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General Comment

It is well known that lengthy exposure to diesel exhaust contributes to increased risk for asthma, lung disease, heart disease and brain and immune system issues to workers.

Many people with allergies that are exposed to diesel exhaust particles find that they are more susceptible to the materials to which they are allergic such as dust and pollen. This directly affects their daily life outside of the worksite.

If diesel exhaust particulate levels are increased, consider restricting access to the worksite for those suffering allergies. The agency should also require allergy testing as part of a worker medical screening or monitoring process.

The dangerous substances found in diesel exhaust such as particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons, VOCs and other gases are well known. Dont exacerbate the situation for workers that are at risk.

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Respectfully submitted,