

Progress on cancer study reported

MINNEAPOLIS - Research being done on taconite workers and the taconite industry so far has found that exposures of dust are under the normal guidelines for worker safety, two experts said Monday.

Dr. Jeff Mandel and Dean John Finnegan, both of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, said in a conference call with area media that when safety and maintenance procedures are followed, the controls in place at all taconite facilities are appropriate.

The overall research is in five studies being done to see how exposure to dust in taconite mines affects workers. The research was prompted several years ago by higher-than-normal cases of mesothelioma cancer being found among taconite workers.

The studies are ongoing with final results expected in 12 to 15 months.

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