SILICA DUST: DRILLING
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I have worked on rigs for a long time and until the last few years I did not give much thought to what I was breathing other than H2S. Now we understand that a bunch of other hazards may be present and without controls could come back to haunt you later in life. I worry about what might be lurking in my lungs – Rig Manager.

WHAT IS SILICA
Silica is a naturally occurring mineral found in sand, rock and dry mixable products. Silica is hazardous when it is inhaled, often as a dust. When silica dust is visible, overexposure is often just a matter of time without safety measures. The health effects are typically not felt right away, but years later.