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Interviewer: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Hello, my name is _____. I'm part of a team from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that is investigating (insert concern here) among employees at the (facility name). (Brief description of concern and why it is a concern.) We'd like to ask you some questions regarding your health, work, and activities that should help us learn more about worker exposures. It should take 15–20 minutes. Your individual responses will be used only for the purposes of this evaluation and will be kept strictly confidential. We will group your responses into summary results so your individual responses cannot be identified. Participation in this interview is voluntary; you may decline to answer any of the questions at any time.

Work history

I'd like to start by asking you some questions about your work.

1. What is your current job title? _____
2. What is your basic job description? _____

3. During a typical week, which building(s) or area(s) do you work in? _____
4. What is your primary work shift? (circle one)
First Second Third
Other (please explain, ask shift start and end times) _____
5. How many hours, on average, do you work a week at (facility name)? _____ hours per week
6. How long have you worked at (facility name)? _____ years _____ months

Work practices

The next questions deal with your usual work practices.

7. During your work day, how many hours, on average, do you spend
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|--|---------------------------|
| a. Walking to and from your car or van pool? | _____ hours _____ minutes |
| b. Outdoors during gym or physical training (PT) time? | _____ hours _____ minutes |
| c. Walking from building to building? | _____ hours _____ minutes |
| d. Working outdoors? | _____ hours _____ minutes |
8. Do you eat outside while at work? Yes No
If yes, during your work day, how much time do you spend eating outside, on average?
 _____ hours _____ minutes
9. What types of activities do you do when working **outdoors**? *Check all that apply*
- ☐ Operate machinery *If checked, please continue to question #10. Otherwise, go to question #11*
 - ☐ Assemble or disassemble pallets
 - ☐ Load or unload materials onto trucks
 - ☐ Providing security at the gate
 - ☐ Patrol
 - ☐ Other, please specify _____
10. *Only if "Operate machinery" was checked for question #9. Otherwise, go to question #11.*
- a. What type of machinery do you operate outdoors? *Check all that apply*
- ☐ Forklift
 - ☐ Other, please specify _____
- b. Does operating this machinery kick up dust? Yes No
- c. Do you operate machinery with a closed or open cabin?
- ☐ Open
 - ☐ Closed
 - ☐ Both
 - ☐ Not applicable
- d. Do you use any respiratory protection? Yes No
If yes, what type? _____
11. Does your job involve being near activities that disrupt soil? Yes No
If yes,
- a. How often you are near soil disruption activities at this facility?
 Constantly Sometimes Rarely
- b. Where is/were the soil disruption activities? _____
- c. What types of soil disruption activities? _____
- d. What types of equipment were being used? _____
- e. Do you use any respiratory protection when you work near soil disrupting activities?

Yes No

If yes, what type(s)? _____

12. What building do you primarily work in? _____

a. When working indoors in this building, how often are the doors or bays open to the outdoors?

☐ Constantly☐ Sometimes☐ Never☐ Not applicable (please explain) _____

If constantly or sometimes, were the doors or bays only open because it was necessary for work activities? Yes No Not sure

13. Do you work with materials that are dusty from being outside? Yes No Not sure

14. Before this interview started, had you ever heard of (hazard or disease)? Yes No

15. Since you started working at (facility name), have you ever received training on (hazard or disease) that might relate to your work here? Yes No

If yes, Please describe the type of training and who provided it: _____

16. Do you currently have access to an N95 respirator or other respirator?

Yes No

17. Have you ever used an N95 respirator or other respirator when exposed to dust during your work here? Yes No

If yes,

a. Was respirator use required or voluntary? (circle one)

Required

Voluntary

Other (please explain) _____

b. Please list the instances when you have used one: _____

c. What type of respirator have you worn? Check all that apply.

☐ NIOSH-approved filtering facepiece respirator (N95)☐ Other, please describe: _____

d. In the last year,

i. Did you have medical evaluation to be cleared for using a respirator?

Yes

No

Not sure

ii. Did you have respirator fit testing?

Yes

No

Not sure

iii. Did you have training on respirators?

Yes

No

Not sure

Other Exposures18. **Outside of work**, how many hours, on average, do you spend outdoors **each day**?

_____ hours _____ minutes

19. Regarding your activities, which of the following do you do regularly?

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| a. Gardening | Yes | No |
| b. Hiking/walking/running | Yes | No |
| c. Golfing | Yes | No |
| d. Biking | Yes | No |
| e. Other outdoor activity | Yes | No |

If yes, specify: _____

Residence history (skip if no geographical impact on hazard or disease)

I'd like to ask you some questions about your place of residence.

20. What town or city do you currently live in? _____

21. Please list all of the places you have lived (city, state) in California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Texas, and Mexico and the length of time lived there. Work backwards in time.

City	State	Length of time (years, months)

Medical History

I'd like to ask you some questions about your health.

22. Do you have any of the following medical conditions? (*check all that apply*)

- Cancer requiring chemotherapy or radiation therapy
- Any disease that suppresses the immune system, including HIV or AIDS
- Lung disease, including asthma, COPD, emphysema, or other lung disease
- Diabetes mellitus
- Heart disease
- Solid organ transplant
- Bone marrow transplant
- Liver disease
- Kidney disease

23. Are you taking any medications that suppress your immune system (e.g., prednisone, cyclosporine, methotrexate)? Yes No

24. Do you currently smoke tobacco? Yes No

Illness history

25. Have you ever been diagnosed with (disease of concern)? Yes No

If no, go to next question (#26).

If yes, ask the following

a. When did your symptoms start? mm _____/dd _____/yyyy _____

i. Was this before or after you started working at (facility)?

Before After Not sure

b. How long did you live in the (area) before your diagnosis? _____ years

c. Were you told that you had disseminated disease (spread out in the body)?

Yes No Not sure

d. Did you have

i. skin lesions Yes No Not sure

ii. bone or joint infection Yes No Not sure

iii. meningitis Yes No Not sure

(swelling/inflammation of tissue surrounding the brain and spinal cord)

e. Were you hospitalized because of (disease of concern)? Yes No

f. How many days were you absent from work as a result of (disease of concern)?

_____ days

g. Did you report this illness to your employer? Yes No

Demographics

26. What is your date of birth? mm____/dd____/yyyy_____

27. What is your sex? Female Male Other

If female: are you currently pregnant? Yes No Not sure

28. How would you describe your race? (Check or *circle as appropriate*)

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian

If Asian, are you Filipino? Yes No

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White

Other, specify: _____

29. Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

30. Do you have any other health or safety concerns related to your work here?

Thank you for participating in this interview. Depending on what we find out when we put these interviews together, we may need to follow up about a few details. Is there a phone number and e-mail address we may have in case we need to reach you?

Phone number: () _____-

E-mail address: _____