Occupational Exposure Limits for Diesel Emissions Underground

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

WHEREAS the current Ontario Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL) for Diesel Engine Exhaust is 400µg/m³ Total Carbon is unsafe for underground workers;

WHEREAS the best current scientific evidence as published by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist (ACGIH), Carex Canada and the Occupational Cancer Research Centre (OCRC) all recommend an OEL based on Elemental Carbon of 20 µg/m³;

WHEREAS The proposed OEL of 120 µg/m³ elemental carbon poses an unacceptable risk for lung cancer to our highest exposed workers in the province which are Underground Miners.

WHEREAS proposed industry limits will result in hundreds of lost lives, undue harm in our communities and incalculable financial loss due to our health care and WSIB systems.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to lower the Occupational Exposure Limit for Diesel emissions to a safe limit of 20 µg/m³ for all Underground Workers in Ontario.

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