

EXPOSURE SCENARIO LIBRARY AND DATA ON THE CONCENTRATION OF ENMs IN WORKPLACES

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INTRODUCTION

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1. Introduction

Motivation & Background Information

- Studies conducted so far point out that a **significant release of submicron sized particles**, including single particles, aggregates and agglomerates (< 1000 nm) and embedded in a solid matrix (i.e. polymers), can be expected during the production and downstream use of ENMs.
- The availability of **reliable exposure data** is generally very limited and mostly focused on the workplace. This dearth of data implies that in the vast majority of cases, exposure levels must be estimated by making use of exposure estimation models.

Emission Source	NPs Type	Measured levels range
Primary / SD1		
Liquid-phase reaction	PGNP	4.0×10^4 to 11.0×10^6
Flame spraying	PGNP	4.7×10^3 to 1.0×10^6
CVD	PGNP	Non-significant
Top-down (milling)	ENPs / PGNP	3.0×10^3 to 1.0×10^6
Secondary NP aerosol / SD2		
Weighing of powders	ENPs	2.0×10^4 to 7.0×10^4
Harvesting	ENPs	2.0×10^4 to 5.0×10^4
Manual packaging (Bagging)	ENPs / PGNP	20.0×10^4
Bag emptying of powders	ENPs	Significant increase
Melt Blending	ENPs / PGNP	$> 1.0 \times 10^5$
SD3a / SD3b		
Spraying of liquid	ENPs	2.0×10^8
Spraying (gas)	ENPs	1.6×10^5 to 2.0×10^{10}
Injection Molding	ENPs	$> 8.0 \times 10^5$
Brushing and rolling	ENPs	$> 6.0 \times 10^5$
Sonication of nanodispersions	ENPs	$> 8.0 \times 10^6$
Tertiary NP aerosol / SD4		
Abrasion of nanoproducts	PM / EMNP	8.0×10^3 to 2.0×10^4
Drilling	PM / EMNP	4.0×10^4
Grinding	PM / EMNP	3.0×10^3 to 1.0×10^6

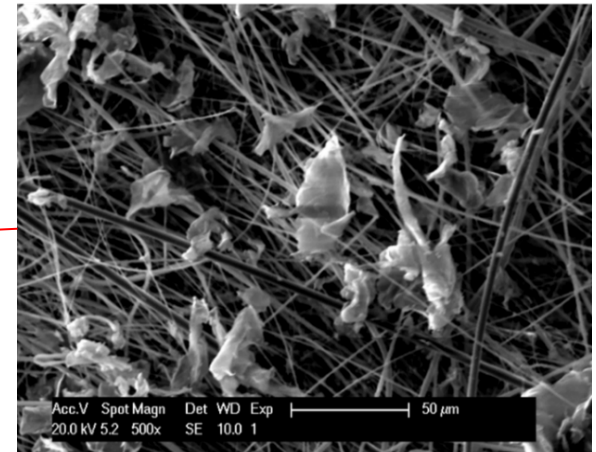
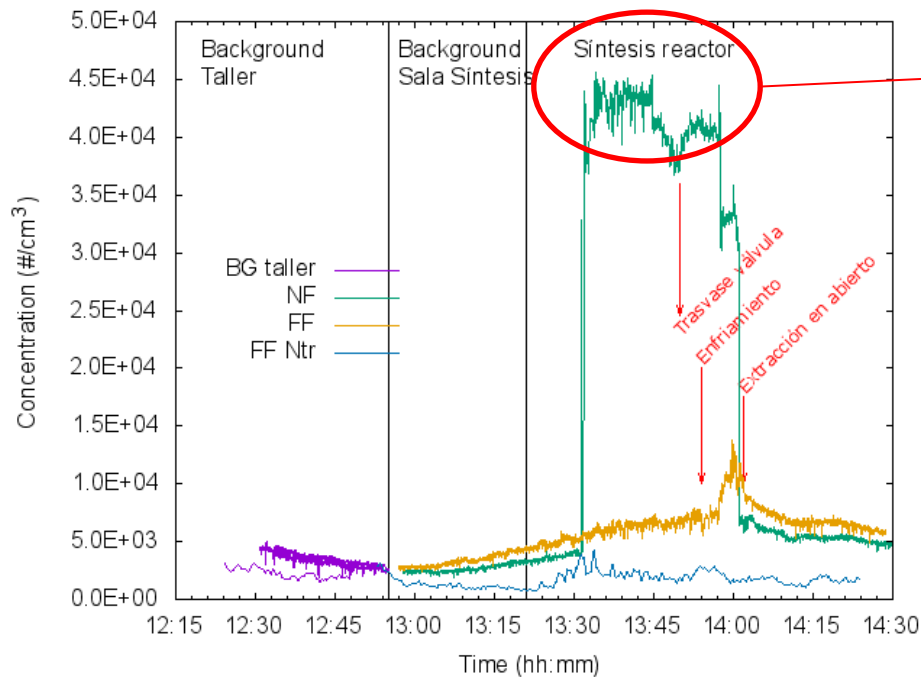


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- In the occupational context, workers may be exposed to nanomaterials via three main routes: inhalation, ingestion or through dermal contact.



	Near Field		$C_{activity}/C_{BG}$	FF		$C_{activity}/C_{BG}$
	Conc (#/cm ³)	Desv. Est.		Conc (#/cm ³)	Desv. Est.	
Background	2,000	3,11E+02	1,06	2,34E+03	3,70E+02	0,74
Operation	20,000	1,77E+04	8,07	4,65E+03	9,80E+02	1,47

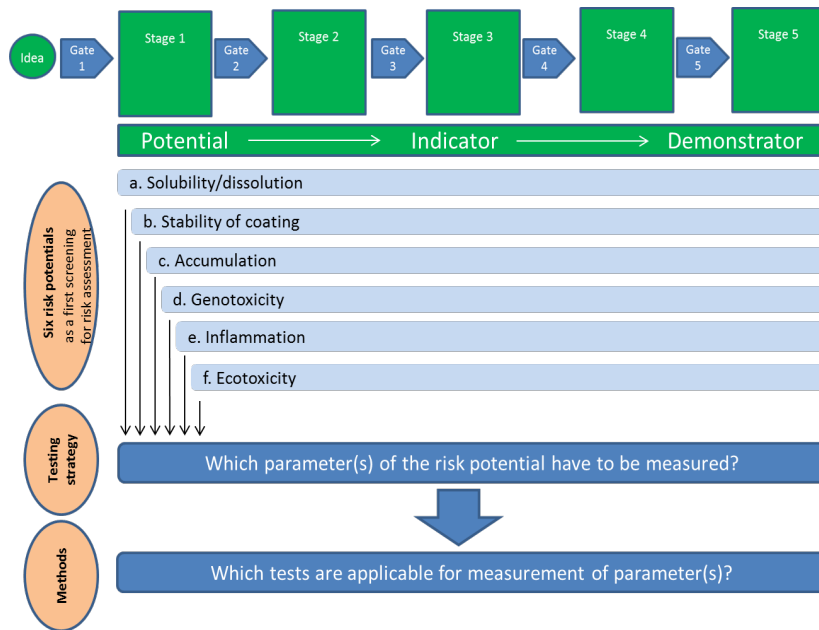
Graphene production. Source: ITENE

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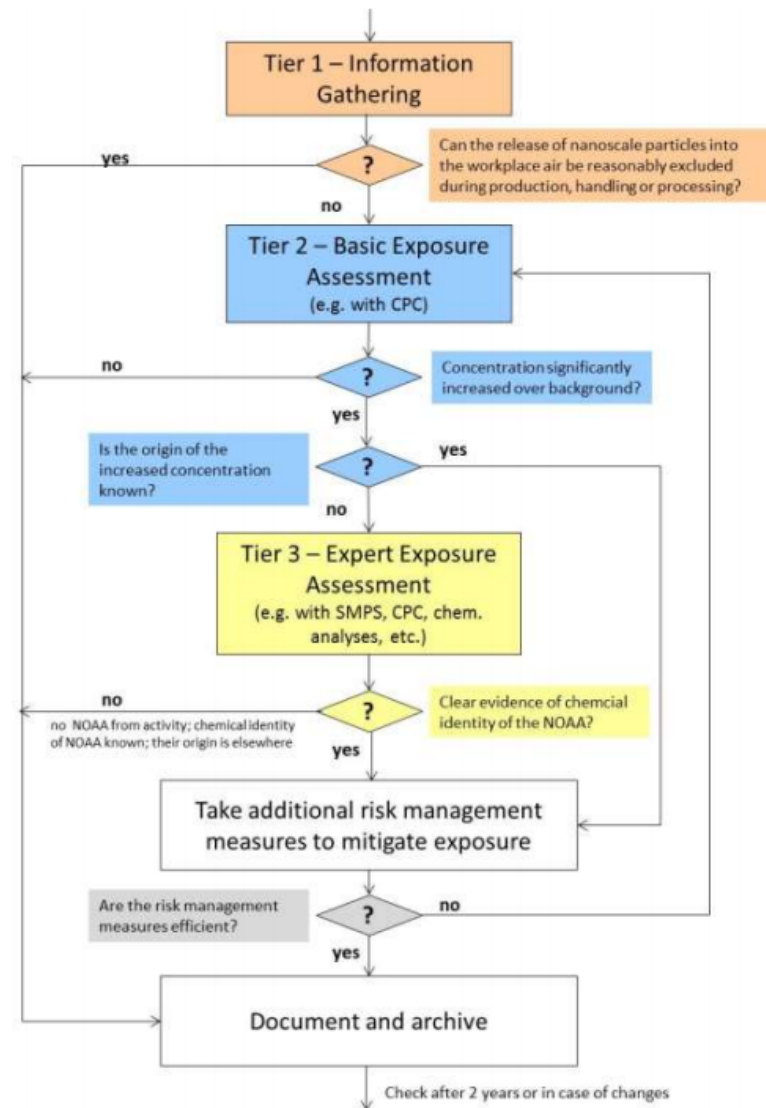
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- Recent publications by relevant bodies recommends a proper exposure characterization + proven risk management measures in the risk assessment process.



Source: NANOREG framework for the safety assessment of NMs



Source: OECD 2015

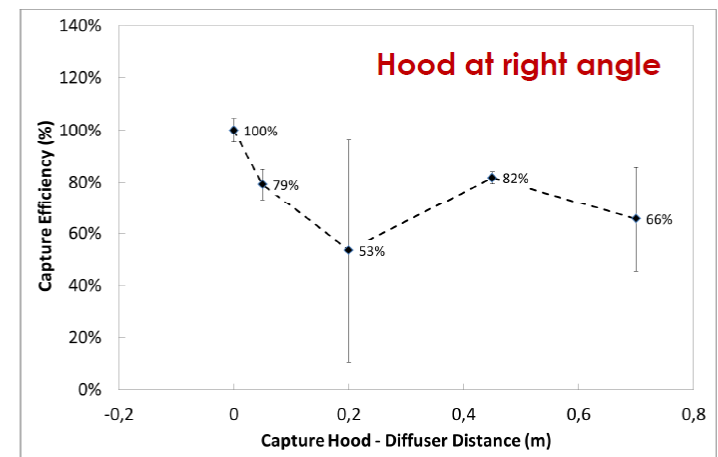
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- Concerning risk management approaches (RMM), knowledge, data, and test methods on common risk management measures for NMs are still very limited, which implies a **severe knowledge gap** on the effectiveness of currently available RMMs during nanomaterial production and handling processes

RPD	Specifications	Measures	Standard Efficiency	Protection (NMs)	Reference particle
Filters	P2 Filter	Efficiency	94 %	99.83 %	NaCl
	P3 Filter	Efficiency	99.95 %	99.97 %	NaCl
Half Mask	New Mask P3 Filter	Efficiency	99.95%	99.47 ± 0.83 %	NaCl
	Aged Mask P3 Filter	Efficiency	99.95%	99.77 ± 0.29 %	NaCl
Full Mask	New Mask P3 Filter	Efficiency	99.95%	99.73 ± 0.25 %	NaCl
	Aged Mask P3 Filter	Efficiency	99.95%	99.78 ± 0.16 %	NaCl
FFP	FFP1	Efficiency	80%	75.63 %	NaCl
	FFP3 (Model a)	Efficiency	99%	99.77 ± 0.29	NaCl
	FFP3 (Model b)	Efficiency	99%	95.63 ± 4.39	NaCl

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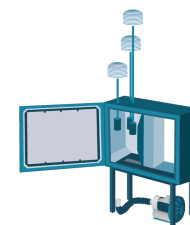
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- REACH implementation

REACH task	Actor	Action
I. Specific REACH mechanisms (mostly related to specific substances)		
<i>Registration</i>	M, I	Preparation of registration dossiers
		Monitoring data may support the evaluation of substance properties e.g. persistence, bioaccumulation, biomagnification, (eco)toxicity, PBT assessment. (Standard information requirements according to Annexes I, VI – XI)
		Monitoring data may support exposure estimations e.g. by delivering measured environmental concentrations (local and regional)
<i>Supply Chain Information</i>	DU	Communication on Risk Management Measures and new hazardous properties
		Use of monitoring data to show adequateness of risk management measures
		Use of monitoring data to prove local accumulation / effects of substances
<i>Evaluation</i>	MS, ECHA	Dossier and substance evaluation
		Dossier evaluation: Monitoring data for priority setting in dossier evaluation. Check of information on persistency and bioaccumulation potential
		Substance evaluation: Information on emerging new pollutants from monitoring for priority setting. Art. 46(1). Request to the registrant to deliver further information (e.g. monitoring data).



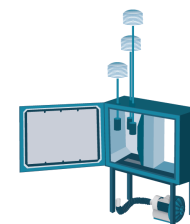
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REACH task	Actor	Action
<i>Authorisation</i>	MS, ECHA	Preparation of Annex XV dossiers: Identification of SVHC
		Information on persistency, bioaccumulation, background concentrations and timelines as criteria for inclusion into Annex XIV.
	Interested parties	Comments on Annex XV dossiers for authorisation
		Information on persistency and bioaccumulation. Support of PBT / vPvB assessment.
	M, I, DU	Voluntary monitoring programmes as argument for non-prioritisation of substances for inclusion in Annex XIV Application for an authorisation (based on registration dossier of substance (incl. PBT assessment))
		Proposal for in-house monitoring, local and regional monitoring
<i>Restrictions</i>	MS, ECHA	Preparation Annex XV dossiers for restrictions proposal
	Interested parties	Comments on Annex XV dossiers for restriction
		Information on persistency and bioaccumulation. Support of PBT / vPvB assessment
		Information on critical exposure situations (PEC/PNEC >1)
II. Success control (mostly related to specific substances)		
<i>RMMS, SDSs</i>	M, I, DU, CA	Self-monitoring/success control authorities (enforcement)
<i>Authorisation and restrictions</i>	M, I, DU	Self-monitoring of emission control measures
	CA	Control by authorities (enforcement (single companies), success control (regional/national/EU scale))
III. REACH Regulation as a whole (related to the total impact of all chemicals on human health and the environment)		
<i>Information/ Art. 117, 121</i>	MS, Commission	Evaluation of efficiency of the REACH Regulation
		Monitoring data may provide information on the following key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sufficient protection of environment and human health? - Trends of concentrations of hazardous substances? - (Local) Accumulation of hazardous substances? Art. 117 does not explicitly mention environmental monitoring activities. However, they are not excluded and can be important to answer the key questions given above.



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! Under REACH regulation, the risk assessment process is based on a comparison between the predicted/measured/estimated **level of exposure** and the **predicted or derived no effect concentration** levels of the substances of concern.

! In addition:

- 4,480 publications on toxicity
- 2,669 publications related with risk
- Up to 190 publications on occupational exposure
- Up to 65 publications on environmental exposure





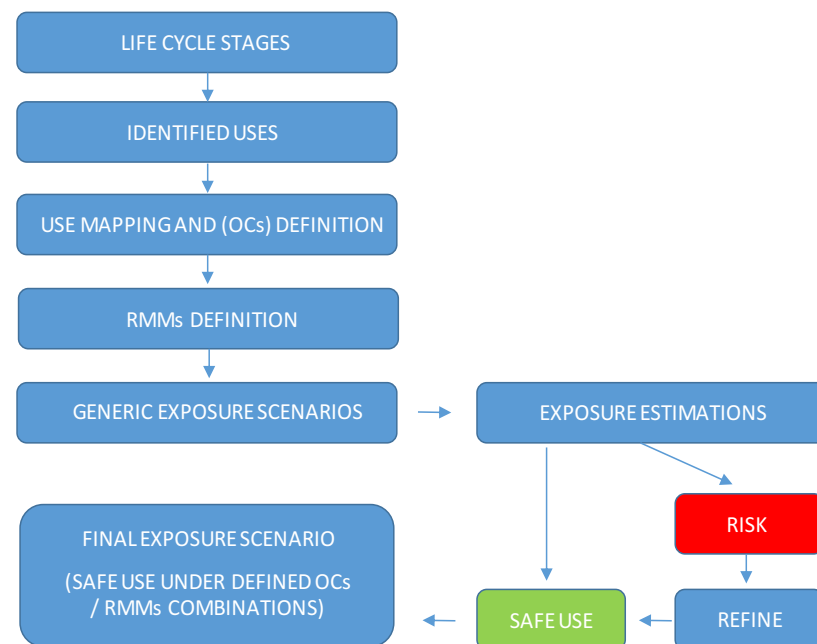
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ESPOSURE SCENARIO LIBRARY

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2. Exposure Scenario Library

- An ES is the cornerstone of the chemical safety assessment and the related communication in the supply chains under REACH.
- In occupational ESs, OCs and RMMs for workers are described for each handling activity. ESs for consumers should include information on the population exposed (e.g. children, adults), particular conditions of use (e.g. in spray, in cream), body parts exposed, and any behavioural advice to reduce exposure.
- For environmental ESs, OCs (e.g. river flow rate, STP size, and annual number of working days) and RMMs (e.g. oil skimmer, carbon filter) are described as part of "Specific Environmental Release Categories" (spERCs)



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2. Exposure Scenario Library

- The standard format of an exposure scenario can be found in the Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment - Exposure Scenario Format in Part D: Exposure Scenario Building Part F: CSR Format.

Exposure Scenario Section		Description
1	Short title of the exposure scenario	Short title and included processes explanation using the use descriptor system of REACH. Describes which uses and activities with a substance are covered in the exposure scenario
2	Processes and activities covered by the exposure scenario	
Operational conditions of use		
3	Duration and frequency of use	Any action, use of tool or parameter state that prevails during manufacture or use of a substance (either in a pure state or in a mixture) that as a side effect might have an impact on exposure of humans and / or the environment.
4.1	Physical form of substance or mixture; surface to volume ratio of articles	
4.2	Concentration of substance in mixture or article	
4.3	Amount used per time or activity	
5	Other relevant operational conditions of use	Gas, liquid, powder, granules, massive solids; Surface area per amount of article containing the substance (if applicable); Temperature, pH, mechanical energy input; capacity of receiving environment (e.g. water flow in sewage/river; room volume x ventilation rate); wear and tear with regard to articles (if applicable); conditions related to service-life-time of articles (if applicable).
Risk management measures		
6.1	Risk management measures related to human health	Any action, use of tool, change of parameter state that is introduced during manufacture or use of a substance (either in a pure state or in a mixture) in order to prevent, control, or reduce exposure of humans and / or the environment
6.2	Risk management measures related to environment	
7	Waste management measures	

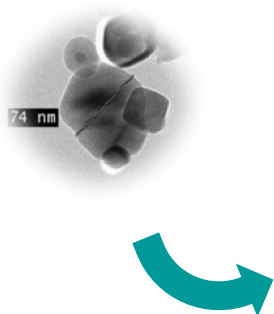


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2. Exposure Scenario Library

- Within action B1, an on-line inventory of exposure scenarios and exposure monitoring data has been developed to ease the access and promote the use of the data generated within the project under the risk assessment process established by REACH.

- Exposure scenarios will be updated as new information becomes available during the project.



Remember You can use the search menu to filter the number of results

Production of SiO₂ in liquid medium Spain
Pilot | Indoor | Measured data
Life Cycle Stage: Manufacture Route of exposure: Combined Release by: Air
Contributing scenarios 2

Filling a wall with mortar containing nano TiO₂ Cordoba, Spain
Pilot | Indoor | Measured data
Life Cycle Stage: Widespread use by professional workers Route of exposure: Inhalation Release by: Air
Contributing scenarios 2

Production of SiO₂ in solid medium Spain
Pilot | Indoor | Measured data
Life Cycle Stage: Manufacture Route of exposure: Combined Release by: Air
Contributing scenarios 2

Packing of graphene Spain
Pilot | Indoor | Measured data
Life Cycle Stage: Formulation/re-packing Route of exposure: Inhalation Release by: Air
Contributing scenarios 0

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- This tool is intended to guarantee a proper transference of the current knowledge on ENMs concentration
- Only authorized users will be able to complete on-line public ES
- Stakeholders are able to search and read information

The screenshot displays the NanoMONITOR web application interface. On the left is a sidebar with a logo at the top, followed by a blue button labeled '+ Add new information'. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search by keywords...' and a magnifying glass icon. Further down are three filter sections: 'Search filters' with a 'Life Cycle Stage' dropdown set to 'Manufacture', 'Route of exposure' dropdown set to '-- No filter --', and a blue button 'Search by filter'. The main content area is titled 'General description of the scenario' and contains several input fields: 'Name' (text box with 'Packing of graphene'), 'Scale' (dropdown menu with 'Pilot'), 'Location' (text box with 'Spain'), 'Environmental release' (checkboxes for 'Water', 'Air' (checked), and 'Soil'), 'Type of use' (radio buttons for 'Indoor' (selected) and 'Outdoor'), 'Life Cycle Stage' (dropdown menu with 'Formulation/re-packing'), 'Route of exposure' (dropdown menu with 'Inhalation'), and 'Data' (radio buttons for 'Measured' (selected) and 'Estimated'). At the bottom of this section are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. Below the main form are two expandable sections: 'Contributing scenario' and 'Measures', each with a downward arrow icon.

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2. Exposure Scenario Library

- Stakeholders are able to study common contributing scenarios
- Up to 160 contributing scenarios available + more than 548 reference values
- Data retrieved from the monitoring stations will be included



← + Add new information

Search by text...

Search filters

Type of exposure

-- No filter --

Life Cycle Stage




-- No filter --

Q Search by filter

Programme Life+

LIFE14 ENV/ES/000662

Partners:



Production of carbonaceous nanomaterials

Other | Indoor | Measured data

Unknown

Type of exposure: Human Life Stage: Manufacture Route of exposure: Inhalation

Contributing scenarios 1

Separation and packing of Al2O3

Industrial | Indoor | Measured data

Unknown

Type of exposure: Human Life Stage: Formulation/re-packing Route of exposure: Inhalation

Contributing scenarios 4

Separation of Al2O3

Al2O3 separation from air using the air back-flushing technique

Packing Al2O3 nanoparticles

Transport

Production of MWCNT

Other | Indoor | Measured data

Unknown

Type of exposure: Human Life Stage: Manufacture Route of exposure: Inhalation

Contributing scenarios 12

Production of MWCNT

Harvesting of MWCNT

Production of MWCNT

Harvesting

Spray coating

Sieving

Extrusion

Batch mixing

Milling

Weighing

Transferring

Sonication

Harvesting DWCNT

Other | Indoor | Measured data

Unknown

Type of exposure: Human Life Stage: Manufacture Route of exposure: Inhalation

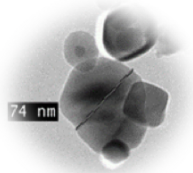
Contributing scenarios 1

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● 160 “activities” currently available, including:

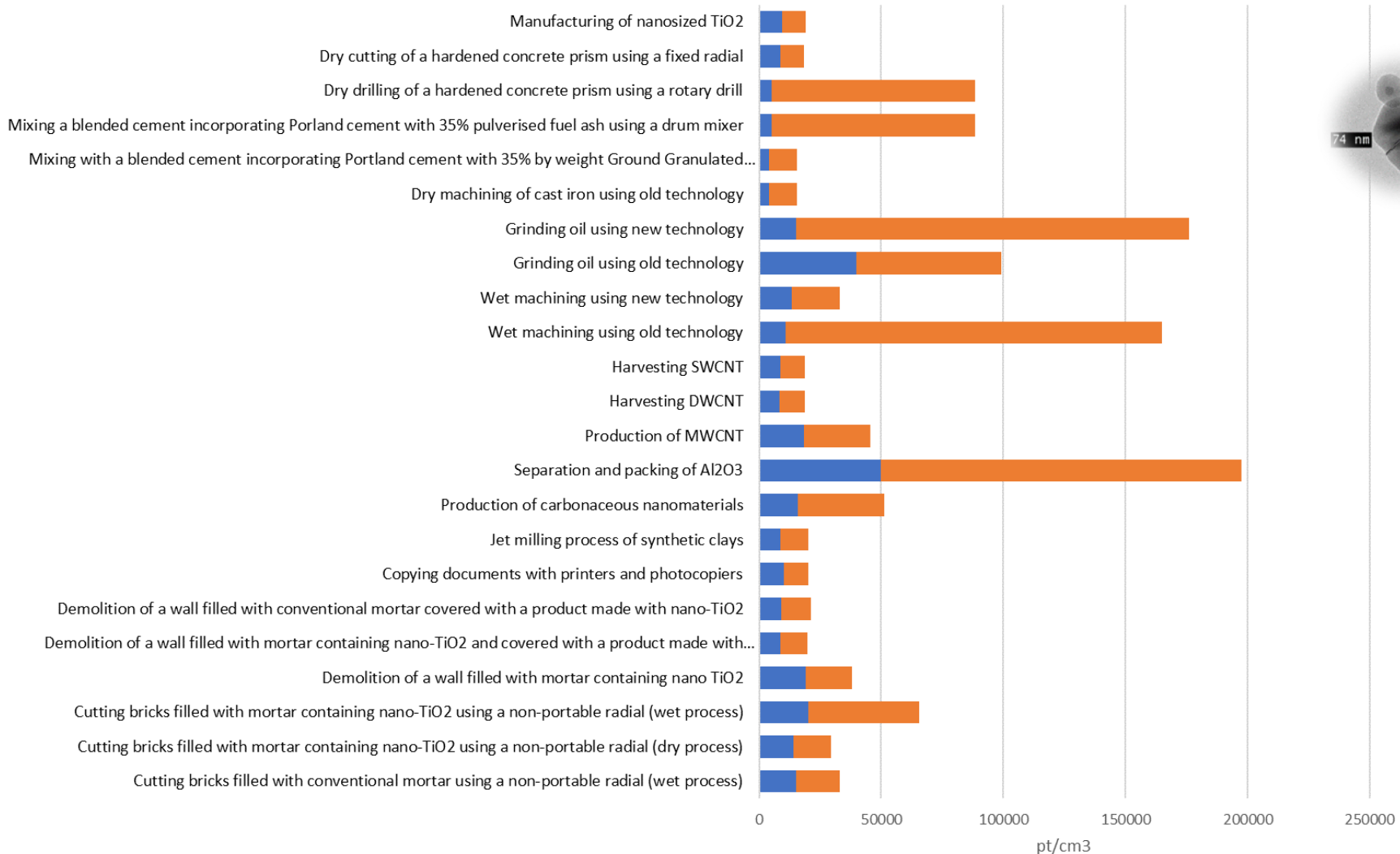
- Production of SiO₂ nanoparticles, MWCNTs, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, nanoAg, CeO₂
- Harvesting / Packing of graphene, MWCNTS, and metal oxide NPs
- Mixing operations, drilling and cutting at industrial sites
- Packing of construction products “mortar” with TiO₂
- Application of paints formulated with ENMs (Spray / roller)
- Application of photocatalytic coatings (Spray / roller)
- End-of-life processes in the construction sector: cutting, sanding, demolition
- Printing and 3D printing operations
- Jet milling



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Data on the exposure concentration (PBZ)



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+ Add new information

Search by keywords...

Search filters

Life Cycle Stage

Manufacture

Route of exposure

-- No filter --

Search by filter

General description of the scenario

Name

Production of SiO₂ in liquid medium

Scale

Pilot

Location

Spain

Environmental release

☐ Water ☒ Air ☐ Soil

Type of use

☒ Indoor ☐ Outdoor

Life Cycle Stage

Manufacture

Route of exposure

Combined

Data

☒ Measured ☐ Estimated

Contributing scenarios **2**

Addition of the material and discharge of the end product

Cleaning

Contributing scenario title

Cleaning

Name of the ENM used

SiO₂

Physical state of the material

Aglomerates

Primary particle size

160 nm

CAS Number

112926-00-8

Shape of the ENM

Spherical

Surface area of the ENM

m²/g

Density of the ENM

Unknown kg/m³

Concentration in formulation

97 %

Amount

1kg-10kg

Frequency (aprox.)

Unknown

Duration of use / Usage

1min-30min/day

Operational conditions affecting exposure/release

Describe the activity in terms of the energy applied to the process

Unknown

Temperature at which the process is carried out

°C

Site conditions

Room volume

339 m³

Temperature

16,5 °C

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Contributing scenario

Select the scenario for

6. Packing of graphene

Contributing scenario title

Scenario 1

Name of the ENM used

Graphene

☐ Unknown

Physical state of the material

Aglomerates

Primary particle size

5

nm

CAS Number

Ex. 112926-00-8

Shape of the ENM

Spherical

Surface area of the ENM

[number]

m²/g

Density of the ENM

-- Select--

kg/m³

Concentration in formulation

Amount

Unknown

<1g

1g-1kg

1kg-10kg

10kg-100kg

>100kg

Frequency (aprox.)

Unknown

1day/year

1day/month

1day/week

2-3days/week

4-5 days/week

Duration of use / Usage

Unknown

1min-30min/day

30min-2h/day

2h-4h/day

4h-8h/day

Operational conditions affecting exposure/release

Describe the activity in terms of the energy applied to the process

Unknown

Temperature at which the process is carried out

Enter the temperature

°C

Presence of a secondary source of non ENMs (NM release from the equipment used, or other substances used in the processes)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Which secondary enms?

Site conditions

Room volume

338

m³

Temperature

16.4

°C

Pressure


Enter the pressure

Pa

Relative humidity

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**nanoMONITOR**

+ Add new information

Search filters

Life Cycle Stage

Manufacture

Route of exposure

-- No filter --

General description of the scenario

Contributing scenario

Measures

Select the contributing scenario for your measures

-- Select the general scenario --


Measurement type	Type of data	Measurement period (h)
-- Select--	-- Select--	<div>Period in hours</div> <div>h</div>
Instrument	Model	Size Range
<div>Enter the instrument</div>	<div>Enter the model</div>	<div>Min.</div> <div>Max</div>
Value (Avg)	Value (Min)	Value (Max)
<div>Enter value</div>	<div>Enter value</div>	<div>Enter value</div>

Submit

Reset

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+ Add new information

Q

Search filters

Type of exposure


-- No filter --

Life Cycle Stage




-- No filter --

Q Search by filter

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Partners:



Harvesting of MWCNT

Multi-walled carbon nanotubes

Physical state of the material

Solid

Primary particle size

15

nm

CAS Number

308068-56-6

Shape of the ENM

Fiber

Surface area of the ENM

m²/g

Density of the ENM

Unknown

kg/m³

Concentration in formulation

%

Amount

1g-1kg

Frequency (aprox.)

Duration of use / Usage

Unknown

Operational conditions affecting exposure/release

Describe the activity in terms of the energy applied to the process

Unknown

Temperature at which the process is carried out

°C

Presence of a secondary source of non ENMs (NM release from the equipment used, or other substances used in the processes)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Technical and organisational condition and measures regarding ventilation

None

Site conditions

Room volume

m³

Temperature

°C

Pressure

Pa

Relative humidity

%

Measures 5

#	Type	Data type	Value (Avg)	Value (Min-Max)	Size Range (nm)	Instrument	Model	Period (min)
1	Area (inlet 30cm-2m from source)	Surface (µm ² /cm ³)	24.7	[. 42]	[0,0]	DC	2000	
2	Area (inlet 30cm-2m from source)	Mass (µg/m ³)	32	[. 37]	[0,0]	DusTrak	8533	
3	Background (inlet > 2 m from source)	Mass (µg/m ³)	33	[. 35]	[0,0]	DusTrak	8533	
4	Area (inlet 30cm-2m from source)	Number (Particles/cm ³)	31800	[. 34400]	[10,1000]	CPC	3007	
5	Background (inlet > 2 m from source)	Number (Particles/cm ³)	2900	[. 30700]	[10,1000]	CPC	3007	

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Workplace exposure data inventory

ES	CES	Background	Surface ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$)	Mass (mg/m^3)	Number ($\#/\text{cm}^3$)	Ratio
Production of SiO_2 in liquid medium	Addition of the material and discharge of the end product	3900 (N)	-	-	6019	1.5
	Cleaning	3900 (N)	-	-	8321	2.1
Production of SiO_2 in solid medium	Poured of the SiO_2 into the mixer	10237 (N)	-	-	14062	1.4
	Discharge of the functionalized SiO_2	10237 (N)	-	-	14062	1.4
	Cleaning	10237 (N)	-	-	10400	1.0
	Sieved of SiO_2	10237 (N)	-	-	14062	1.4
Sieved of SiO_2	Cleaning	5570 (N)	-	-	7946	1.4
Production of mortar with TiO_2		22581 (N)	-	-	23023	1.0
Packing graphene		5700 (N)	-	-	6610	1.2
Packing graphene platelets	Weighting and packing	5700 (N)	-	-	29165	5.1
	Cleaning	5700 (N)	-	-	12680	2.2
Packing mortar with nano TiO_2		-	-	-	57710	-
Packing SiO_2 in bags (20 kg)		9041 (N)	-	-	29816	3.3
Packing SiO_2 in bags (25 kg)		9041 (N)	-	-	26874	3.0
Packing SiO_2 in bags (500 kg)		12176 (N)	-	-	24191	2.0
Filling a wall with conventional mortar	Kneaded of the mortar	12400 (N)	-	-	15000	1.2
	Application of the mortar	12400 (N)	-	-	14200	1.1
Filling a wall with mortar containing nano TiO_2	Kneaded of the mortar	12400 (N)	-	-	20000	1.6
	Application of the mortar	12400 (N)	-	-	19000	1.5
Application of conventional paint using a roller		7200 (N)	-	-	8900	1.2
Application of a paint containing nano TiO_2 using a roller		7200 (N)	-	-	9000	1.3
Application of a photocatalytic product with nano TiO_2 using a roller		6630 (N)	-	-	10000	1.5
Spraying a conventional paint		7000 (N)	-	-	8700	1.2
Spraying a paint with nano TiO_2		11000 (N)	-	-	16000	1.5
Spraying a product with nano TiO_2		12400 (N)	-	-	50000	4.0

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ES	CES	Background	Surface ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$)	Mass (mg/m^3)	Number ($\#/\text{cm}^3$)	Ratio
Production of carbonaceous materials		34694 (N)			105856	3.1
Production of carbonaceous materials		34694 (N)			63130	1.8
Production of carbonaceous materials		57000 (N)		81000		1.4
Production of carbonaceous materials		57000 (N)		85000		1.5
Separation and packaging of Al_2O_3	Separation	19000 (N)			43000	2.3
	Packaging	19000 (N)			34000	1.8
	Transportation	19000 (N)			56000	2.9
Separation and packaging of Al_2O_3	Separation	50 (M)		200		4
	Packaging	50 (M)		460		9.2
	Transportation	50 (M)		510		10.2
Separation and packaging of Al_2O_3	Separation	18 (M)	77			4.3
	Packaging	18 (M)	57			3.2
	Transportation	18 (M)	93			5.1
Production of MWCNT	Production	2900 (N)	8.8	0.026	30700	10.6
	Harvesting	30700 (N)	24.7	0.032	31800	1.0
Harvesting of DWCNT		2900 (N)	33.5	0.032	31800	10.9

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ES	CES	Background	Surface ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$)	Mass (mg/m^3)	Number ($\#/\text{cm}^3$)
Production of MWCNT	Production	12300 (N)	63.4	0.044	15300
	Harvesting	12300 (N)	55.2	0.037	12100
	Spray coating and sieving	12300 (N)	30.4	0.012	32100
Production of MWCNT	Sonication		30.8		10
	Weighing		16.1		510
Production of MWCNT	Extrusion	0.029 (M)	148.3	0.107	16000
	Batch mixing	0.029 (M)		0.033	9400
	Milling	0.029 (M)		0.016	6800
Mixing with a blended cement incorporating Portland cement with 35 % by weight Ground Granulated Blastfurnace Slag using a drum mixer		5260 (N)			21270
Mixing with a blended cement incorporating Portland cement with 35 % Pulverised Fuel Ash using a drum mixer		1980 (N)			30970
Production of SWCNT	Production	40200 (N)	64	0.046	43600
	Harvesting	5800 (N)	15.6	0.017	5900
	Cleaning	5800 (N)	24.4	0.022	14300
Dry drilling of a hardened concrete prism using a rotary drill		69850 (N)			279110
Dry cutting of a hardened concrete prism using a fixed radial		127320 (N)			732270



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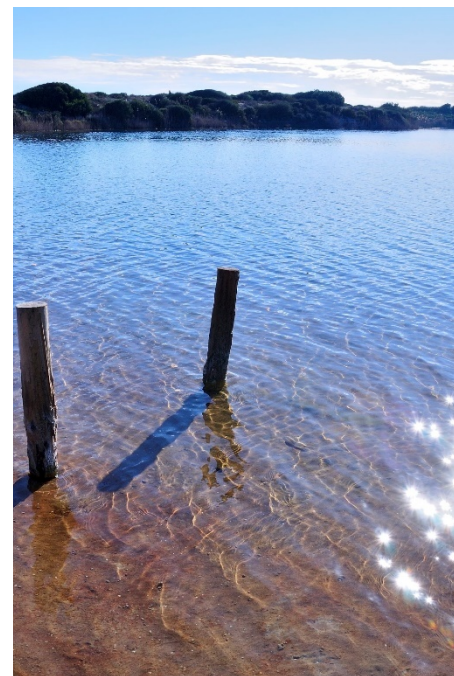
DEVELOPMENT OF SAMPLING METHODS AND ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES

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3. Sampling methods and analytical techniques

Action B4 focusses on the definition of standardized protocols to assist stakeholders on the characterization of the concentration of ENMs in surface water, groundwater, soil, sediments and air:

- SOPs for detecting, quantifying, and characterizing metal oxide ENMs in surface water, ground water, wastewater, sediments, and soils
- SOPs for detecting, quantifying, and characterizing carbon based ENMs in surface water, ground water, wastewater, sediments, and soils
- SOPs for detecting, quantifying, and characterizing background concentrations of ENMs in surface water, ground water, wastewater, sediments, and soils
- SOPs for characterizing the particle size distributions, aggregation and dissolution rate of ENMs in surface water, ground water, and wastewater
- SOPs for characterizing the particle size distributions, mass concentration, surface area, and aggregation of airborne ENMs in industrial settings



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- SOPs for characterizing the particle size distributions, mass concentration, surface area, and aggregation of airborne ENMs in indoor urban environments
- SOPs for characterizing the particle size distributions, mass concentration, surface area, and aggregation of airborne ENMs in industrial areas (outdoor monitoring)
- SOPs for characterizing the particle size distributions, mass concentration, surface area, and aggregation of airborne ENMs in natural environments (outdoor monitoring)
- Standard Operating Procedures for Data Management
- Standard Operating Procedures for Data Reporting

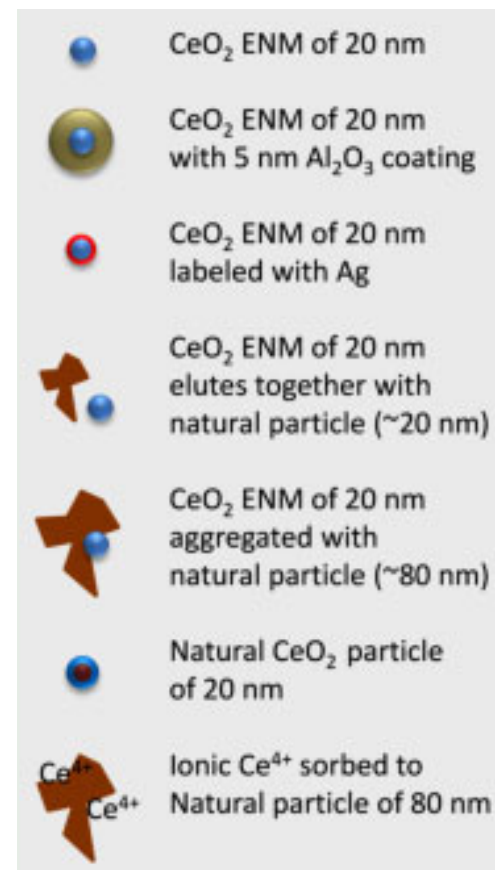


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Data on environmental concentration

- Sample collection preservation and storage is likely the weakest link in the analytical workflow and has received little attention in the literature.
- Current techniques that are rapid, such as **dynamic light scattering**, may not be sensitive (LODs) or specific enough to be applied at environmentally or toxicologically relevant concentrations, depending on the material in question.
- The analysis of NPs in different matrices should not be limited to determination of composition and concentration, since their potential behavior, toxicity and ecotoxicity can be affected by particle number, size, distribution, structure and shape.
- New analytical techniques under development: recent studies have shown promising results when using field flow fractionation coupled to analytical detection methods (e.g. FFF-ICP-MS and FFF-ICP-AES) for the detection of ENMs in liquids.



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● Qualitative analysis of nanoparticles

● Microscopic techniques

Near-field scanning optical microscopy (NSOM): NMs aggregates

Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM): colloids

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) / TEM-EDS

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) / SEM-EDS

Atomic force microscopy (AFM)

Environmental SEM (ESEM)

● Separation methods

Size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) / SEC combined with detection techniques

Capillary electrophoresis (CE)

Hydrodynamic chromatography (HDC)

Field-flow fractionation (FFF)

● Light-scattering techniques

DLS: sizing NPs and determining their aggregation in suspensions

Small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS)

Laser-induced breakdown detection (LIBD): detect trace amounts of NPs (<100 nm) in aqueous suspensions

● Spectroscopic methods

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR): 3D structure of samples

X-ray spectroscopy: crystallographic information

Raman spectroscopy: structural characterization

Combinations: CE with NIR-fluorescence or Raman spectroscopy



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ICP-MS

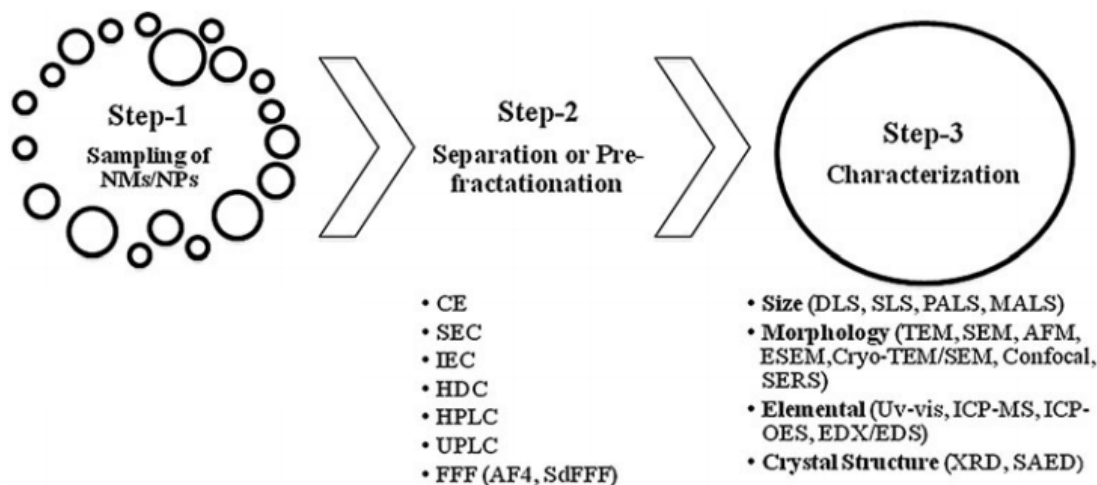
Cloud-point extraction (CPE) coupled to TEM/ SEM/UV: environmental samples

Liquid chromatography (LC) combined with MS, time-of-flight (TOF)-MS

Liquid-liquid extraction (LLE) LC method

Quantitative LLE followed by LC coupled to electrospray ionization MS (LC-ESI-MS)




Accelerated solvent extraction (ASE) followed by LC-UV: soil



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Protocols

  	
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SOPs for detecting, quantifying, and characterizing metal-containing ENMs in surface water, ground water, wastewater, sediments, and soils

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	Properties / metrics	Instrumentation / methods
Particle size maize distribution and morphology	Particle size	TEM, SEM, ICP-MS, UV-vis, DLS, FI-FFF, Sed-FFF, HDC, NTA, SLS, PALS, MALS
	Particle number concentration	spICP-MS, NTA
	Particle diameter	EM/AFM/Flow-FFF/DLS
	Morphology	TEM, SEM, AFM, ESEM, Cryo-TEM/SEM, Confocal, SERS
	Aspect ratio	Microscopy, combination of light scattering methods or different FFF methods
	Crystal Structure	XRD, TEM-XRD (SAED)
Particle surface and optical properties	Surface area / porosity	BET
	z-Potential	ELS
	Surface Charge / Surface groups	Electrophoretic mobility, NMR, FTIR
	Reflection, absorption, transmission	UV-vis spectroscopy
Chemical composition and concentration	Elemental composition	SEM/EDX, ICP-MS, ICP-OES, UV-vis, EDX/EDS, XAS
	Mass	LC/ESMS
	Crystal Structure	XRD, TEM-XRD (SAED)
	Purity	TGA
	Moisture content	TGA



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SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

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- Measured data will be of prime importance to support REACH implementation when dealing with ENMs
- The ES Library will assist companies on the evaluation of the likelihood of exposure under similar situations
- Despite the current lack of analytic techniques, standardization will support comparability and reliability of data in complex matrices, in particular water and soil compartment
- Guidance on the sampling methods and analytical techniques for the measurement and monitoring of ENMs in the environment expected in March 2018
- Measured data from peer reviewed publications, on going/finalized project reports and voluntary data providers to be permanently upload into the NanoMONITOR platform.
- Training sessions on exposure assessment (workplace) and environmental monitoring (outdoor) expected in May-June 2018.





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