

On behalf of the National STEPS (nSTEPS) Network Respirable Crystalline Silica Focus Group, API is coordinating an effort to expand the information on workplace exposures to respirable crystalline silica from hydraulic fracturing by collecting data within the industry. The nSTEPS Network Respirable Silica Focus Group is a joint effort of operators, services companies, trade associations, academic institutions and government agencies. Our goal for this voluntary survey is to further characterize the factors affecting exposures during hydraulic fracturing.

Bureau Veritas has been engaged to compile and blind the data. Attached to this note are three documents that provide more information about the survey. This include: a memorandum about the survey by Amy Emmert, Senior Policy Advisor at the American Petroleum Institute; a document that provides answers to questions you may have about the survey, including our process to ensure the confidentiality of your data; and a survey acknowledgment form that should accompany your survey information.

We ask that your data be submitted to Bureau Veritas using an Excel file that can be downloaded at this website: <http://www.silicasurvey.bureauveritashse.com/>. Instructions for submitting the form can be found at the same webpage. We kindly request that your data be provided to Bureau Veritas by Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

(See attached file: silica survey acknowledgment - complete participation.pdf)(See attached file: API Silica letter.pdf)(See attached file: silica survey - FAQs and confidentiality.pdf)

Very best regards,

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