



IMnI's Occupational Health, Environment & Safety Committee

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OHES Committee Objectives

- To identify those OHES topics that can impact on the Mn Industry.
- To establish and employ a global network that can provide appropriate OHES expertise to IMnI, when necessary.
- To provide relevant information and support to members so as to enable them to promote and pro-actively defend their interests when faced with new regulatory proposals

The Action Areas are:

- To raise awareness of members' management teams on relevant OHES issues.
- To keep members informed of new developments and provide them with a good understanding of pertinent scientific issues (medical and environmental).
- To provide regulatory bodies with compiled industry data and information that is well-founded.
- To ensure that governments and regulators view the manganese industry as a positive, credible and ethically sound partner.

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Recent Projects

Scientific Criteria Document

- A critical review of all published scientific literature on manganese
- Pinpoints research gaps
- Based on the available quality research proposes an occupational exposure limit.

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Recent Projects

EU New Chemicals Policy

- Industry responsible for proving substance is safe
- All 30.000 chemical substances produced or imported to Europe must be registered
- } 100 t/y = Evaluation = 250.000 € in tests

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Recent Projects

Mn Health Research Program

A \$3.65 Million IMnI-driven program to further investigate the effects of Mn on human health.

- Includes: Exposure studies & Basic research

IMnI to continue lobbying for the MHRP

- Aim: A \$6 Million program over 3 years

Conclusion

- IMnI is deeply involved in OHES issues.
- Both the completion of the SCD and MHRP program are of utmost importance for our industry

BUT important to remember that:

- Compared to others metals, Mn lags behind in terms of data collection and scientific knowledge
- IMnI will be enrolling scientific expertise to improve its efficiency
- And also, the manganese industry must be prepared to strongly defend its interests on the political level.