

Manual Section 3	Issue Date 12/01/09	Revision Date 01/01/26	Policy Number LLCP-035
	<b>Silica</b>		

**Purpose**

Exposure to silica has been shown to cause silicosis, lung cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis and other airway diseases. It is Our policy to ensure employee safety and well-being with working with or around silica. The Company shall take appropriate measures to ensure personnel protection from such hazards.

**Scope**

All GIS Holdings, LLC Companies and affiliates including, Blanchard Industrial, LLC, GIS Engineering, LLC, Grand Isle Shipyard, LLC., GWIS, Mack Steel, NuWave, Valvemax, Discovery Industries, Inc., Global Inspections, LLC, and EIS, hereafter identified as “Company”.

**Training**

Training is required prior to using silica-containing materials or working in an environment known to contain airborne concentrations of Silica. Periodic refresher training is also required to ensure that personnel retain knowledge of the dangers of Silica and how to protect themselves from such dangers.

The company shall ensure that the training covers:

- The health hazards associated with exposure to respirable crystalline silica
- Specific measures the company has implemented to protect employees from exposure to respirable crystalline silica.

**Engineering Controls**

Engineering controls such as ventilation or wet methods must be used to control silica-containing dusts. Full shift personal samples may be taken as a representative of the employee’s regular, daily exposure to silica to ensure that over-exposure is not occurring.

**PPE**

Personal protective equipment such as gloves, coveralls and eye protection should be used to control silica exposures. Respirators must be selected based upon measured exposure levels and the assigned protection factor of respirators.

**Summary**

For more specific information regarding Silica, please refer to the Corporate Silica Control Plan found on the Safety Portal.