

CHARACTERIZATION OF FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURES
DURING FIRE OVERHAUL

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ABSTRACT

Previous studies have characterized firefighter exposures during fire suppression. However, minimal information is available regarding firefighter exposures during overhaul, when firefighters look for hidden fire inside attics, ceilings and walls, often without respiratory protection.

A comprehensive air monitoring study was conducted to characterize City of Phoenix firefighter exposures during the overhaul phase of 25 structure fires. Personal samples were collected for aldehydes, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylene, hydrochloric acid, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PNA), respirable dust and hydrogen cyanide (HCN). Gas analyzers were employed to continuously monitor carbon monoxide (CO), HCN, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂). Area samples were collected for asbestos, metals (Cd, Cr, Pb) and total dust.

During overhaul, the following exceeded published ceiling values: acrolein (ACGIH 0.1 ppm) at 1 fire; CO (NIOSH 200 ppm) at 5 fires; formaldehyde (NIOSH 0.1 ppm) at 22 fires; and glutaraldehyde (ACGIH 0.05 ppm) at 5 fires. In addition, the following exceeded published STEL values: benzene (NIOSH 1 ppm) at two fires, NO₂ (NIOSH 1 ppm) at two fires and SO₂ (ACGIH 5 ppm) at 5 fires. On an additive effects basis, PNA concentrations exceeded the NIOSH REL (0.1 mg/M³) for coal tar pitch volatiles at two fires. Maximum concentrations of other sampled substances were below their

respective PELs. Initial 10 minute average CO concentrations did not predict concentrations of other products of combustion.

The results indicate that firefighters should use respiratory protection during overhaul. In addition, these findings suggest that CO should not be used as an indicator gas for other contaminants found in this atmosphere.

Keywords: Fire overhaul, fire overhaul contaminants, recommended respiratory protection, characterization of hazards during fire overhaul

INTRODUCTION

A number of studies have identified toxic chemicals in fire smoke,⁽¹⁻³⁾ but there are few which classify the fire overhaul environment.⁴ Fire overhaul is the

stage in firefighting where fire suppression is complete and firefighters are searching the structure for hidden fire or hot embers which may be found above ceilings, in between walls, or in other obscure areas. The overhaul phase of a fire lasts an average of 30 minutes.⁵ It is during this phase of a fire, when there is little or no smoke in the environment, that a firefighter is most likely to remove his/her respirator face piece and work in this environment without respiratory protection.⁶

Removal of respiratory protection during fire overhaul could potentially expose firefighters to a variety of toxic gases. A typical structure fire may involve destruction of plastics, foams, fabrics, carpets, asbestos containing materials and wood products. When these materials are compromised by fire, gases, vapors and airborne particulates are liberated and may remain in the overhaul environment for extended periods of time. In addition, organic vapors as well as halogenated compounds may use airborne respirable size particulates as a vehicle for entry into the firefighters' lungs. The purpose of this study was to characterize exposures which firefighters may encounter during the overhaul phase of fire incidents.

METHODS

Twelve firefighters with hazardous materials experience were trained on the sampling strategy, set-up, and pre and post calibration of all sampling

equipment. Training was conducted over several days and included several hours of hands-on experience with the sampling equipment, followed by a competency test to allow an opportunity for these individuals to demonstrate their knowledge as well as expose any areas that needed additional attention. These twelve individuals worked rotating 12-hour shifts and were assigned to a single fire station. For this study, these firefighters will be referred to as industrial hygiene assistants. Additional firefighters, identified as participating firefighters wore the sampling media during fire overhaul.

The participating firefighters were positioned at a single fire station and all sampling equipment was staged on a hazardous materials (HM) response truck. The study team was dispatched to all working structural fires within a reasonable, logistical area, requiring 2 additional fire engines and 1 ladder as a back-up team to relieve the first firefighting team if necessary. The participating firefighters did not directly perform overhaul activities, but instead shadowed working firefighters or positioned themselves in rooms with active overhaul activities. This configuration allowed monitoring of four firefighters at each fire incident without compromising the integrity of firefighting operations already in place. In addition, this method allowed for the personnel and monitoring equipment to be delivered to a fire scene in a simple, efficient manner.

The sampling strategy involved the collection of both personal and area

samples. Personal sampling trains consisted of three personal sampling pumps and one (Metrosonics, West Henrietta, NY) four gas meter for each of the four individuals monitored. The sampling pumps were held in a custom made sleeve which fit over the air tank of the firefighter's SCBA unit. The configuration of the sampling train included one pump dedicated to the collection of respirable dust, one pump dedicated to the collection of PNAs and one pump equipped with a low flow adapter with adjustable flow rates for aldehydes and BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene), and a t-adapter to a hydrochloric acid sampling tube.

The area sampling train consisted of two area sampling pumps for each of two areas: area of origin and another area adjacent to the fire origin where overhaul activities occurred within the structure. The configuration of the area sampling train included one pump dedicated to the collection of airborne asbestos fibers and the other pump dedicated to the collection of total dust and metals (Cd, Cr, Pb). A t-adapter was utilized to connect the different types of media utilized for the collection of total dust and airborne metals samples. Pre-weighed 5.0 μm poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) and 0.8 μm mixed cellulose ester (MCE) filters were used to collect total dust and metal samples respectively. Flow rates were set for total dust near 4.0 lpm and ranged between 1.0 and 2.0 lpm for the metals samples.

In order to ensure the validity and integrity of sample collection for this study, the industrial hygiene assistants were directed to calibrate all of the pumps on a daily basis and record the results. The industrial hygiene assistants were provided with a reference document regarding their responsibilities and target flow rates for collection of each sample on the sampling train. The four gas meters were calibrated on a weekly basis.

Prior to arrival at a scene, sampling media were pre-loaded. At the scene, firefighters removed filter plugs, broke sampling tubes, and the industrial hygiene assistant initiated sampling. Set-up time averaged 7 minutes. After collection, all sample media was placed in their respective, pre-labeled bags and stored in a refrigerator located on the HM truck. Other documentation requirements of the industrial hygiene assistant included a record of unusual events, a schematic diagram indicating area of fire origin and other area, the location of stationary ventilation fans and a brief description of the fire and the stage of the fire at the time of their arrival.

During the study, it was noted that the HCN direct read instruments were reporting HCN concentrations at least 10 times higher than anticipated based on information from previous studies.^{4,7,8} In order to resolve the apparent disparity, a sorbent tube was added to at least one of the personal sampling trains to sample

for HCN utilizing NIOSH Method 6010.⁹ This change in the sampling train occurred prior to Fire #11 and continued through the remainder of the study.

A minimum sampling time of 20 minutes was required in order to accommodate the various limits of detection for the analytical methods. All samples were submitted to an AIHA accredited laboratory for analysis. Table I provides a description of the analytical methods and limits of detection for each analyte.⁹⁻¹²

In addition to evaluating average concentrations for the four gas readings per fire incident, we also evaluated these data based on the first 10 minutes of data logging (the first ten minutes began 4 minutes after the data logger was turned on to allow for firefighter travel time to get into the structure from the set-up point). The purpose of this additional data evaluation was to test the data for correlations to see if the direct read instrumentation was able to predict concentrations of other contaminants in the fire overhaul environment.

A logistic regression (SPSS Version 7.5) was performed to test the hypothesis that CO was an indicator or a predictor of other contaminants present in the overhaul environment. Specifically, initial 10 minutes average concentrations of CO, SO₂ and NO₂ were compared to averages over the entire overhaul period for acetaldehyde, benzene, formaldehyde and hydrochloric acid.

RESULTS

Twenty-six (26) fires were evaluated from June 13-September 25, 1998.

However, all results from one fire were eliminated since there were essentially no overhaul activities at this fire scene, leaving 25 fires for complete analysis.

Monitoring activities occurred at 14 houses, 6 apartments and 5 commercial buildings. Not all analytes were collected at all fires due to equipment and sampling difficulties. Sampling results are provided in Tables III - VI.

During overhaul, the following analytes exceeded published ceiling values: acrolein (ACGIH 0.1 ppm) at 1 fire; CO (NIOSH 200 ppm) at 5 fires; formaldehyde (NIOSH 0.1 ppm) at 22 fires; and glutaraldehyde (ACGIH 0.05 ppm) at 5 fires. In addition, the following analytes exceeded published STEL values: benzene (NIOSH 1 ppm) at two fires, NO₂ (NIOSH 1 ppm) at two fires and SO₂ (ACGIH 5 ppm) at 5 fires. The following analytes were not measured in concentrations above the limit of detection (LOD): ethyl benzene, toluene, and xylene. A limited number of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon (PNA) samples resulted in concentrations above the limits of detection. Laboratory analysis of the PNA samples identified 17 separate chemicals (Table V). Reviewing the data on a chemical-by-chemical basis revealed low concentrations of PNAs. However, reviewing the data on an additive effects basis revealed concentrations which exceeded the NIOSH REL (0.1 mg/M³) for coal tar pitch volatiles at two fires and exceeded the OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV (0.2 mg/M³) at one fire.

Out of the 16 fires in which NIOSH method 6010 was utilized to sample HCN, there

were only four samples which resulted in concentrations above the LOD. None of these four samples had concentrations of HCN above 10 micrograms, hence, the concentrations could not be quantified, but were all well below 1 mg/M³.

Initial 10 minute average CO and NO₂ concentrations did not correlate by logistic regression with other products of combustion (POCs). However, by regression analysis 54.9% of the acetaldehyde variation and 48.4% of the formaldehyde variation was explained (p= .000) by initial SO₂ average concentration readings obtained within the first 10 minutes of fire overhaul activities. Evaluation of the data on a fire-by-fire basis revealed that even low concentrations of CO (4-5 ppm) did not predict (p >0.05) the presence of other contaminants, as concentrations of formaldehyde which exceeded the NIOSH Ceiling of 0.1 ppm were determined at the same scene. Further, this analysis revealed that as the formaldehyde concentration approached 1.0 ppm, glutaraldehyde was present in concentrations above the ACGIH Ceiling value of 0.05 ppm.

DISCUSSION

This study demonstrated that maximum concentrations of selected contaminants in the overhaul atmosphere exceeded occupational exposure limits and could therefore result in adverse health effects in firefighters without respiratory protection. In a variable number of fires, concentrations of acrolein,

CO, formaldehyde and glutaraldehyde exceeded their respective ceiling values, concentrations of sulfur dioxide exceeded the STEL value, and concentrations of coal tar pitch volatiles (PNAs) exceeded the OSHA PEL, ACGIH TLV and NIOSH REL. The other POCs sampled occurred at concentrations below published occupational exposure limits. Between fires there was tremendous variation in concentrations of the sampled contaminants. This variation may be explained by the diverse nature of each fire, including contents, number of rooms, commercial building vs. residential, etc.. However, certain contaminants, such as formaldehyde, were found at elevated concentrations at a majority of fires.

PNAs consist of products of combustion which are present in smoke. Most of the 17 identified and quantifiable compounds within the PNA family are considered to be carcinogens. Because during overhaul activities there is little or no smoke, the presence of PNAs was not expected. We did find that the OSHA PEL (0.2 mg/M^3) was exceeded for coal tar pitch volatiles at one fire. However, this may be the result of fire suppression activities that were continuing on the roof when the monitoring commenced inside the structure.

Due to suspected interference from extreme temperature and humid environments, we experienced invalid results on the direct read instrument for HCN. Samples collected utilizing NIOSH method 6010 were either below the LOD or too low to quantify. As a result of these findings and in consideration of

other published studies^{4,7,8} which have quantified HCN at extremely low concentrations, the readings obtained from the 4-gas meters were eliminated from further analysis.

The chemicals found to exceed occupational exposure limits in this study have the potential to cause adverse health effects in firefighters. Acrolein produces intense irritation to the eye and mucous membranes of the respiratory tract. Acute exposures may result in bronchial inflammation, resulting in bronchitis or pulmonary edema. Carbon monoxide is present in all fire environments as a product of incomplete combustion and decreases the oxygen transport of the blood which results in an inadequate supply of oxygen to the tissues. Adverse health effects due to formaldehyde may occur after exposure by inhalation, ingestion or skin contact. Eye irritation can occur at concentrations of 0.01 -2.0 ppm, irritation of the nose and throat at 1.0-3.0 ppm and severe respiratory symptoms at 10-20 ppm.¹³ Formaldehyde is classified as a probable carcinogen.^(10,12,14) Glutaraldehyde is a potent sensory irritant with the capability to cross-link, or fix proteins. Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) is irritating to mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract. Chronic exposures may result in fatigue, altered sense of smell and symptoms representing chronic bronchitis (i.e. dyspnea on exertion and cough).

In addition to the contaminants evaluated in this study, fire scenes include

a diverse mix of chemicals which are not easily characterized. Published health effects are often not available for many of these chemical contaminants, and in addition there are inadequate health effects data available on the combined effects of multiple low level exposures. Adverse health effects may occur from exposure to a mixture of products of combustion, even if individual components do not exceed occupational exposure limits.

One of the challenges of this study involved getting to the fire scene in time to conduct environmental air monitoring during overhaul activities. Training the HazMat firefighters to function as industrial hygiene assistants played a key role in the meeting this challenge. In addition, the ability to station all of our supplies, equipment and personnel at one fire station minimized response time to a particular incident. Finally, the ability to simplify a complicated sampling train through color coding all of the instruments and sample media collection bags minimized human errors.

Limitations of this study included inconsistencies recording observational information regarding details of the fire scene and definitions of when overhaul phase begins and fire suppression ends. Due to logistical challenges, we were unable to begin monitoring within a uniform number of minutes after fire suppression at each incident. Finally, it was discovered late in the study that the gas powered ventilation fans may have confounded the CO readings obtained

during overhaul monitoring. During the study, firefighters discovered that the ventilation fans used to purge the environment of smoke, generate CO in concentrations up to 39 ppm.

While many studies have discussed the protective value of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) during fire suppression activities, few suggest the need for respiratory protection during fire overhaul activities⁴. Based on the findings of this study, it is apparent that firefighters should use respiratory protection during fire overhaul. While SCBA units provide optimum respiratory protection with a given protection factor of approximately 10,000, they are heavy and for this reason may not be used by firefighters. Full face Air Purifying Respirators (APRs) equipped with appropriate cartridges would provide a protection factor of approximately 50 and their use during fire overhaul would reduce the physical burden of carrying the extra weight associated with the SCBA unit. Overhaul activities could therefore occur more quickly and more efficiently. Currently, the City of Phoenix is utilizing Scott Air Products. Scott Air has a t-bar assembly which can be easily interchanged with the regulator of the Scott SCBA unit. Replacement of the regulator with a t-bar assembly modifies the respirator from a full face, pressure demand SCBA to a negative pressure, full face APR in seconds.

Currently, NIOSH approved cartridges for APRs do not provide

protection for CO. In consideration of the NIOSH ceiling value for CO as well as OSHA PEL (50 ppm), NIOSH REL (35 ppm) and ACGIH TLV (25 ppm), the study findings support the use of SCBA during overhaul activities for CO concentrations in excess of 150 ppm, and the use of APRs equipped with combination cartridges appropriate for particulates, aldehydes, acid gases and organic vapors, for CO concentrations less than 150 ppm. The 150 ppm concentration is based on a 60 minute exposure during 8 working hours which results in an average CO exposure of 18.75 ppm (150 ppm x 60 minutes/480 minutes) which is 25% below the most stringent published concentration (ACGIH TLV 25 ppm). However, additional health based studies on the use of APRs during overhaul should be used to confirm their effectiveness.

CONCLUSION

Concentrations of air contaminants during fire overhaul exceed occupational exposure limits. Without the use of respiratory protection, firefighters are overexposed to irritants, chemical asphxiants and carcinogens. Therefore, respiratory protection is recommended during fire overhaul. SCBA should be utilized in atmospheres with CO concentrations above 150 ppm, and APRs may be used when CO concentrations are below 150 ppm. Finally, CO concentrations should not be utilized to predict the presence of other

contaminants found in the overhaul environment.

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TABLE I

Analytical Limits of Detection

| Analyte | NIOSH Method | Analytical Detection Limit | Sample Media | | Calculated Sensitivity per Sample* |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <i>Area Samples</i> | | | | | |
| Asbestos | 7400 | 7 fibers/field | 0.8 µm, 25 mm MCE filter | | 0.03 f/cc |
| Cadmium (Cd) | 7300 | 0.005 µg | 0.8 µm, 37 mm MCE filter | | 0.000125 mg/M ³ |

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|-------------------------|------|----------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Chromium (Cr) | 7300 | 0.05 µg | 0.8 µm, 37 mm MCE filter | | 0.00125 mg/M ³ |
| Lead (Pb) | 7300 | 0.025 µg | 0.8 µm, 37 mm MCE filter | | 0.00625 mg/M ³ |
| Total Dust | 0500 | 0.05 mg | 5 µm, 37 mm PVC filter | | 0.00625 mg/M ³ |
| <i>Personal Samples</i> | | | | | |
| Acetaldehyde | 2532 | 2 µg | DNPH tube (SKC 226-118) | | 0.2 mg/M |
| Acrolein | 2532 | 0.4 µg | DNPH tube (SKC 226-118) | | 0.04 mg/M ³ |
| Benzaldehyde | 2532 | 2 µg | DNPH tube (SKC 226-118) | | 0.2 mg/M |
| Benzene | 1501 | 2 µg/tu | Small charcoal tube (SKC | | 0.5 mg/M ³ |

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| | | be | 226-01) | | |
| Ethyl Benzene | 150 1 | 20 µg/tu be | Small charcoal tube (SKC 226-01) | | 5.0 mg/M ³ |
| Formaldehyde | 253 2 | 0.4 µg | DNPH tube (SKC 226-118) | | 0.04 mg/M ³ |
| Glutaraldehyde | 253 2 | 0.2 µg | DNPH tube (SKC 226-118) | | 0.02 mg/M ³ |
| Hydrochloric Acid | 790 3 | 2 µg/ tube | ORBO 53 tube | | 0.2 mg/M ³ |
| Hydrogen Cyanide | 601 0 | 2 µg/tu be | Soda Lime tube (SKC 226-28) | | 1 mg/M ³ |
| Analyte | NIOSH Method | Analytical Detection Limit | Sample Media | | Calculated Sensitivity per Sample* |

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|-----------------|----------|-------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| PNAs | 55 15 | 2 μg/t ube | PTFE filter/ ORBO 43 tube | | 0.05 mg/M ³ |
| Respirable Dust | 06 00 | 0.05 mg | Pre- weighed PVC filter | | 3.0 mg/M ³ |
| Toluene | 15 01 | 20 μg/t ube | Small charcoal tube (SKC 226-01) | | 5.0 mg/M ³ |
| Xylene | 150 1 | 20 μg/tu be | Small charcoal tube (SKC 226-01) | | 5.0 mg/M ³ |

*Based on a 20 minute sample.

TABLE II

**Exposure Standards and Guidelines for the Interpretation of
Firefighter Exposure Data.**

| Chemical | OSHA PEL | ACGIH TLV | NIOSH REL | STEL | IDLH |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Acetaldehyde | 200 ppm | --- | LF | 25 ppm (C) ² | 2,000 ppm |
| Acrolein | 0.1 ppm | --- | 0.1 ppm | 0.1 ppm (C) ² 0.3 ppm ³ | 2 ppm |
| Asbestos | 0.1 f/cc | 0.1 f/cc | LF | --- | --- |
| Benzene | 1 ppm | 0.5 ppm | 0.1 ppm | 2.5 ppm ² 1 ppm ³ | 3000 ppm |
| Benzaldehyde | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Carbon Monoxide | 50 ppm | 25 ppm | 35 ppm | 200 ppm(C) ³ | 1,200 ppm |
| Formaldehyde | 0.75 ppm | --- | 0.016 ppm | 2 ¹ 0.3(C) ² 0.1(C) ³ | 20 ppm |
| Glutaraldehyde | --- | --- | --- | 0.05 (C) ² 0.2 (C) ³ | --- |
| Hydrogen | --- | --- | --- | 5 ppm (C) ¹⁻³ | 50 ppm |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--|---------|
| Chloride | | | | | |
| Hydrogen Cyanide | 10 ppm | --- | --- | 4.7 ppm ³ 4.7 ppm (C) ² | 50 ppm |
| Isovaleraldehyde | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nitrogen Dioxide | --- | 3 ppm | --- | 5 ppm (C) ^{1,2} 1 ppm ³ | 20 ppm |
| Particulates, Respirable | 5 mg/M ³ | 3 mg/M ³ | --- | --- | --- |
| Particulates, Total | 15 mg/M ³ | 10 mg/M ³ | --- | --- | --- |
| Sulfur Dioxide | 5 ppm | 2 ppm | 2 ppm | 5 ppm ^{2,3} | 100 ppm |

1 = Occupational Safety and Health Administration
2 = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
3 = National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
LF = Lowest Feasible concentration
ppm = parts per million
C = Ceiling (not to be exceeded)
f/cc = Fibers per cubic centimeter of air

TABLE III

**Summary of Data on CO, NO₂ and SO₂
Obtained from Direct Read 4-Gas Meter**

| | Samples | Time | Sample Conc. | | | Weighted 8-hour Average | Maximum Value |
|---|---------|------|--------------|------|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | ppm | ppm |
| | | | | | | --- | --- |
| | | 42.2 | 0.24 ppm | 0.64 | | ppm | ppm |
| * | | | ppm | | | --- | --- |
| | | | ppm | ppm | | ppm | ppm |

* Average of first 10 minutes of readings
 **Exceeded NIOSH CEILING-- 200 ppm
 †Exceeded ACGIH/NIOSH STEL-- 5 ppm

TABLE IV

Summary Data For Non-Particulate Samples

| Analyte | Number of Samples Collected | Number of Samples above LOD | Ave Sample Conc. | STD DEV | MIN | MAX |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Acetaldehyde | 96 | 71 | 0.34¹ ppm | 0.41 | 0.041 ppm | 1.75¹ ppm |
| Acrolein | 96 | 7 | 0.123² ppm | 0.133 | 0.013 ppm | 0.3² ppm |
| Benzaldehyde | 96 | 18 | 0.057 ppm | 0.031 | 0.016 ppm | 0.13 ppm |
| Formaldehyde | 96 | 86 | 0.25³ ppm | 0.252 | 0.016 ppm | 1.18³ ppm |
| Glutaraldehyde | 96 | 24 | 0.046 ppm | 0.04 | 0.005 ppm | 0.15⁴ ppm |
| Isovaleraldehyde | 96 | 18 | 0.07 ppm | 0.038 | 0.02 ppm | 0.16 ppm |
| Benzene | 95 | 53 | 0.383 | 0.425 | 0.07 | 1.99⁵ |

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|-------------------|----|----|------------------------|------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | ppm | | ppm | ppm |
| Hydrochloric Acid | 95 | 34 | 0.99 mg/M ³ | 1.10 | 0.1 mg/M ³ | 3.96 mg/M ³ |
| Hydrogen Cyanide | 25 | 4* | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |

*Above analytical limit of detection but below quantification limit all samples were less than 1.0 mg/M³

1. Exceeded NIOSH Lowest Feasible Concentration

2. Exceeded ACGIH CEILING 0.1 ppm

3. Exceeded NIOSH CEILING 0.1 ppm; Exceeded ACGIH CEILING 0.3 ppm

4. Exceeded ACGIH CEILING 0.05 ppm

5. Exceeded NIOSH STEL 1 ppm

TABLE V

Summary Data For PNA Samples

| Analyte | Number of Samples above LOD | Ave Sample Conc. µg/M ³ | STD DEV | MIN µg/M ³ | MAX µg/M ³ |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Acenaphthene | 2 | 77.7 | 15.8 | 66.5 | 88.8 |
| Acenaphthylene | 34 | 415.0 | 536 | 88 | 2,440 |
| Anthracene | 1 | 22.2 | --- | --- | --- |
| Benz(a) anthracene | 3 | 24.9 | 4.90 | 19.3 | 27.9 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene | 5 | 33.2 | 13.6 | 18.7 | 50 |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene | 4 | 22.3 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 34 |
| Benzo(ghi)perylene | 2 | 29.0 | 23.3 | 12.5 | 45.4 |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene | 2 | 23.8 | 1.67 | 22.6 | 25 |
| Chrysene | 1 | 12.9 | --- | --- | --- |
| Dibenz(a,h)anthracene | 2 | 45.5 | 31.6 | 23.2 | 67.9 |
| Fluoranthene | 4 | 120 | 39.9 | 79.1 | 169 |
| Fluorene | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- |

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|------------------------|----|-------|------|------|------|
| Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene | 3 | 19.5 | 8.35 | 14.3 | 29.1 |
| Naphthalene | 28 | 223.0 | 101 | 73 | 540 |
| Phenanthrene | 13 | 24.3 | 9.19 | 10.8 | 40.5 |
| Pyrene | 4 | 93.1 | 83.8 | 13.8 | 211 |

Total =88 PNA samples collected

TABLE VI

Summary Data For Particulate and Metals (Cd, Cr, Pb) Samples

| Analyte | Number of samples | Number of samples above LOD | Ave. Sample Conc. | STD DEV | MIN | MAX |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Personal Samples</i> | | | | | | |
| Respirable Dust | 93 | 29 | 8.01 mg/M ³ | 8.02 | 0.71 mg/M ³ | 25.7 mg/M ³ |
| Total Chlorides | 93 | 16 | 0.232 mg/M ³ | 0.18 | 0.038 mg/M ³ | 0.68 mg/M ³ |
| Total Sulfates | 93 | 8 | 0.232 mg/M ³ | 0.20 | 0.062 mg/M ³ | 0.53 mg/M ³ |
| <i>Area Samples</i> | | | | | | |
| Asbestos | 46 | 15 | 0.073 f/cc | 0.063 | 0 | 0.2 f/cc |
| Total Dust | 46 | 22 | 1.82 mg/M ³ | 8.73 | 0.364 mg/M ³ | 30.79 mg/M ³ |
| Cadmium | 46 | 0 | --- | --- | | |
| Chromium | 46 | 0 | --- | --- | | |

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|------|----|---|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lead | 46 | 2 | 0.03 mg/M ³ | --- | 0.03 mg/M ³ | 0.033 mg/M ³ |
|------|----|---|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|----------------------------|