Methane is a main component in natural gas. It is highly flammable, colorless, odorless, and tasteless, making it difficult to detect without specialized gas detection equipment. Although There is no evidence that duration of exposure is important in methane toxicity, workers in industries such as mining, food production, industrial processes, landfills, and fossil fuel extraction operations run the risk of an explosion hazard.

NIOSH LIMITS & PROCEDURES



5,000 PPM

24-h EEL 90-d CEL



1% by Volume

Gas monitoring 1st level alarm



1.25% by Volume

Evacuation procedures ensue



5% by Volume

Explosion Hazard

SAFE PRACTICES



Ventilation

Ensure when working in a confined space that there is adequate ventilation



Proper Cylinder Handling

Do not drag, roll, slide, or drop cylinders. Always use a cart when transporting.



Know the Codes

Familiarize yourself with the codes set by ICC, NBIC, NFPA, IFC, OSHA and NIOSH.



Mines

Petrochemical Facilities



HAZARD AREAS

Fossil Fuel Extraction Sites



Landfills



Safety Systems

Install gas detection safety systems to protect workers near elevated levels of methane and act as an early warning of potential exposure to an explosion hazard

