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Crystalline Silica Quartz

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An industrial material used as an abrasive. It is also formed during cutting, sawing, drilling, and crushing of concrete, brick, block, rock, and stone products. Crystalline silica is classified as a human lung carcinogen and it can also cause silicosis.