Did You Work With Taconite?

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University of Minnesota health researchers might want you. They have begun sending out letters recruiting current and former taconite workers on the Iron Range to study them and try to figure out why so many are dying of mesothelioma.

The researchers have been collecting data for over a year now to try to determine why Iron Range miners die from mesothelioma by examining the work, health and death records of 68,000 miners. The study will include health assessments on 1,200 current and retired workers, plus 800 of their spouses.

The five-year, \$4.9 million study was funded by the Legislature last year.

Mesothelioma is traditionally associated with asbestos, so the taconite study illuminates an additional possibility of risk exposure associated with miners dying of mesothelioma.

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