

GUIDANCE FOR SILICA WORK				
Type of Work	Duration/Scope	Location (general)	Required Controls*	Notes
Grout/mortar mixing	≤ 5 sq ft / ≤ 7 bags	Inside or Outside	D	Keep employees upwind of dust when outdoors.
Grout/mortar mixing	> 5 sq ft / > 7 bags	Inside or Outside	A, C, D	
Shoveling sand	Any	Outside	B	Keep employee upwind of dust when outdoors
Hole drilling ≤ 1/4 in diameter	< 4 holes	Inside or outside	None	Use HEPA vacuum for housekeeping (no sweeping)
Hole drilling ≤ 1/4 in diameter	> 4 holes	Inside or outside	A or B	Use HEPA vacuum for housekeeping (no sweeping)
Hole drilling > 1/4 in diameter	Any	Inside or outside	A or B	Use HEPA vacuum (B is for Horizontal surfaces only)
Saw cutting - chop saw	Any	Inside or Outside	B, C, D	
Saw cutting - hand held saw	< 1 linear ft	Outside	B, C, D	
Saw cutting - hand held saw	> 1 linear ft	Outside	B, C, D	
Saw cutting - walk behind saw type equipment	Any	Outside	B, C, D	
Surface finish	Any	Inside or outside	A, C or B, C, & D	
Joint compound sanding	> 1 linear ft	Inside or outside	A, C, D	Some new joint compounds are silica free
Tuck Pointing/Grout repair - Hand tools	Any	Inside or outside	B, D	
Tuck Pointing/Grout repair - Power tools	Any	Inside or outside	A, B, C, D	
Jack Hammering	Any	Outside	B, C, D	
Concrete Demolition using Heavy Equipment (enclosed cab)	< 4 continuous hours	Outside	B, C	Sprayer must wear respirator or contact IH through Task Manager/Construction Coordinator
Concrete Demolition using Heavy Equipment (enclosed cab)	> 4 continuous hours	Outside	B, C	Sprayer and operator must wear respirator or contact IH through Task Manager/Construction Coordinator

*Controls - NOTE: OTHER PPE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL HAZARDS

A = Local exhaust ventilation on tool or Point of Operation exhaust

B = Water to eliminate visible dust

C = P100 HEPA filter respirator with facepiece scaled for anticipated exposure

D = First aid flush of eye contamination

If the work activity is not on this list contact Fermilab ES&H Coordinator, Division Safety Officer or the IH Group for assistance