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Country/location (deposit)	Period	Site	Job	Sampling strategy information	No. of samples	Average (range) mppcf	Additional information	Reference
USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	NR	Mine	Driller	At BZ height	NR	1440	Dreessen (1933)	
			Mill	Miller	At BZ height	NR	52	
			Other	At BZ height	NR	4		
USA/Georgia (Chatsworth)	–	Mine ^a	Driller	NR	3	855	Dreessen and DallaValle (1935)	
			Mucker	NR	3	32		
			Mill	Sawyer	5	324	2 sites	
				Crushermen	3	85.6	2 sites	
				Packermen	3	1672	2 sites	
				Packaging	2	17.1	2 sites	
				Foremen	1	162	2 sites	
USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	1940–1941	Mine A ^a	Drilling	NR	1	200	Upstream of drill	Siegal et al. (1943)
			Drilling	NR	1	300	Downstream of drill	
			Drilling	NR	1	75	Upstream (exhaust on)	
			Drilling	NR	1	110	Upstream (exhaust on)	
			Drilling	NR	1	600	Exhaust off	
			Drilling	NR	1	2700	Downstream, exhaust off	
			Drilling	NR	1	5000	At exhaust of dust collector	

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Mine A ^a			Drilling	NR	1	1500	At exhaust of dust collector after drilling	
			Drilling	NR	1	150	General air	
			Stoping	NR	1	4000	Dead end stope	
			Mucking	NR	1	40	Bottom of stope	
			Mucking	NR	1	50	Bottom of stope	
			Mucking	NR	1	6	Top of pile	
			Drilling	NR	1	65	Upstream of drill	
			Drilling	NR	1	265	Upstream turbulent air	
			Stoping	NR	1	760	Top of dead-end raise	
			Mucking	NR	1	35	Downstream of mucker	
Mine B ^a			Mucking	NR	1	24	Downstream of mucker	
			Drilling	NR	1	90 ^c	Dead end drift	
			Drilling	NR	1	300 ^c	Just off main airway	
			Drilling	NR	1	16 ^c	Main airway	
			Drilling	NR	1	100 ^c	Breathing level (stope top)	
Mills 1–3	Jaw crusher	NR	3	46 (20–76.5)				
	Disc crusher	NR	2	50 (22–79)				
	Pebble mill	NR	3	61 (32–106)				

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USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	1941–1954	Mines ^a	Mills 1, 2, 4	Bagging	NR	3 163 (141–190)	Paper bagging	Kleinfeld et al. (1955)
			Mills 1, 3, 5	Bagging	NR	4 93 (73.5–120)	Burlap bagging	
			Mills 1, 3–5	General air	NR	4 72 (48–85)	Cylinder room	
			Mills 4, 5	Separator		2 62 (58–67.5)	Separator room	
			Mill 1	Manual handling	NR	1 215		
						3 818 (83–2800)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
						3 3 (0–8)	1954 (post-control measures)	
				Mucking	NR	3 120 (2–475)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
					NR	3 4 (3–5)	1954 (post-control measures)	
				General air	NR	3 19 (4–36)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
			Mills	Crushing	NR	3 180 (22–690)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
					NR	3 63 (3–360)	1954 (post-control measures)	

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			Screening	NR	3	69 (43–136)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	37 (8–68)	1954 (post-control measures)	
			Grinding	NR	3	92 (32–271)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	20 (5–40)	1954 (post-control measures)	
			Separator	NR	3	278 (58–728)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	11 (3–21)	1954 (post-control measures)	
			Bagging	NR	3	151 (26–520)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	23 (5–90)	1954 (post-control measures)	
	Blow room		NR	3	1227 (115–2480)		Pre-1941 (discontinued)	
	Open chutes		NR	3	125 (21–440)		Pre-1941 (discontinued)	
			General air	NR	3	69 (65–85)	1941 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	19 (5–40)	1954 (post-control measures)	

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USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	–	Mill	All	NR	NR	63.1	Fibrous talc	Kleinfeld et al. (1964)
USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	1940–1965	Mines ^a	Drilling	NR	NR	62.7	Granular talc	Kleinfeld et al. (1967)
			Mucking	NR	3	818 (83–2800)	1945 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	5 (0–10)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	
			Scraping	NR	3	120 (2–475)	1945 (pre-control measures)	
		Mills	Crushing	NR	3	5 (3–9)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	
				NR	3	9 (5–13)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	
			Screening	NR	3	180 (22–690)	1945 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	42 (3–360)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	
			Milling	NR	3	69 (43–136)	1945 (pre-control measures)	
				NR	3	37 (8–68)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	
				NR	3	92 (32–271)	1945 (pre-control measures)	

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USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	1954–1970	Mine ^a	Drilling	NR	3	25 (5–70)	1946–65 (post-control measures)	Kleinfeld et al. (1973)			
				Separator	NR	3	278 (58–728)				
				NR	3	27 (5–60)	1946–65 (post-control measures)				
				Pulverizing	NR	3	28 (25–31)				
				Bagging	NR	3	151 (26–520)				
				NR	3	27 (5–69)	1946–65 (post-control measures)				
				RR loading	NR	3	73 (18–169)				
				Blow room	NR	3	1227 (115–2480)				
				Open chutes	NR	3	125 (21–440)				
				NR	NR	5	1954				
				NR	NR	5	1963				
				NR	NR	13	1969				
				NR	NR	7	1970				
				Dragline loading	NR	NR	7	1963			

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Country/location (deposit)	Period	Site	Job	Sampling strategy information	No. of samples	Average (range)	Additional information	Reference
						mppcf		
Tramming and mucking				NR	NR	10	1970	
				NR	NR	29	1969	
				NR	NR	11	1970	
			1°Crushing	NR	NR	2	1954	
				NR	NR	26	1958	
				NR	NR	23	1963	
				NR	NR	18	1964	
				NR	NR	13	1969	
				NR	NR	48	1970	
Hoist loading			Hoist loading	NR	NR	70	1964	
				NR	NR	140	1969	
				NR	NR	14	1970	
			2°Crushing	NR	NR	12	1954	
				NR	NR	23	1958	
				NR	NR	8	1963	
				NR	NR	10	1964	
				NR	NR	12	1969	
				NR	NR	13	1970	
Wheeler mill				NR	NR	15	1954	

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Country/location (deposit)	Period	Site	Job	Sampling strategy information	No. of samples	Average (range) mppcf	Additional information	Reference
				NR	NR	13	1958	
				NR	NR	5	1963	
				NR	NR	3	1964	
				NR	NR	11	1969	
				NR	NR	10	1970	
			Hardinge mill	NR	NR	18	1954	
				NR	NR	14	1958	
				NR	NR	4	1963	
				NR	NR	7	1964	
				NR	NR	8	1970	
			Bagging	NR	NR	25	1954	
				NR	NR	15	1958	
				NR	NR	5	1963	
				NR	NR	9	1964	
				NR	NR	4	1969	
			Palletizing	NR	NR	8	1970	
				NR	NR	40	1954	
				NR	NR	25	1964	
				NR	NR	10	1969	

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							mppcf		
USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	NR	Mine ^a	Drilling	NR	NR	6	1970		Kleinfeld et al. (1974)
				Bulk loading	NR	10	1970		
				Loading bags	NR	109	1958		
					NR	39	1963		
					NR	31	1964		
			Mill		NR	62	1970		
				Drilling	NR	19	1966–69		
				Mucking	NR	7	1972		
					NR	9 ^b	1966–69		
					NR	3	1972		
			Crushing	NR	NR	28	1966–69		
					NR	35	1972		
				Milling	NR	40	1966–69		
					NR	7	1972		
				Separator	NR	13	1972		
			Bagging	NR	NR	29	1966–69		
					NR	27	1972		
			Loading bags	NR	NR	43	1966–1969		
					NR	36	1972		

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Country/location (deposit)	Period	Site	Job	Sampling strategy information	No. of samples	Average (range)	Additional information		Reference
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USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	NR	Mine ^a	All	TWA _{8h}	13	10.5 (1.5–15.8)	Current study ^d	Dement and Zumwalde (1979)	
			Mill	All	TWA _{8h}	19	2.9 (0.5–3.6)	Current study	
			Mine	Drilling	NR	NR	4	1972 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	5	1973 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	3	1975 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	12	1975 (NIOSH)	
				Dragling	NR	NR	8	1972 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	3	1973 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	5	1975 (MESA)	
					NR	NR	12	1975 (NIOSH)	
			Mucking	NR	NR	10	1972 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	3	1973 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	5	1975 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	10–15	1975 (NIOSH)		
				1 °Crushing	NR	11	1972 (MESA)		
			Hoist loading	NR	NR	5	1973 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	18	1975 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	18	1972 (MESA)		
				NR	NR	10	1973 (MESA)		

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USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	NR	Mine ^a	2 °Crushing	NR	NR	15	1975 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	2	1975 (NIOSH)	
				NR	NR	3	1972 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	8	1973 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	3	1975 (MESA)	
			Wheeler mill	NR	NR	3	1975 (NIOSH)	
				NR	NR	4	1973 (MESA)	
			Hardinge mill	NR	NR	10	1975 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	3	1975 (NIOSH)	
				NR	NR	10	1975 (MESA)	
			Bagging	NR	NR	3	1975 (NIOSH)	
				NR	NR	8	1973 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	9	1975 (MESA)	
			Palletizing	NR	NR	4	1975 (NIOSH)	
				NR	NR	8	1973 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	15	1975 (MESA)	
				NR	NR	2	1975 (NIOSH)	
USA/NY (Gouverneur District)	NR	Mine ^a	Trammer	TWA _{8h}	3	10.1		NIOSH (1980)
			Scrapper man	TWA _{8h}	5	11.8		

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			Driller	TWA _{8h}	1	0.7		
			Mucker	TWA _{8h}	1	15.8		
			Cageman	TWA _{8h}	1	2.0		
			Repair helper	TWA _{8h}	1	3.6		
			Maintenance	TWA _{8h}	1	1.5		
		Mill	Foreman	TWA _{8h}	2	2.9		
			Labourer	TWA _{8h}	1	0.5		
			Crusher oper.	TWA _{8h}	4	2.6		
			Hardinge oper.	TWA _{8h}	2	3.4		
			Wheeler oper.	TWA _{8h}	2	3.1		
Italy/Val Chisone	NR	Mill	Packer	TWA _{8h}	6	3.6		
			Packer svc.	TWA _{8h}	1	2.1		
Norway	1960– 1965		Fork lift oper.	TWA _{8h}	1	1.6		
			NR	NR	NR	11		Rubino et al. (1979)
			Bagging room	NR	NR	28.2		Wergeland et al. (2017)
			Sieving room		NR	150–200		
			Crushing		NR	2.6		
	From 1965		Unspecified		NR	1.3–393.3		

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1°, primary; 2°, secondary; BZ, breathing zone; MESA, Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration report; mppcf, millions of particles per cubic foot of air; NIOSH, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; NR, not reported; NY, state of New York; oper., operator; svc., Service; TWA_{8h}, 8-hour time-weighted average; USA, United States of America.

^a Underground mine.

^b Median value.

^c Single measurement.

^d Refers to measurements in the cited study.

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