

ANNEX 5

Response Form

**Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (as amended 2005)
Proposal for a Workplace Exposure Limit for
Respirable Crystalline Silica**

We would like you to tell us what you think about the proposals set out in this consultative document. The proposals are summarised below in this reply form that you may wish to copy or tear out and use. Please add extra sheets if you wish.

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<u>Question</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1. Do you agree with the proposal for a WEL for respirable crystalline silica of 0.1 mg.m³ (8-hour TWA)? If you disagree, please explain why.	We are not entirely convinced of the need to reduce from the current 0.3 mg/m ³ ; but acknowledge that this is the lowest practicable working limit for measurement and control.
2. In your workplace (please describe), do you consider it would be reasonably practicable to comply with a WEL of 0.1 mg.m³ (8-hour TWA)?	We represent SME quarry operators. Most do not operate drying, or fine grinding operations and therefore are not affected; only have nuisance dust levels which may require more dust suppression measures and costs at this lower suggested level.
3. Which version of the RIA have you read – the summary (in Annex 3 of this Consultative Document), or the full RIA (see paragraph 28 above for details of how to obtain the full RIA)?	Summary in Annex 3
4. Do you agree with the exposure information presented in the RIA?	Yes

If you disagree, or can provide further information concerning the levels of exposure that can be reasonably achieved in your industry sector, then please provide the relevant evidence.

5. In your view how well does this consultation document represent the different policy issues involved in this matter?
WELL

6. Is there anything you particularly liked or disliked about this consultation?
No

Please return this response form to:

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The Health and Safety Commission would welcome comments on proposals set out in this Consultative Document. We will acknowledge receipt of all comments sent to us and will give careful consideration to all comments received in developing our proposal. We may contact you, for example, if we have a query.

If you reply to this Consultative Document in a personal capacity, rather than as a postholder of an organisation, you should be aware that information you provide may constitute "personal data" in the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. For the purposes of this Act, HSE is the "data controller" and will process the data for health and safety and environmental purposes. HSE may disclose these data to any person or organisation for purposes for which it was collected, or where the Act allows disclosure. You have the right to ask for a copy of the data and to ask for inaccurate data to be corrected.

Please note: all replies will be made public unless you specifically state you wish*. yours to be made confidential.

