





## REAL-TIME DUST MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE TO OSHA'S SILICA STANDARD

The new OSHA standard for the Permissible Occupational Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica has many in the construction industry scrambling. Understanding the new standard, its requirements and setting up a plan for achieving and maintaining compliance can be daunting.

The new Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) along with the new "Action Level", present new challenges for construction companies to monitor, control and reduce worker exposure to respirable silica.

Direct reading, real-time instruments from TSI will allow you to easily measure respirable silica dust for employee exposure assessments, validating corrective actions and performing repetitive sampling in real-time while saving time and reducing costs.

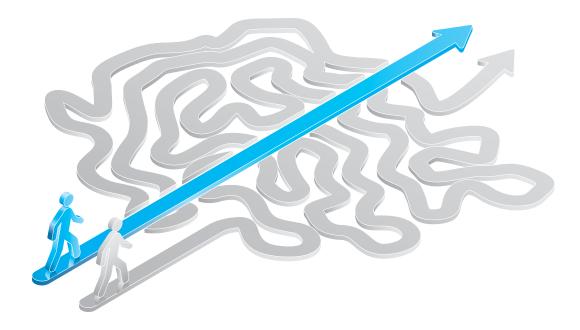
NEW OSHA STANDARD FOR RESPIRABLE SILICA

**PEL** =  $50\mu g/m^3$  at 8hr. TWA

**Action Level** = 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> at 8hr. TWA

# NAVIGATING THE NEW OSHA SILICA STANDARD— A FASTER PATH TO COMPLIANCE

From Table-1 compliance through the Alternative Exposure Control Methods, TSI real-time monitoring technology provides a faster pathway to compliance, cost savings and improved safety along the way. Gain confidence in your gravimetric lab results before taking the final samples.



## MEASURING RESPIRABLE SILICA DUST IN REAL-TIME

Under the new OSHA standards companies and facilities may have to monitor respirable silica frequently to reach and maintain compliance while protecting employees from silica exposure.

Traditional gravimetric sampling is required for reference samples, however lab processing takes time, is costly and does not provide exposure data needed to make fast corrective actions.

TSI manufactures a broad line of real-time dust measurement instruments that can help reach and maintain compliance to the new silica standard in less time and for less cost.



### REAL-TIME DUST MONITORING PROVIDES REAL-TIME ADVANTAGES:

+ Reduced Set-up and Sample Collection Times:

Real-time dust measurements can collect 'representative' samples in far less time than traditional gravimetric sampling.

+ Fast Corrective Action: Achieve in Hours or Days

What typically takes weeks or even months to complete using only gravimetric sampling. Real-time monitoring provides instant and actionable exposure data.



#### + Real-Time Sampling Allows for Frequent Repetitive Monitoring

Repeated testing required by several sections of the OSHA standard.

#### + Real-Time Data-logging

Provides employers with an exposure 'data trail' of employee exposure levels including alarm conditions for post-test review and pinpoint analysis of exposure during an entire work shift.



#### + Instant Alerts and Exposure Data

Real-Time monitoring provides immediate results to make decisions, take corrective actions and validate those actions so further adjustments can be made.

#### + Reduced Worker Exposures

Keeps workers safe through accurate, immediate feedback of workplace conditions while saving your company money.

## SAMPLING METHOD COMPARISON

The diagram below illustrates the potential time and cost savings through real-time monitoring. More cycles maybe required to make and validate corrective actions before compliance of the new OSHA standard is met.

### **Gravimetric Sampling: 17-31 Days** Two rounds of sampling to prove

Two rounds of sampling to prove compliance (repeat until in compliance)

Send Samples to Lab for analysis 7-Days

Collect Dust Sample to Validate 1-Day

**Take Corrective Actions:** 1-Day

Send Samples to Lab for Analysis:

(Sample comes back showing over exposure to Silica Dust - Formulate action plan)

#### **Real-Time Monitoring Involves:**



**Real-Time Monitoring: 11-18 Days** Two rounds of sampling to prove compliance

Send Samples to Lab for Analysis Knowing You are in Compliance 7-Days

Collect Dust Sample to Validate:

Sample Dust in Real-Time to Validate Actions: 1-Day

**Take Corrective Actions:** 1-Day

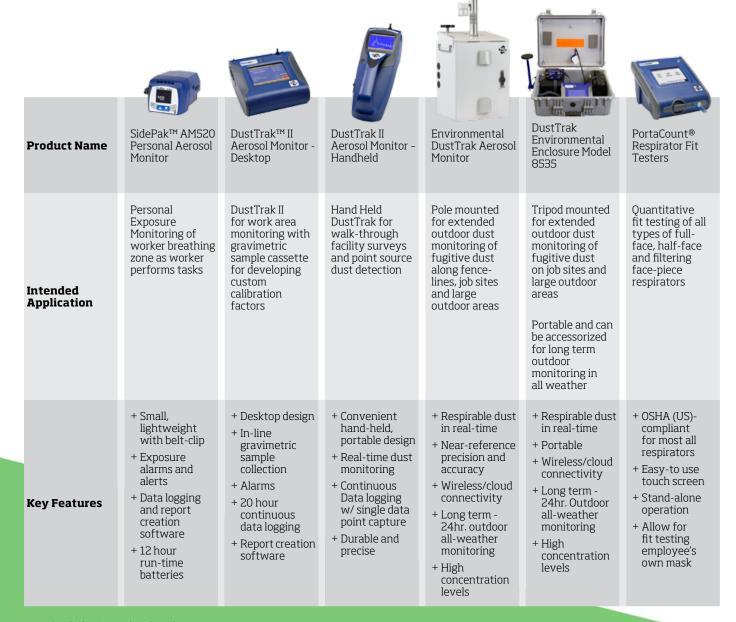
Sample Dust in Real-Time: Analyze Data 1-Day

**Collect Dust Sample:** 1-Day

\* TSI Estimates, when using consultants

# REAL-TIME DUST MONITORING SOLUTIONS FROM TSI

MEETING THE REAL-TIME CHALLENGES OF THE NEW OSHA SILICA STANDARD



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