

Announcing a free workshop co-hosted by:



Best Practices for Controlling Respirable Dust in Coal Mining

MSHA and NIOSH's Office of Mine Safety and Health Research will co-host three (3) one-day workshops focusing on controlling respirable dust with practical control technologies and techniques.

Inhalation of excessive levels of respirable coal dust can cause Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis (CWP) and overexposure to respirable silica dust can lead to silicosis. These occupational lung diseases can be disabling or fatal in severe cases, but they can be prevented through limiting worker exposure.

Each workshop will inform attendees about the following topics:

- **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
- **Overview of New Dust Rule**
- **Health Consequences of Overexposure to Respirable Coal and Silica Dust**
- **Ventilation and Water Applications as Dust Control**
- **Continuous Miner and Roof Bolter Dust Control**
- **Longwall Dust Control**
- **Surface Mine Dust Control**
- **Lessons Learned from Dust Emphasis Teams**

The workshop is intended for mine management and workers, mining engineers, safety and health professionals and others with an interest in preventing occupational lung disease. Each workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.

MSHA and NIOSH are conducting this workshop at the following locations:

- **March 31, 2015 – Birmingham, AL**
Bevill State Community College, 101 State Street, Sumiton, AL 35148
- **April 2, 2015 – Evansville, IN**
Holiday Inn Evansville Airport, 7101 Highway 41 North, Evansville, IN 47711
- **May 13, 2015 – Grand Junction, CO**
Doubletree Grand Junction, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506

If you are interested in attending this workshop at one of these locations, please register by contacting either: Greg Meikle (MSHA) by email: meikle.gregory@dol.gov or Jay Colinet (NIOSH) by email: jcolinet@cdc.gov or phone: (412) 386-6825.