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Mesothelioma in Northeast Minnesota  
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The relationship between respiratory disease and mining work has been a continuing concern in northeastern Minnesota, where unusually high rates of mesothelioma—a rare and fatal form of cancer—have been reported among males since the late 1980s. A discussion of the current cases and a review of mesothelioma will be presented by Jeff Mandel, an occupational physician/epidemiologist. Bill Toscano will present a case and will be available to address toxicology issues. Drs. Mandel and Toscano are with the Division of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Minnesota School of Public Health.