

Assessing Occupational Hygiene Management During COVID-19

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ABSTRACT

An increased focus is being placed on the health aspect of health and safety, and mining companies are actively looking to minimize worker exposures to hazardous environments in the workplace. Mining companies operating across multiple sites and regions often face the challenge of managing their worker exposures against differing regulatory jurisdictions and requirements. Occupational health and hygiene (OH&H) practices are important for minimizing these exposures. However, understanding the range of OH&H management practices that are being utilized at each site, as well as corporately, are critical to understanding the effectiveness of corporate policy in minimizing worker exposures to hazardous agents and meeting local regulatory requirements. As we begin to readjust to our current reality during COVID-19, the ability to assess our OH&H systems across multiple sites with restricted ability to travel, will become more challenging. This presentation will introduce an effective approach for conducting a remote OH&H gap assessment of site level and corporate activities across multiple jurisdictions. Six key OH&H program elements will be discussed as well as best practice criteria for each element.