

## ACGIH<sup>®</sup> Nanotechnology Health and Safety: Case Studies in the Occupational Setting

### Best Practices for Powder/Slurry Nanomaterials:

1. Wear latex or rubber gloves when working with the materials.
2. Wear full skin coverage including long sleeve shirts and Tyvek<sup>®</sup>, PPE sleeves, or uniform.
3. Use half or full-face respirator depending on the pH of the material. Caustic or acidic materials need the full-face respirator.
4. Wear safety glasses or goggles if needed.
5. Cleaning of equipment used by the powders should be done while donning a respirator.
6. Vacuums must have HEPA filtration system with proper maintenance/filter change.
7. Wear respirator when using vacuum.
8. Use hairnets or hats to keep powders out of the hair and off the scalp.
9. Use proper ventilation in really dusty environments, (i.e. elephant trunk or hoods.)
10. Use automated transfer systems whenever possible. Reduce the amount of exposure to employees by using smaller containers as opposed to 55-gallon drums.
11. Help minimize dust exposure by gently moving material as opposed to rough handling.
12. Change out of work clothes at the end of the day and shower to avoid offsite contamination.
13. Do not use compressed air as a cleaning tool. Use a vacuum system.

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