



July 20, 2011

David A. Pavlich
Association Manager
Synthetic Amorphous Silica and Silicate Industry

Re: Calcium silicate and Calcium silicate, synthetic nonfibrous

Dear Mr. Pavlich:

The Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances (TLV[®]-CS) Committee is currently reviewing all submitted comments for Calcium silicate in preparation for the decisions that will be made during their fall meeting. It is important to note that the Committee has refined their review of Calcium silicate to include the Calcium silicate, naturally occurring as wollastonite and Calcium silicate, synthetic nonfibrous forms. The Committee has received the information you submitted and *may* be prepared to propose a new or revised TLV[®] for Calcium silicate, naturally occurring as wollastonite and Calcium silicate, synthetic nonfibrous.

Calcium silicate, naturally occurring as wollastonite and Calcium silicate, synthetic nonfibrous have been placed on Tier 1 of the Under Study list. ACGIH[®] has updated the Under Study list into two tiers. Tier 1 indicates which chemical substances and physical agents may move forward as a Notice of Intended Changes (NIC) or Notice of Intent to Establish (NIE) in the upcoming year; Tier 2 indicates those chemical substances and physical agents which will not move forward, but will either remain on or be removed from the Under Study list for the next year.

Please remember that the comment period for a NIC or NIE draft *Documentation* and its respective TLV(s)[®], notation(s), or BEI(s)[®], is limited to a firm six-month period, running from February 1 to July 31 of each year. Because of the time required to properly review, evaluate, and consider comments for the fall meeting, any submissions received after the July 31 deadline will not be considered in this year's committee deliberations regarding the outcome for possible adoption of a NIC or NIE. All comments received after July 31 will be fully considered in the following year.

When submitting additional comments, ACGIH[®] requires that the submission be limited to 10 pages in length, including an executive summary. The submission may include appendices of citable material not included as part of the 10-page limit.

For your reference, it would be very beneficial to structure comments as follows:

1. Executive Summary--Provide an Executive Summary with a limit of 250 words.
2. List of Recommendations/Actions--Identify, in a vertical list, specific recommendations/actions that are being requested.
3. Rationale--Provide specific rationale to justify each recommendation/action requested.
4. Citable Material--Provide citable material to substantiate the rationale. Citable material is data that is available in the public domain or that we have written authorization from the owner to use. For unpublished data/studies, it is important for this authorization to accompany the submission and it must grant ACGIH[®] permission to use, cite and release the data. Please refer to our website at <http://www.acgih.org/TLV/DevProcess.htm> for instructions on how to complete this permission statement.

Any decisions made by the TLV[®]-CS Committee during the 2011 fall meeting will be referred to the ACGIH[®] Board for review and final actions will be published in the ACGIH[®] Annual Report in early 2012. We will send you a letter notifying you of the decision by ACGIH[®] in early 2012. We appreciate your input and contribution to ACGIH[®]. Feel free to contact us in the interim if you have any questions.

Thank you for your participation in the TLV[®]/BEI[®] Development Process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Peltier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ryan Peltier
Science and Education Manager
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