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Foreword

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Introduction

Safety in mining operations is of concern to all involved in owning, developing, managing, and working in mining environments. Routine mining activities can generate airborne particulates which are hazardous to human health. Therefore, it is necessary to develop controls which limit the operator's exposure to airborne particulates while operating equipment from within the operator enclosure. With the rise in the number of countries regulating air quality in mining, construction, and industrial environments, machine manufacturers have become increasingly aware of the need for standard practices in the design and performance of operator enclosures. This document seeks to address the fundamental design requirements that will allow for operator enclosures to perform at a level that provides sustained air quality, reducing concentrations of respirable particulate matter and carbon dioxide that are harmful to human health. The emphasis of this document is in three areas: 1) design, 2) air quality control system performance testing, and 3) maintenance and operation instruction for the operator enclosure.

All operator enclosures, either on new machines or existing machines currently in operation, meeting the requirements of this document are expected to provide consistent air quality performance. The technical aspects of an operator enclosure are universal as are the design and performance testing methods. Therefore, every attempt has been made to make this an inclusive document which addresses the needs of fixed and mobile operator enclosures.

This document was developed to provide for the occupational health and safety of personnel who work inside operator enclosures. It primarily addresses air quality concerns by establishing parameters to determine air quality control system effectiveness. The control of these airborne contaminants is through an effective air quality control system (for both external air and recirculated air), dilution of CO_2, routine testing of the air within the operator enclosure, and effective maintenance throughout the life cycle of the operator enclosure. Extensive research and subsequent publications have produced a substantial body of knowledge around the air quality control systems and are the basis of this document. See Bibliography.

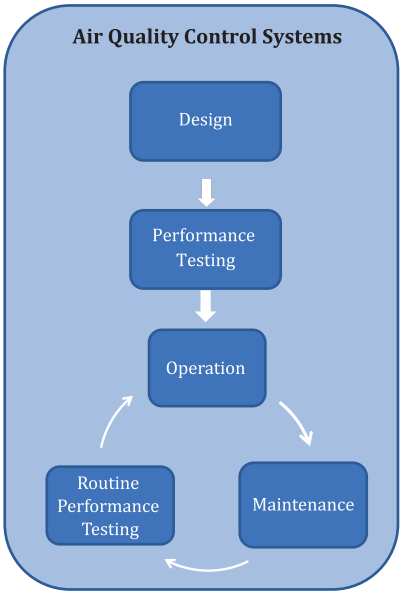

Figure 1 — Air quality control system life cycle

As illustrated in Figure 1, this document presents a life cycle approach to operator enclosure air quality control system design, performance testing, and maintenance.

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1 Scope

This document specifies performance and design requirements for air quality control systems for operator enclosures and their monitoring devices. The design specifications are universal in their application and do not contemplate specific mining environments. They are intended to meet identified parameters of both pressurization and respirable particulate and carbon dioxide concentrations. This document also specifies test methods to assess such parameters and provides operational and maintenance instructions. Recommendations are made for operational integration of the air quality control system.

Gases and vapours that can be a hazard in the work environment outside of the operator enclosure are excluded from this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 18158, *Workplace air — Terminology*

ISO 29463-1:2017, *High efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles from air — Part 1: Classification, performance, testing and marking*

ISO 29463-2, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 2: Aerosol production, measuring equipment and particle-counting statistics*

ISO 29463-3, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 3: Testing flat sheet filter media*

ISO 29463-4:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 4: Test method for determining leakage of filter elements - Scan method*

ISO 29463-5:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 5: Test method for filter elements*

ISO/IEC 17000, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

ISO/IEC 17050-1, *Conformity assessment — Supplier's declaration of conformity — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

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ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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