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Occupational Disease Action Plan(ODAP): Action & Tools

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Reference Group





Public Services Health & Safety Association~





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Confrastructure Health & Safety Association-



Centre for Research Expertise In Occupational Disease

BREATHE the lung association



Occupational Cancer Research Centre

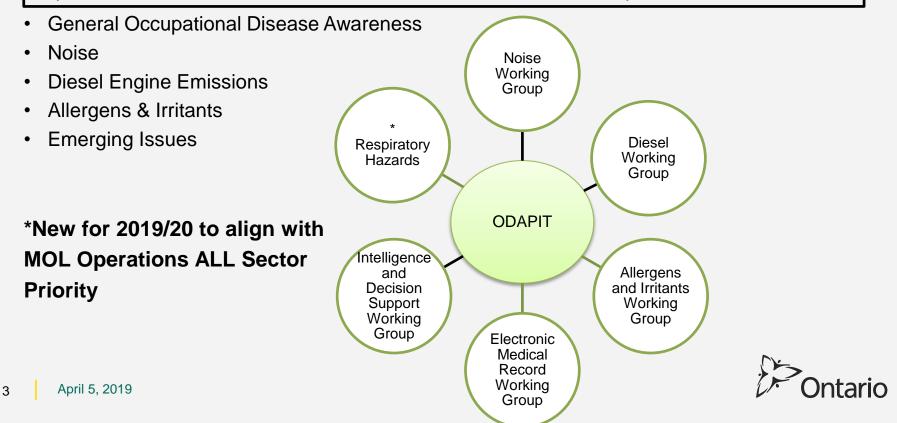






Background: Development of the Occupational Disease Action Plan

Objective: An Action Plan focused on aligning the efforts of the OHS system toward occupational disease prevention; with the overall objective to prevent hazardous exposures in order to reduce the incidence and burden of occupational disease.



Background: Occupational Disease 2018-19 Collaborative Action

- In 2018/19 the collaborative action was to:
 - "Develop and implement a communications and marketing plan focusing on raising awareness of harm and prevention with respect to the priority exposures: noise and/or allergens and irritants and/or diesel hazards in the workplace, with an underlying theme of general occupational disease prevention. Leverage existing tools such as WHMIS in the communications and marketing efforts.



Prevention Tools-Overarching & Emerging

<u>www.preventoccdisease.ca</u> CCOHS/OHCOW



• <u>Nanotechnology & Health E Course</u> CCOHS/OHCOW (Todd Irick, Chair, next speaker....Stay Tuned ...)



ODAP WG: Noise

- Initiated broad campaign on the hazards of noise with video, wordmark, widescale social media, online campaign- International Noise Awareness Day
- Ongoing promotion (awareness, education) System Partners & Conferences
- Webinars- 4:
 - Regulatory for General Audience
 - Focus on JHSC/H & S Rep/Worker
 - Focus on H & S Professionals
 - Focus on Employer/Supervisors
- System partner webpages and resources dedicated to noise created/updated
- MOL All Sector Provincial Noise Enforcement Initiative
- WSIB : How Old Are Your Ears (toneitdown.ca)







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ODAP WG: Allergens & Irritants

- Cleaning Agents
- Wet Work
- Isocyanates
- Preservatives
 - Fact Sheets CRE-OD
 - Upcoming Podcast- Occupational Asthma (May, 2019)



ODAP WG: Diesel Exhaust

Current exposures to diesel engine exhaust are unacceptably high across a number of industry sectors. Many workers are exposed and we now **known that there is an increased risk of both lung and bladder cancer**.

Need to reduce exposures to diesel exhaust **as low as reasonably achievable** (ALARA) following leading practices.

Learn from leading organisations, transfer knowledge from leading practices, and promote good leadership as an **impetus to follow the internal responsibility system (IRS)**.



Why is exposure to diesel exhaust an issue?

Organisation	Year	Comments
HEI ¹	1999	Evidence not strong enough
ACGIH ²	2002	Recommended 0.02mg/m ³ (measured as REC)
ACGIH ²	2003	Recommended limit withdrawn
MSHA ³	2008	Evidence becoming stronger - Effective date for Occupational exposure limit (OEL) in the US for underground metal / non-metal 0.16mg/m ³ (TC) ~ 0.12 (REC)
IARC ^₄	2012	Strong evidence – IARC monograph – confirmed carcinogen. Lung cancer.
NCI / NIOSH⁵	2010 - 2013	Study findings support a much lower OEL which may have a significant impact on UG mining.
HEI ¹	2013	Expert panel established
HEI ¹	2014 6 March	Workshop held in Boston – open to public, academia, regulators , industry and engine manufacturers.
HEI ¹	November 2015	Expert panel review released. Strong evidence! Likely significant impact especially in UG mining!

Why is exposure to diesel exhaust an issue (the latest)?

Organisation	Year	Comments
BHPB ⁶	November 2015	After reviews by a leading Australian Epidemiologist and the IOM ⁷ BHPB (Global Standard) – Exposure must be <u>as low as technically</u> <u>feasible</u> . Interim target set at <u>0.03mg/m³</u> (measured as EC NIOSH 5040)
Health Canada ⁸	2017	Human Health Risk Assessment for Diesel Exhaust. Causal lung cancer, suggestive <u>bladder cancer</u> .
OCRC ⁹	2017	 Burden of Occupational Cancer in Ontario. Policy Recommendations For Diesel Engine Exhaust: Adopt occupational exposure limits of <u>0.02mg/m³</u> (elemental carbon EC) for the mining industry and 0.005 <u>EC mg/m³</u> for other workplaces). Upgrade or replace old on-road and off-road trucks and diesel engines. (OCRC, 2017 p.25).





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Prevalence Estimate

Diesel Engine Exhaust OTHERS - Known Carolnogen (IARC 1)



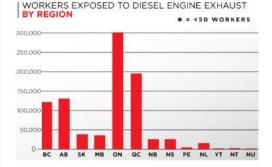
Level of Exposure

Data Sources & Methods



Results show that approximately 897,000 Canadians are occupationally exposed to diesel engine exhaust; 91% are male. This accounts for approximately 5% of the working population in Canada. The largest industrial groups exposed to diesel engine exhaust are truck transportation and transit and ground passenger transportation. When exposure is examined by occupation, the largest exposed groups are truck drivers (306,000 people exposed), heavy equipment operators (83,000 exposed) and bus and subway drivers (79,000 exposed). Other common groups include material handlers, heavy-duty mechanics, taxi drivers, and firefighters.

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Heavy and civil engineering 34,000 30%



Updated October 2014

New OCRC website

https://www.odsp-ocrc.ca/lung-cancer/



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Lung Cancer

Background

Key Findings

The greatest risks of lung cancer are observed among workers employed in mining, construction, and transportation occupations.

Mining

Workers employed in mining have the greatest risk of lung cancer compared to all other industry groups. Work related to mining and quarrying has consistently shown increased lung cancer risks due to a number of hazards including crystalline silica, radon, asbestos and diesel engine exhaust.

- Mining industry overall: 1.8 times the risk
- Non-metal mines: 1.7 times the risk
- Quarries and sand pits: 1.7 times the risk
- Metal mines: 2 times the risk
 Uranium mines: 2 times the risk



- Air mining occupations. 1.6 times the fisk
- Mining and quarrying including oil and gas occupations: 1.8 times the risk
- Drilling and blasting: 2 times the risk
- Rock and soil-drilling: 2 times the risk





ODAP WG: <u>Diesel exhaust</u>

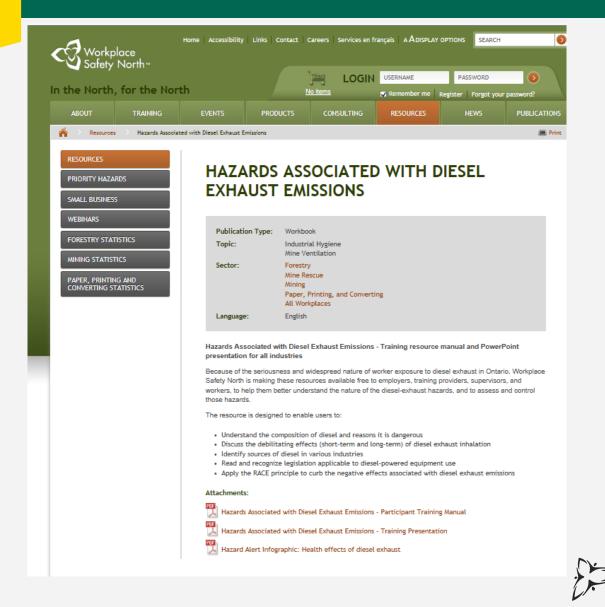
Occupational Disease Action Plan Implementation Activities from Diesel Working Group Terms of Reference

How do we prevent occupational exposures to diesel exhaust for "ALL WORKPLACES"

Items from Terms of Reference	Activities
2.1 Jurisdictional scan	Look for leading practices – Example requirement for diesels used in construction and tunneling in Switzerland to be fitted with diesel particle filters (DPF) <u>https://www.dieselnet.com/standards/ch/nonroad.php</u> Refer to VERT <u>https://www.vert-dpf.eu/</u> for certification of filters. Canadian Federal Requirements?
3.1 Raising awareness	Occupational Cancer Research Centre (OCRC) has worked closely with Workplace Safety North (WSN) and developed Infographics: Controlling diesel particulate matter - <u>controlling diesel particulate matter from</u> <u>construction</u> from off-road vehicles <u>on-road vehicles</u> and <u>underground mines</u> . <u>OCRC / MIRARCO Lung</u> <u>Cancer and Prevention in Mining Conference</u> <u>OCRC Report: Burden of Occupational Cancer in Ontario – Major Workplace Carcinogens and Prevention</u> <u>of Exposure</u> Learn from Mining – <u>Mining Diesel Emissions Council</u>
4.1 Deliver educational opportunities	WSN has developed a generic training module for Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSC) ODAP / OCRC has partnered with CARcinogen Exposure (CAREX – Canada) delivered a Webinar on June 5 th , 2018 from 11am – 12pm PDT, 2 – 3pm EDT
5.1 Align system educational resources	
5.2 Identify gaps to develop new resources	Learn from
5.3 Review mandatory training initiatives to identify opportunities to strengthen prevention	2019 and beyond mining
5.4 Align existing training initiatives	
5.5 New training initiatives	

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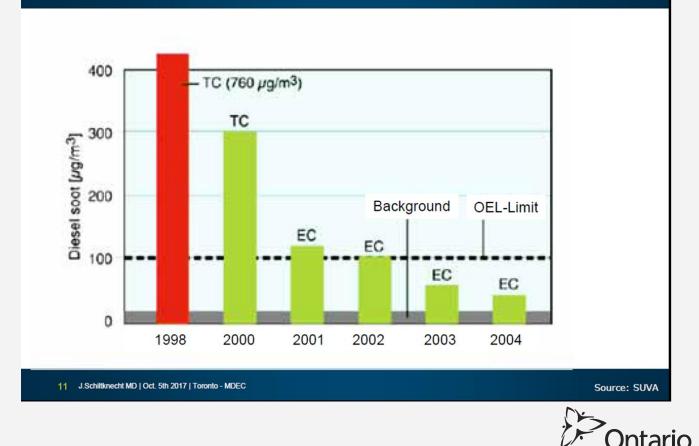
Why is exposure to diesel exhaust an issue (the latest)?

Latest from Ministry of Labour (March 20 2018) current and proposed exposure limits: On and off-road diesel engines are widely used in other industries such as construction, transportation and warehousing. As an important first step in minimizing and controlling worker exposures to DPM in these sectors, the MOL is proposing to add a new listing and OEL for DPM measured as total carbon, in the Ontario Table (Table 1) in Regulation 833 based on the revised MSHA limit of 160 μg/m³, (0.16mg/m³)total carbon (~0.12 mg/m³ Elemental Carbon)(MOL, 2018). 45 day consultation period due May 4, 2018.



DPM can be controlled well below the proposed MOL limit

Improvement of air quality in Swiss tunneling



DPM can be controlled well below the proposed MOL limit

BHP Olympic Dam underground mine DPM results by SEG

Key Exposure Reductions by Exposure Groups

