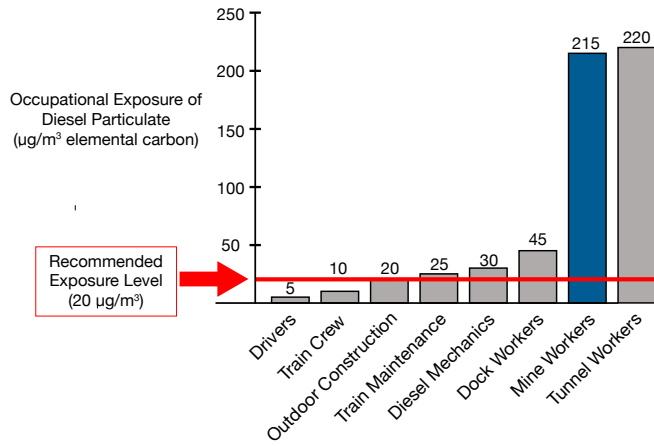
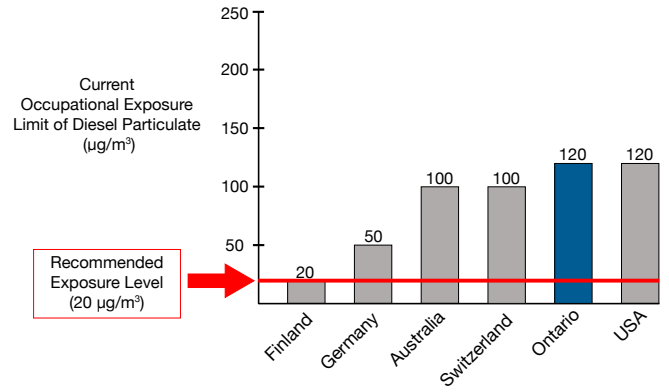


Ontario miners are being overexposed to Diesel Particulate.

Ontario miners have some of the highest occupational exposure rates to Diesel Particulate. Ontario's Occupational Exposure Limit for Diesel Particulate is higher than most other jurisdictions and countries.



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Miners face serious health risks from breathing Diesel Particulate.

Diesel Particulate is known to cause cancer in people.

Short term exposure can cause:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Eye, nose and throat irritation
- Chest tightness/cough

Long-term exposure can cause or contribute to:

- Lung cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Heart and vascular diseases
- Lung disease (e.g., COPD)
- Worsens existing health conditions including diabetes

The Government of Ontario needs to reduce the Occupational Exposure Limit for Diesel Particulate in mining.

Based on recommendations from occupational health and safety experts, the United Steelworkers recommends an Occupational Exposure Limit for Diesel Particulate emissions of 20 µg/m³ elemental carbon to protect miners' health and provide safe working conditions.

To make 20 µg/m³ happen, we need your help.



We need you to champion the cause by bringing awareness to Diesel Particulate exposure and by encouraging workers to fill out WSIB exposure forms.

Contact Sean Staddon at USW for the appropriate WSIB form and to learn more about the project:

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