

Respiratory Health Survey of Taconite Workers and Spouses

Research clinic now testing in Silver Bay

Be a part of the University of Minnesota's comprehensive effort that hopes to answer long-standing questions about taconite worker health. This research will provide valuable and confidential information to study participants about their own health. The findings from this work will be critical to current and future taconite miners. The University's effort is also designed to complement existing health programs in the industry.

How: You must receive a letter from the University of Minnesota inviting you to participate in the research project. Please call the number listed in the letter and let them know if you would or would not like to participate.

Who: Current and former mine workers from across the Iron Range have been randomly selected to participate in the research project. The University of Minnesota research team needs miners and spouses to participate in the project.

Where: **Respiratory health exams will be scheduled in Silver Bay at the Bay Area Health Center.**

When: **September 20 to October 15, 2010, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

What: The exam takes two hours to complete, and includes: a questionnaire, two breathing tests, a chest X-ray, and drawing blood from the arm.

The study is completely confidential. No one will be told who is participating and individual results will not be shared with anyone else.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-840-7590 or visit www.taconiteworkers.umn.edu

