

Your participation is voluntary

Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your relations with the University of Minnesota, your employer or your union.

Your privacy is very important

Researchers carefully protect personal information. Personal information is stored in locked cabinets or password-protected computer files and is only accessible to the researchers and study staff.

Your information stays confidential

Information you provide will remain confidential. Your information will not be shared with anyone but the researchers conducting this study.

Data and samples are stored and analyzed using only study numbers, not names. Study results will be published in statistical summaries only, and will never include participant names.

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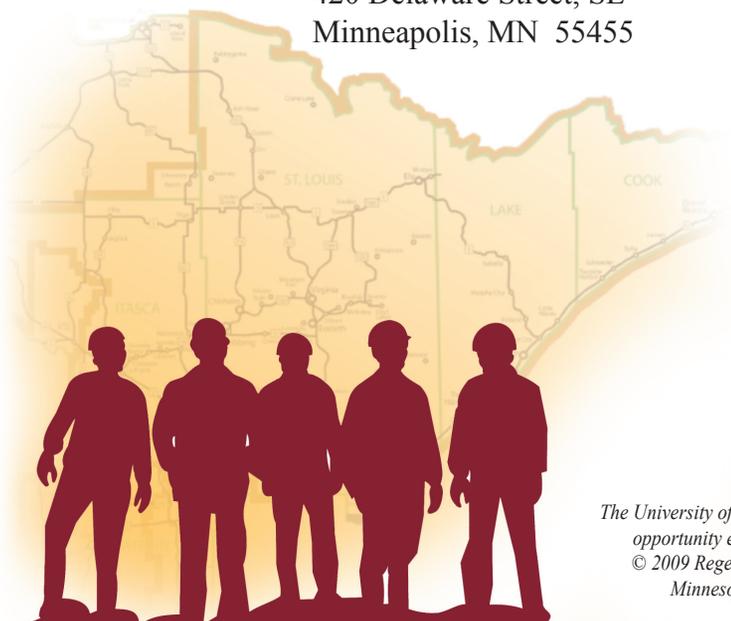
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You have been invited
to participate in the

Respiratory Health Survey

of Taconite Workers
and Spouses



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The University of Minnesota study will address worker health concerns

The University of Minnesota has been asked by the State of Minnesota to conduct a very important research study on whether exposure to dust from taconite mining and processing is harmful to taconite workers.

The research study will address health concerns about the impact of breathing dust from taconite operations and the increased number of mesothelioma cases among taconite workers.

As one approach to address these concerns, the University of Minnesota is asking 1200 current and former workers and up to 800 spouses to take part in a research study to evaluate lung health.

You are being asked to participate because your name was randomly selected, in a scientific manner, from a list of current and former workers, or you are a spouse of one of these workers.

Your participation can make a difference!

Call now to become part of this important study 1-866-978-1822

This study is being conducted by the University of Minnesota as part of the Minnesota Taconite Workers Health Study. Funding is provided by the State of Minnesota, Iron Range Resources, the Minnesota Department of Health and the University of Minnesota.

Call today to participate

You are asked to participate in the Respiratory Health Survey of Taconite Workers and Spouses.

Participation is free and includes the following:

- a health questionnaire
- a chest X-ray
- a physical examination
- a blood sample
- two types of lung function tests

These tests will be performed at the study clinic located at the Virginia Regional Medical Center-Medical Arts Building.

Your participation is important to accomplishing the goals of the study.

You can contribute and help to answer longstanding questions about whether dust from taconite operations affects the lung health of taconite workers and their families.

The University of Minnesota study will provide you with your health information

The direct benefit from participating is that **you will receive a summary of your test results**. You may choose to share your results with your personal doctor. The study team will not share your participation results with anyone else.

This study is designed only to look at lung problems that may be associated with exposures to dust from taconite operations—it is not a general health assessment. It is possible that a previously unknown condition will be detected and reported to you. This may lead to additional costs to you for follow up medical care that is not covered by this study.

