

Overview

This compilation represents the work of numerous authors at the ASTM International Symposium on Surface and Dermal Sampling, October 14-15, San Antonio, Texas, USA. This two-day symposium was sponsored by ASTM International Committee D22 on Air Quality and its Subcommittee D22.04 on Workplace Air Quality. The symposium was organized in cooperation with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the Beryllium Health and Safety Committee (BHSC), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), L'Institut de recherché Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Over thirty papers were presented at the symposium, and the papers that were submitted and accepted for publication appear in this volume.

The role of surface and dermal sampling to assess contamination levels, or to detect harmful agents, is growing. However, standard techniques for sampling of surfaces, including skin, are relatively few, and their development is hampered by limited data. The lack of harmonization in these techniques creates difficulties in comparing data from different studies. Agreement is needed on protocols for surface and dermal sampling and, to improve data defensibility, methods for sampling of surfaces, including skin, are in need of standardization. The symposium explored recent work that could aid in beginning the standards development process, and addressed challenges that need to be overcome for further standards development.

The symposium solicited presentations on the following topics (and related issues):

- Surface and dermal sampling protocols.
- Samplers and sample collection media.
- Target analytes — chemical, biological and radiation hazards, and dermal sensitizers.
- Application of surface and dermal monitoring techniques to real-world problems.
- Safety, health and risk assessment.
- Quality assurance and method performance.
- Policy issues relating to surface and dermal monitoring.

The targeted audience included a wide range of technical professionals such as industrial hygienists, chemists, biologists, health physicists, safety engineers, epidemiologists, medical personnel, and others having interest in surface or dermal sampling issues, or both.

The papers contained in this publication represent the commitment of ASTM International Committee D22 to providing timely and comprehensive information on advances in monitoring of toxic substances, exposure assessment, and standards development. Sections of the two-day symposium focused on the following themes: 1. Standardization Issues; 2. Dermal; 3. Lead; 4. Beryllium; 5. Asbestos; 6. Pharmaceuticals; and 7. General topics. Papers discussing sampling techniques, analytical measurement technologies, reference materials, standardization, occupational hygiene, decontamination methods, and quality assurance can be found in this compilation.

Standardization Issues

This section includes papers which summarize the currently available consensus standards for surface and dermal sampling and the need for additional standards, particularly in the area of dermal sampling. It also includes papers describing research activities intended to support standards development. Three of the papers that were given dealing with these issues are published in this section.

Dermal

This section includes papers dealing with aspects of addressing contaminants on skin, including sampling, removal, and adherence of contaminated materials to the skin. Two of the papers given in this topical area, both related to lead contamination, are published in this section.

Lead

This section includes papers dealing with sampling, sample preparation, analytical proficiency testing, and lead dust loadings on surfaces other than skin. Three of the papers that were given dealing with these issues are published in this section.

Beryllium

This section includes papers dealing with beryllium surface contamination in various industries and measurement of beryllium on surface wipe samples. Three of the papers given in this topical area are published in this section.

Asbestos

This section includes papers addressing the evaluation of samples collected from surfaces contaminated with asbestos. Two of the papers that were given dealing with these issues are published in this section.

Pharmaceuticals

This section includes papers dealing with occupational exposure to pharmaceutical substances, as well as spills and leakage of antibiotics on surfaces. Three of the papers given in this topical area are published in this section.

General Topics

This section includes papers addressing general topics such as investigations of outdoor environmental surface particulate; microbiological contamination on surfaces; assessments of properties contaminated with methamphetamine; and use of health-based screening levels to evaluate contamination on indoor surfaces. Four of the presented papers are published in this section.

We hope that readers of this publication will find it to be an informative and useful reference on surface and dermal sampling issues.

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