

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

1. This section specifies requirements and procedures for silica precautionary measures. This section conforms to the requirements of the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, Regulation 490/09 "Designated Substances".
2. Comply with the requirements of this Section when performing the following work:
 1. Work at site which may involve contact with silica dust generated through such processes as sawing, cutting, grinding, blasting and/or breaking of the silica containing material.
 2. Refer to the following documentation for details on silica-containing materials:
 1. Specification Section 01 14 25 – Designated Substances.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

1. Section 01 14 25 – Designated Substances.
2. Section 02 82 00.01 – Asbestos Abatement: Minimum Precautions.
3. Section 02 83 20 – Lead Precautionary Measures.

1.3 REFERENCES

1. Comply with current Federal, Provincial, and local requirements pertaining to silica, provided that in case of conflict among these requirements or with these specifications the more stringent requirement applies. Comply with regulations in effect at time work is performed.
2. Federal Legislation
 1. Canada Labour Code and associated regulations
3. Provincial legislation
 1. Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, Regulation 490/09 "Designated Substances".

1.4 DEFINITIONS

1. Dangerous Goods: Product, substance, or organism that is specifically listed or meets hazard criteria established in Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations.
2. Hazardous Material: Product, substance, or organism that is used for its original purpose; and that is either dangerous goods or a material that may cause adverse impact to environment or adversely affect health of persons, animals, or plant life when released into the environment.
3. Hazardous Material Workplan: A brief report identifying the location and quantities of hazardous materials and the methods that will be used to remove, store, transport and dispose of them.

4. Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS): Canada-wide system designed to give employers and workers information about hazardous materials used in workplace. Under WHMIS, information on hazardous materials is provided on container labels, material safety data sheets (MSDS), and worker education programs. WHMIS is put into effect by combination of federal and provincial laws.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

1. Silica abatement section within Hazardous Material Work Plan.

1.6 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND PROCEDURES

1. Execute work by methods to minimize raising silica dust from demolition operations. Where practical, wet methods or a dust collection system should be used to reduce dust.
2. Adequate ventilation, including local exhaust ventilation, should be maintained to prevent the accumulation and recirculation of harmful concentrations of free crystalline silica in the work area.
3. As practical, processes that generate silica dust should be completed in enclosed areas wherever possible to prevent the spread of silica dust outside of the work area.
4. Implement and maintain silica dust control measures during work to ensure that silica levels do not exceed allowable limits.
5. Departmental Representative may stop work at any time when release of silica dust to adjacent area is suspected. Contractor must discuss procedures that Contractor proposes to resolve problem. Make all necessary changes to operations prior to resuming any demolition activities that may cause release of silica dust at no extra cost to the Departmental Representative.
6. Silica dust should be cleaned from machinery and work surfaces by wet sweeping, the use of sweeping compounds or vacuum cleaners fitted with a HEPA filter to prevent the recirculation of dusty air. Cleaning methods such as blowing with compressed air or dry sweeping should be avoided. Where exposure to free crystalline silica occurs, protective work clothing should be vacuumed before removal.
7. Store material containing silica dust in closed containers or use other appropriate means to prevent dust from becoming airborne.

1.7 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. Anticipated minimum levels of personal protection based on work activity involving silica dust are listed below and are in addition to the personal protective equipment required for the completion of the demolition activities. Personal protection are dependent on the work practices and associated silica exposure risks.
 1. Air purifying half-mask respirator equipped with HEPA filter cartridges or supplied-air type, personally issued to the worker and marked as to efficiency and purpose, and acceptable to the Provincial Authority having jurisdiction as suitable for silica and the level of silica exposure in the Work Area. If disposable type filters are used, provide sufficient filters so that workers can install new filters following disposal of used filters and before re-entering contaminated areas.

2. Eye Protection: Goggles, Safety glasses with side shields, or Face shield.
3. If requested by a worker:
 1. Hand Protection: Gloves
 2. Clothing: Full body protective clothing

1.8 AIR MONITORING

1. If air monitoring shows that work areas contain crystalline silica above the specified action levels, these areas shall be cleaned by previously outlined methods at no additional cost to the Departmental Representative.

1.9 PERMITS

1. Contractor is responsible to obtain all necessary permits, licenses and approvals to conduct the abatement (e.g. Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) waste generating number, etc.).

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 NOT USED

1. Not used.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 NOT USED

1. Not used.

END OF SECTION