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VIII. APPENDIX I

AIR SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING CONCENTRATIONS OF COTTON DUST

As discussed in Chapter IV, Environmental Sampling, the preferred index of cotton dust exposure is the concentration of dust in mg/cu m collected by the Lumsden-Lynch vertical elutriator cotton dust sampler, shown in Figure XII-2, operating at the prescribed flow rate. Any instrument shown to be equivalent in precision and accuracy to the method specified shall be acceptable.

Sampling Locations

The sampling procedure must be designed so that samples of the actual dust concentrations are collected accurately and consistently and reflect the concentrations of dust at the place and time of sampling. In order to collect an ideal sample representative of airborne dust which is likely to enter the worker's respiratory system, it is necessary to position a collection apparatus near the nose and mouth (breathing zone) of the worker. As discussed earlier, suitable instrumentation is not yet available which will permit reliable samples of lint-free dust to be collected with personal samplers. At least five 6-hour area samples in each distinct operational area of the plant should be collected at locations which provide representative samples of air to which the worker is exposed. Samples in each operating area should be gathered simultaneously during a normal operating period. The daily time-weighted

average (TWA) exposure of each worker can then be determined by using the following formula:

$$\text{TWA} = \frac{\text{Summation of hours spent in each location times the dust concentration in that location}}{\text{Total hours exposed}}$$

A time-weighted average concentration shall be computed for each worker and properly logged and maintained on file for review.

Sampling Equipment

(a) Sampler

The vertical elutriator (Figure XII-2) cotton dust sampler works on the principle of producing a slow laminar up-flow of air that equals the falling speed of dust particles at the upper end of the respiratory range. Particles with falling speed greater than this, such as cotton fly and lint fibers, and dust particles larger than 15 μm aerodynamic diameter and unit density will not be carried to the filter and thus will not be sampled. The sample collected will include all fine dust except lint and will approximate the sum of alveolar and bronchotracheal deposition. The flow rate is controlled at 7.4 ± 0.2 liters/minute by a critical orifice which requires that the vacuum be maintained above 14 inches of mercury.

In order to insure proper dust measurement, pumps have to be monitored and vacuums checked during sampling. It is important that the samplers be cleaned prior to sampling.

(b) Filter Holder

A three-piece cassette constructed of polystyrene designed to hold a 37-mm diameter filter such as that shown in Figure XII-3 shall be used. To insure that an adequate seal exists between elements of the cassette, an opaque cellulose shrink band shall be placed over the joint between the center and bottom parts of the cassette. Polystyrene is recommended as a construction material because polyvinyl chloride filters increase in weight when stored in cassettes made from cellulose acetate-butyrate, which are commonly used in cotton dust sampling. [161] It is thought that plasticizers and possibly butyric acid from the hydrolysis of ester linkages in this latter material are readily absorbed by the filter to alter its weight.

(c) Filters and Support Pads

The membrane filters used shall be polyvinyl chloride with a 5- μ m pore size and 37-mm diameter. A support pad, commonly called a backup pad, must be used under the filter membrane in the field monitor cassette.

(d) Balance

A balance sensitive to 0.01 milligram should be used.

Instrument Calibration Procedure

The accuracy of an analysis can be no greater than the accuracy of the volume of air which is sampled. Therefore, accurate calibration of the sampler is essential. The frequency of calibration is dependent on the use, care, and handling to which the instrument is subjected. Samplers should be calibrated when first received from the factory, after repair, and after receiving any abuse. Ordinarily the samplers should be calibrated in the laboratory both before they are used in the field and

after receiving any abuse or after extensive use. The accuracy of calibration is dependent upon the type of instrument used as a reference. For laboratory testing, primary standards such as a spirometer or a wet test meter are recommended, although other standard calibrating instruments such as a large bubble meter or dry gas meter can be used. The setup will be the same for all instruments. Instructions for calibration with the wet test meter follow. If another calibration device is selected, equivalent procedures should be used.

The calibration setup for the limiting orifices with the sampling train system is shown in Figure XII-4. The procedure is as follows:

(a) Level wet test meter. Check the water level which should just touch the calibration point at the left side of the meter. If water level is low, add water 1-2 F warmer than room temperature to fill point. Run the meter for 30 minutes before calibration.

(b) Place the polyvinyl chloride membrane filter in the filter cassette.

(c) Assemble the calibration sampling train as shown in Figure XII-4.

(d) Connect the wet test meter to the train. The pointer on the meter should run clockwise and a pressure drop of not more than 1.0 inch of water indicated. If the pressure drop is greater than 1.0 disconnect and check the system.

(e) Operate the system for ten minutes before starting the calibration.

(f) Check the vacuum gauge on the pump to insure that the pressure drop across the orifice exceeds 14 inches of mercury.

(g) Record the following on calibration data sheets:

- (1) Wet test meter reading, start and finish
- (2) Elapsed time, start and finish (at least two minutes)
- (3) Pressure drop at manometer
- (4) Air temperature
- (5) Barometric pressure
- (6) Limiting orifice number

(h) Calculate the flow rate and compare against recommended flow of 7.4 ± 0.2 liters/minute. If flow is between these limits perform calibration again, average results, and record orifice number and flow rate. If flow is not within these limits discard or modify orifice and repeat procedure.

(i) Record the name of the person performing the calibration, the date, serial number of the wet test meter, and the number of the critical orifices being calibrated.

Sampling Procedure

(a) Sampling data sheets shall include a log of:

- (1) The date of the sample collection
- (2) The time of sampling
- (3) The location of the sampler
- (4) The sampler serial number
- (5) The cassette number
- (6) The time of starting and stopping the sampling and the

duration of sampling

- (7) The weight of the filter before and after sampling
- (8) The weight of dust collected (corrected for controls)
- (9) The dust concentration measured
- (10) Other pertinent information
- (11) Name of person taking sample

(b) Assembly of Filter Cassette (see Figure XII-3)

- (1) Loosely assemble 3-piece cassette
- (2) Number cassette, top and bottom
- (3) Place absorbant pad in cassette
- (4) Weigh filter to an accuracy of 0.01 mg

Although it has been common practice to desiccate the filters prior to weighing for periods up to 24 hours, [127,158,161] it has been demonstrated that when the specified highly hydrophobic polyvinyl chloride filters are used, less than 1/2% of the total weight could be attributed to the absorption of water by the dust or by the filter. [132] In another study, the highest observed variation between desiccated and nondesiccated dust weights was 2%. [161] When samples having a high rate of moisture regain are weighed directly after removing them from a desiccator, the elapsed time after removal becomes a significant factor. Under these conditions the best way to accurately weigh such samples could be in a conditioned atmosphere. [161] Because of these findings, desiccating prior to weighing the filters is not required.

- (5) Place filter in cassette
- (6) Record weight of filter in log, using cassette number

for identification

(7) Fully assemble cassette, using pressure to force parts tightly together

(8) Install plugs top and bottom

(9) Put shrink band on cassette, covering joint between center and bottom parts of cassette

(10) Set cassette aside until shrink band dries thoroughly

(c) Sampling Collection

(1) Clean lint out of the motor and elutriator and clean the relief valve screen

(2) Install vertical elutriator in sampling locations specified above with inlet 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet from floor (breathing zone height)

(3) Remove top section of cassette

(4) Install cassette in ferrule of elutriator

(5) Tape cassette to ferrule with 1 in. wide masking tape or similar material for air-tight seal

(6) Remove bottom plug of cassette and attach hose containing critical orifice

(7) Start elutriator pump and check to see if gauge reads above 14 in. of Hg vacuum.

(8) Record starting time, cassette number, and sampler number

(9) At end of sampling period (a approximately 6 hours) stop pump and record time

(10) Controls

With each batch of samples collected, two additional filter cassettes should be subjected to exactly the same handling as the samples

except that they are not opened. These control filters are weighed the same as the sample filters. Any difference in weight in the control filters would indicate that the procedure for handling sample filters may not be adequate and should be evaluated to ascertain the cause of the difference, the necessary corrections made, and additional samples collected.

(c) Shipping

The cassette with samples are collected, along with the appropriate number of blanks, and shipped to the analytical laboratory in a suitable container to prevent damage in transit.

(d) Weighing Sample

- (1) Remove shrink band
- (2) Remove top section of cassette and bottom plug
- (3) Remove filter from cassette and weigh to an accuracy of 0.01 mg
- (4) Record weight in log against original weight

(e) Calculation of Volume of Air Sampled

- (1) From starting and stopping times of sampling period, determine length of time in minutes of sampling period
- (2) Multiply sampling time in minutes by flow rate of critical orifice in liters per minute and divide by 1000 to find air quantity in cubic meters

(f) Calculation of Dust Concentration

- (1) Subtract weight of clean filter from dirty filter and apply control correction to find actual weight of sample. Record this weight (in mg) in log

(2) Divide mass of sample in mg by air volume in cubic meters to find dust concentration in mg/cu m. Record in log.

IX. APPENDIX II

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

The following items of information which are applicable to the processing of cotton shall be provided in the appropriate section of the Material Safety Data Sheet or other approved form. If a specific item of information is inapplicable (eg, flash point), the initials "na" (not applicable) should be inserted.

(a) Section I. Source and Nomenclature.

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the manufacturer or supplier of the product.

(2) The trade name and synonyms for a mixture of chemicals, a basic structural material, or for a process material; and the trade name and synonyms, chemical name and synonyms, chemical family, and formula for a single chemical.

(b) Section II. Hazardous Ingredients.

(1) Chemical or widely recognized common name of all hazardous ingredients.

(2) The approximate percentage by weight or volume (indicate basis) which each hazardous ingredient of the mixture bears to the whole mixture. This may be indicated as a range or maximum amount, eg, 10-20% V; 10% max. W.

(3) Basis for toxicity for each hazardous material such as an established standard, in appropriate units.

(c) Section III. Physical Data.

Physical properties of the total product including boiling point and melting point in degrees Fahrenheit; vapor pressure, in millimeters of mercury, vapor density of gas or vapor (air = 1), solubility in water in

parts per hundred parts of water by weight; specific gravity (water = 1); percent volatile, indicate if by weight or volume, at 70 Fahrenheit; evaporation rate for liquids (indicate whether butyl acetate or ether = 1); and appearance and odor.

(d) Section IV. Fire and Explosion Hazard Data.

Fire and explosion hazard data about a single chemical or a mixture of chemicals, including flash point, in degrees Fahrenheit; flammable limits, in percent by volume in air; suitable extinguishing media or agents; special fire fighting procedures; and unusual fire and explosion hazard information.

(e) Section V. Health Hazard Data.

Toxic level for total compound or mixture, effects of exposure, and emergency and first aid procedures.

(f) Section VI. Reactivity Data.

Chemical stability, incompatibility, hazardous decomposition products, and hazardous polymerization.

(g) Section VII. Spill or Leak Procedures.

Detailed procedures to be followed with emphasis on precautions to be taken in cleaning up and safe disposal of materials leaked or spilled. This includes proper labeling and disposal of containers containing residues, contaminated absorbants, etc.

(h) Section VIII. Special Protection Information.

Requirements for personal protective equipment, such as respirators, eye protection, and protective clothing, and ventilation such as local exhaust (at site of product use or application), general, or other special types.

(i) Section IX. Special Precautions.

Any other general precautionary information.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Required under USDL Safety and Health Regulations for Ship Repairing,
Shipbuilding, and Shipbreaking (29 CFR 1915, 1916, 1917)

SECTION I

MANUFACTURER'S NAME		EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NO.
ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)		
CHEMICAL NAME AND SYNONYMS		TRADE NAME AND SYNONYMS
CHEMICAL FAMILY	FORMULA	

SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

PAINTS, PRESERVATIVES, & SOLVENTS	%	TLV (Units)	ALLOYS AND METALLIC COATINGS	%	TLV (Units)
PIGMENTS			BASE METAL		
CATALYST			ALLOYS		
VEHICLE			METALLIC COATINGS		
SOLVENTS			FILLER METAL PLUS COATING OR CORE FLUX		
ADDITIVES			OTHERS		
OTHERS					
HAZARDOUS MIXTURES OF OTHER LIQUIDS, SOLIDS, OR GASES				%	TLV (Units)

SECTION III - PHYSICAL DATA

BOILING POINT (°F.)		SPECIFIC GRAVITY (H ₂ O=1)	
VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg.)		PERCENT, VOLATILE BY VOLUME (%)	
VAPOR DENSITY (AIR=1)		EVAPORATION RATE (_____ =1)	
SOLUBILITY IN WATER			
APPEARANCE AND ODOR			

SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT (Method used)	FLAMMABLE LIMITS	Lel	Uel
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA			
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES			
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS			

SECTION V - HEALTH HAZARD DATA	
THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUE	
EFFECTS OF OVEREXPOSURE	
EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES	

SECTION VI - REACTIVITY DATA			
STABILITY	UNSTABLE		CONDITIONS TO AVOID
	STABLE		
INCOMPATIBILITY <i>(Materials to avoid)</i>			
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS			
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION	MAY OCCUR		CONDITIONS TO AVOID
	WILL NOT OCCUR		

SECTION VII - SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES	
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED	
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD	

SECTION VIII - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION		
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION <i>(Specify type)</i>		
VENTILATION	LOCAL EXHAUST	SPECIAL
	MECHANICAL <i>(General)</i>	OTHER
PROTECTIVE GLOVES	EYE PROTECTION	
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT		

SECTION IX - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS	
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORING	
OTHER PRECAUTIONS	