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ABSTRACT

Welding activity is the main work activity in automotive industry. The disclosure of fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) from welding fumes to the welders have potential to make them get the adverse health effects. The main objectives of this study were to define the concentration of fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) from welding fumes besides conduct the Health Risk Assessment to the welders exposed to the welding fumes. The study were focused on welding activity at Fitting Line in automotive industry. The fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) can enter the human body via inhalation and accumulate at respiratory organ. This can cause health problem especially respiratory problem to welders. The study were conducted by using EVM 7 to collect the data and determine the concentration of fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) from welding fumes and then the data were analyst. The study show the highest reading of fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) release from welding fumes exposed to welders due to exposed to the fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) from welding fumes and then fine particulate the real adverse health effect to welders due to exposed to the fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) from welding fumes.

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