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**New Website Provides Easy Access to Tools and Information to Control the Dust**  
*CPWR Press Release*

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Press Release text:

CPWR is pleased to announce the launch of a new website to help contractors, workers, and other stakeholders Work Safely with Silica. Designed as a one-stop source of information, the new website features information and functionality to help end-users identify silica hazards, understand the health risk, and find equipment and methods to control the dust.

“CPWR agreed to take the lead in developing this website because we view it as an important tool to help employers and workers better understand and deal with silica hazards, as well as a vehicle to help get solutions identified through our research into practice on construction sites” says Pete Stafford, CPWR’s Executive Director.

The website offers access to research findings, the latest news, and updates on regulatory efforts. With the “Create-A-Plan” tool users can develop job-specific plans for controlling silica exposures in just three easy steps. The tool includes options for identifying silica content, determining the level of exposure and controls, and finding available controls. The “Know the Hazard” section explains why silica is hazardous, the risk, health effects, and actions contractors and workers can take.

The “Training & Other Resources” section provides users with access to silica-specific information in a variety of formats including presentations, videos, hand-outs, and training guides. The “What’s Working” section highlights steps that contractors, manufacturers, workers and researchers are taking to address the hazard and control the dust, and offers users a way to share their successes and challenges.

To try out the new website visit [www.silica-safe.org](http://www.silica-safe.org), or email us at [silica@cpwr.com](mailto:silica@cpwr.com) to learn how you can become a supporter. A list of organizations that have already identified themselves as supporters of the new website is located in the “About” section of the website.

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