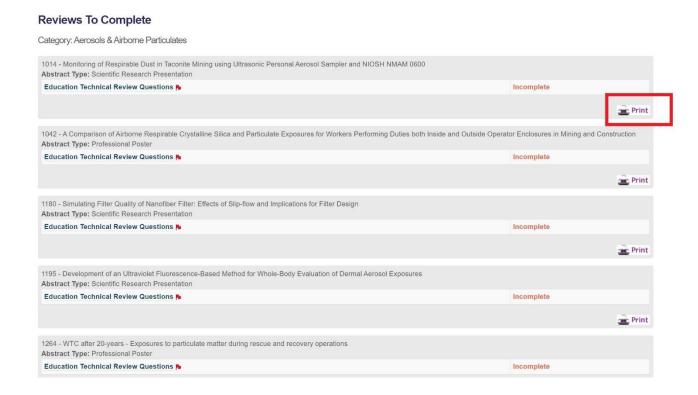


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