NIOSH Recommendations for Hexavalent Chromium – 2013 Update
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The United States National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently recommended that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) lower hexavalent chromium exposure levels below previously OSHA-endorsed levels. This recommendation has renewed the discussion on acceptable emission levels in the thermal spray and welding communities. As a result, companies are advised to review their manufacturing processes and equipment and consider implementing proactive changes to control their possible emissions.

This article addresses some of the questions the new NIOSH recommendations have generated (and resurrected) including:

- What is hexavalent chromium?
- Where does hexavalent chromium come from?
- How can a worker be exposed to hexavalent chromium and how might it affect the body?
- What has inspection activity been finding for the standard as it exists today?
- What are the new NIOSH recommendations?
- What types of engineering controls are possible?

What is Hexavalent Chromium?
Chromium shows up in predominantly three forms:
1) Trivalent Chromium, which occurs naturally as chrome ore and is also an essential nutrient for proper metabolism;
2) Metallic or Elemental Chromium, typically found in aerospace alloys; and
3) Hexavalent Chromium, typically generated by

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For the last 80 years, artists and architects have discovered that thermal spray can provide an exciting new means of expression. The process is affordable and engages the artist directly. Sculpting becomes a more accessible art form for many budding artists.

The principle target audience for this article is not the artist and architect. Most are probably not readers of Spraytime. Instead, the goal is to encourage thermal spray professionals, thermal spray instructors and thermal spray institutions to look for opportunities to encourage artists and architects to look into thermal spray as a viable means of expanding their horizons.

Thermal spray is being used for both original art and for restoration. Constantin Brancusi’s 98 foot sculpture, Endless Column, in Hobita, Romania, is part of a grouping built as a memorial to those who died defending the town during World War I. It is made up of an elongated module at ground level, then fifteen identical, rhomboid-shaped modules and a half-module at the top.

As original art, all of these elements are made in cast-iron with a thermally sprayed brass coating. After coating, they were threaded down a central steel core. During the original development of the art in 1936, some confusion

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Industrial processes like welding and thermal spray. Hexavalent Chromium is the most toxic form of chromium. You will see hexavalent chromium identified in different ways, including: Hex Chrome, Chrome VI, CrVI and Cr 6+.

Where Does Hexavalent Chromium Come From?
Some of the industrial processes that produce hexavalent chromium include:
- Coatings (spray primers/paints)
  - Coatings containing chromates: dyes, paints, inks and plastics
  - Chrome plating
  - Blending/sanding coatings containing chromium
- Welding of alloys containing chromium
  - Stainless steel & nickel alloy
- Thermal Spraying, including plasma, electric arc and combustion (including HVOF)
  - Metallic chromium in the feedstock may be converted to the hexavalent form.
  - Hexavalent chromium may be present in a feedstock containing any form of chromium.
- Smelting of Ferro-Chromium Ore
- Portland cement impurities
- Dip-tanks Anodizing and Plating lines
- Leather tanning - Ammonium Dichromate

“The industries in which the largest numbers of workers are exposed to high concentrations of hexavalent chromium compounds include electroplating, welding and painting.” (DHHS, 2013)

Important Clarification Points:
In your facility, you may be producing a dust, fume or mist that contains hexavalent chromium. It is important to realize hexavalent chromium has its own threshold limit value (TLV) and that NIOSH considers all hexavalent chromium compounds produced to be occupational carcinogens.

Remember hexavalent chromium is typically only a small percentage of the mass for any dust, fume or mist generated. Understanding the percentage of the contaminant that is actually hexavalent chromium allows for better decisions on your control strategy. It is still entirely possible that controlling a general contaminant to levels below its threshold limit value [TLV] may still allow hexavalent chromium levels to exceed the TLV for hexavalent chromium.

Typical particle sizes produced in the processes that potentially generate hexavalent chromium-containing material may differ by process and application. For example:

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<tr>
<th>Type of Fume</th>
<th>Size Range of Fume Particles</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wet paints with chromates</td>
<td>0.7 - 34 microns</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chrome plating</td>
<td>0.75 - 6.4 microns</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Welding</td>
<td>0.05 - 2.0 microns*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thermal Spraying</td>
<td>0.05 - 2.0 microns*</td>
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* 80% of total fume is in this very small size range.

How Do Workers Become Exposed?
If your company has any process that could be producing hexavalent chromium, your workers could be exposed through one or more of many routes.
- They could inhale hexavalent chromium through their nose and mouth from dust-, fume-, or mist-producing processes.
- If a medium (dust, fume, or mist) containing hexavalent chromium lands on an employee’s skin, hexavalent chromium may be absorbed through their skin.
- Or they may be exposed by ingestion (swallowing). If workers fail to use proper personal hygiene, the exposed area of clothing or skin can carry hexavalent chromium that can end up on food, tobacco and/or cosmetics and be ingested as a consequence.

How Does Hexavalent Chromium Affect the Body?
Once in the body, hexavalent chromium typically targets some of a body’s organs. Respiratory tract problems can include inhalation damage to mucous membranes, perforation of septum (tissue between the nostrils of nose), and damage to the lungs. In addition there may be injury to the eyes, skin, liver and kidneys as examples.

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A worker exposed to hexavalent chromium may experience symptoms such as sinus irritation, nosebleeds, ulcers (stomach and nose), skin rash, chest tightness, wheezing and shortness of breath.

**Employer Requirements**

If a company has determined that it could potentially be producing hexavalent chromium, it is required to do the following:

- implement air sampling,
- monitor and notify employees of monitoring results,
- implement engineering controls,
- adopt respiratory protection program,
- demarcate of work areas containing hexavalent chromium,
- execute an employee training program, and
- provide availability of OSHA regulations and company policy to employees.

The frequency of air sampling a company must do depends on the level of hexavalent chromium that was discovered in the facility. If the area tested above the PEL of 5.0 µg/m³, testing has to be done every three months. If the area is above the Action Level of 2.5 µg/m³ but below the PEL, then a company is only required to do air sampling every six months. If the area is below the action level, the company is required to take an initial baseline and then it is left up to the facility hygienists to decide on a sampling frequency. Annual sampling is a typical strategy in this case.

Monitoring of all employees is required in facilities that test above the Action Level of 2.5 µg/m³. The standard on hexavalent chromium requires medical surveillance but leaves the selection of the specific tests to the physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP.) This may be an on-site company nurse or the employee may need to go to his own health care provider for tests.

Some of the things that a company could do include:

- Review of health and work history
- Physical exam
- Report of the outcome of the exam

Once an exam is completed, a written summary should be provided to the employee within two weeks, and kept on file at the company by the industrial hygienist.

**What has been the Inspection Level as the Standard Exists Today?**

A review of OSHA’s website reveals little data specifically for hexavalent chromium and inspection levels. What can be observed from the data is that from 2006 to 2009, 437 manufacturing companies had personal sampling of Cr (VI), and of those companies, 65% had confirmation they had hexavalent chromium in the air, and 23% had concentrations above the PEL. Without having completed the sampling, companies would not have understood how much hexavalent chromium was in the air nor would they have been able to understand what corrective actions needed to be done.

Personal sampling of air is perhaps the best method for determining the level of hexavalent chromium. In California, estimating emission levels is allowed, and the California Air Resources Board has provided help to supply companies in its state with the ability to calculate hexavalent chromium emission levels based on the idea that thermal spray processes turn 30% of all chrome sprayed by any method into hexavalent chromium. The expected emission factor summary for hexavalent chromium is:

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<th>Process</th>
<th>Emission Factors (lbs Cr²/lb Cr sprayed)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Wire Flame Spray</td>
<td>4.68E-03, 4.66E-04, 4.66E-05, 1.40E-06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Twin-Wire Electric Arc Spray</td>
<td>6.96E-03, 6.96E-04, 6.96E-05, 2.95E-06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flame Spray</td>
<td>6.20E-03, 1.17E-03, 6.20E-05, 1.85E-06</td>
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<tr>
<td>HVOF</td>
<td>6.20E-03, 1.17E-03, 6.20E-05, 1.95E-06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plasma Spray</td>
<td>1.18E-02, 6.73E-03, 2.61E-03, 2.95E-06</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Thermal Spraying</td>
<td>7.17E-03, 2.05E-03, 5.70E-04, 2.91E-06</td>
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Source: California Code of Regulations Section 93101.5

The chart above is used to calculate the annual expected emissions based on materials used and already (or to be) installed control technology. The emissions volume calculated can help determine whether the control technology being used today (or the control technology planned to be used for a new process) is adequate. There are three tiers defined on volumes and minimum efficiency control requirements:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tier</th>
<th>Annual Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Thermal Spraying</th>
<th>Annual Nickel Emissions from Thermal Spraying</th>
<th>Minimum Control Efficiency Requirements</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.04 lb/yr and ≤ 0.04 lb/yr</td>
<td>2.1 lb/yr and ≤ 20.8 lb/yr</td>
<td>90% by weight (e.g., a water curtain)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>≥ 0.04 lb/yr and ≤ 0.4 lb/yr</td>
<td>&gt; 20.8 lb/yr and ≥ 208 lb/yr</td>
<td>99.99% @ 0.5 microns (e.g., a high-efficiency dry filter)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>&gt; 0.4 lb/yr</td>
<td>≥ 208 lb/yr</td>
<td>99.97% @ 0.3 microns (e.g., a HEPA filter)</td>
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If a company calculation determines no new control collection technology needs to be installed, compliance with permitting, monitoring and recordkeeping are still required. This decision, of course, assumes everything is static in the process. If workloads or materials change, this may change the calculation and could force upgrades to the control system. Examples of how to perform the calculation are found in the California Code of Regulations.

**New NIOSH Recommended Permissible Exposure Levels**

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) currently has defined two levels of exposure for hexavalent chromium. The current Permissible Exposure Level (PEL) is 5 µg/m³ in an 8-hr shift from an original PEL (pre May 2010) of 52 ug/m³. This represented a decrease by a factor of 10!

The other level is called the Action Level at 2.5 µg/m³.

This is the level where employers are required to take specific actions, and failure to take these actions may result in penalties.

In January of 2013, NIOSH announced a new Recommended Exposure Level (REL) of 0.2 g Cr(VI)/m³ for an 8-hour time weighted average exposure during a 40-hour workweek. NIOSH stated that the new recommendation is to prevent workplace exposure to Cr(VI)
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As of May 31, 2010, processes producing hexavalent chromium above the PEL of 5 g/m³ must have engineering controls implemented. Until then, respiratory protection is mandatory until engineering controls are implemented. Please note rotation of employees to different jobs to achieve compliance is NOT permitted by OSHA.

Employee Requirements

Employees have responsibilities to protect themselves, too. They are required to use proper personal protective equipment, good housekeeping skills, engineering controls once implemented, and good personal hygiene techniques. Good personal hygiene includes not using tobacco, not applying cosmetics, not eating anything, not placing fingers in mouth or nose, and washing hands/face prior to doing any of the above activity, such as before taking a break, or at the end of their shift.

Engineering Control Includes Good Dust & Fume Collection Systems

The collection system used for dust, fume, or mist control is a key factor in achieving effective control of hexavalent chromium.

As shown in the chart on page 4, the size of the fume particles that carry hexavalent chromium varies from 5/100 of a micron to 34 microns, with most in the very small range (sub-micron to 2 microns).

It is therefore necessary to use filter media in the collection system that can capture a full range of sizes, from sub-micron to large particulate. High efficiency filters are recommended, such as Ultra-Web® nanofiber filters from Donaldson® Torit®. Each filter should have at least 1.5 inches of water gauge pressure drop across it to ensure performance.

A well-designed ventilation system will have sufficient capture velocities at the various hoods to help control any emissions containing hexavalent chromium. The ACGIH Industrial Ventilation Manual offers several examples, including:

- VS-90-01 through 03 for Welding
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Ambient fume collection (sometimes termed general ventilation) is NOT recommended, as it typically only cleans 70% of the air at any given time. Ambient collection is simply not effective enough to take care of fumes potentially carrying hexavalent chromium. Capture hoods...
located as close to the source of generation as possible, and ducted into a well-built dust/fume collector, will ensure better confinement of the particles.

Your Donaldson Torit sales representative can help in determining which dust/fume filtration products are best suited to your ventilation system design and operation. While NIOSH experts should be trusted to provide hexavalent chromium expertise, Donaldson Torit engineers know air filters and can assist you in selecting the filter suitable for your ventilation needs.

**Summary**

In summary, hexavalent chromium is a regulated, toxic material that must be dealt with by implementing proper precautions. Now that NIOSH has recommended new lower – more stringent – levels to OSHA, companies are advised to be proactive in reviewing their processes. If elimination (1st choice) or substitution of materials (2nd choice) is not possible then companies should consider:

(a) Engineering controls where required  
(b) Respiratory protection if needed  
(c) Good housekeeping practices  
(d) Proper personal protective equipment  
(e) Good personal hygiene practices.

**Glossary of Terms**

- \( \text{g/m}^3 = \text{Micro grams per cubic meter of air} \)  
- ACGIH = American Conference of Industrial Hygienists  
- AL = Action Level  
- Chrome VI = Abbreviation for hexavalent chromium  
- Cr 6+ = Abbreviation for hexavalent chromium  
- CrVI = Abbreviation for hexavalent chromium  
- Hex Chrome = Abbreviation for hexavalent chromium  
- HVOF = High Velocity Oxy-Fuel  
- PEL = Permissible Exposure Level  
- TLV = Threshold Limit Value  
- PLHCP = Physician or Licensed Health Care Professional

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apparently existed between Constantin Brancusi and the fabrication house that executed the work. In the end, the exterior coating was brass. Bronze would have had better survivability under the environmental conditions (acid rain due to local factory operations) that existed at Târgu Jiu, Romania. Over the years, the brass deteriorated and allowed the core to rust. In the mid-60s and mid-70s, some repairs were made to the coating. However, the repairs were ineffective. In 1996, the World Monuments Fund placed the column on its World Monuments Watch List of 100 endangered sites. Between the unique size of the art and national politics involved, repairs were delayed. Finally, in 2000, the column was disassembled, the coating was resprayed and the column reassembled. Anyone who thinks that restoration is a simple process might want to consider a twenty page critical discussion on this restoration(1).

A more recent piece of original art was reported on in SPRAYTIME(2). It was a sculpture by Kathryn Lipke-Vigessa and executed by Bauer Art Metal. It was a large bronze, three part seed with a tree at the center. In this case, the artist provided Styrofoam forms which were then “skeletonized” with stainless steel, overlaid with copper mesh, sprayed with zinc followed by a silicon-bronze spray and a final chemical patina finish.

Alexander Calder’s Mobile, which has been on display in the National Gallery of Art for almost fifty years, is an example where thermal spray was only used for restoration, not in the original execution of the work(3). In this case, the many joints of the mobile were wearing. The restoration involved rebuilding the joints with a TIG process followed by a tungsten carbide/cobalt coating for wear resistance.

Many more artists are now using Thermal Spray. Ovidiu Opresco, a 3-D artist/designer, is creating some unique jewelry using thermal spray(4). He has demonstrated that thermal spray is an exciting partner for 3-D printing, providing a beautiful, hard and wear resistant coating to objects using one of the many 3-D printing processes now available.

Thermal spray can be easy and affordable. Andrea, an artist used thermal spray to keep rust at bay and preserve antique pieces, especially near the beach. He discovered the wonders of sandblasting and then “metalizing” and powder coating iron tables, gates, chairs and other
furniture. In a redo of a gate section, he stated, “This will last about ten years in this condition. Otherwise, I used to touch up with Rustoleum each year, but that never kills the rust. Metalizing is the way to go and it is not crazy expensive”(5).

Back in 1994, artist Siena Porta stated that “Metallizing offers creative options and a cost-saving alternative to bronze casting”(6). Siena Porta is a sculptor whose work was the subject of a video called “Me and the Mirror”. She has covered materials as divergent as silk, cement, polystyrene, fired clay, acrylic, mylar, wood and cast resin.

Some studios specialize in fountains, gates and other large structures such as the work of Robinson Iron in Alexander City, Alabama. Metallisation, out of West Midlands, England, has been involved with artistic thermal spray since 1922 and has created a wide range of artistic works.

In the area of architecture, thermal spray is being used for both beauty and functionality. One of the largest examples is the Burj Al Arab Hotel in Dubai. In total, over an intermittent six month period, 10,000m2 of steelwork was arc sprayed. The items sprayed included the heli-deck framework, roof mounted mast and 6 diagonal support braces, each weighing in excess of 200 tons(7).

Delving into art using thermal spray easy. The least expensive approach is for an artist to develop his own form, and work with a local spray shop to do the coating. An artist can even develop his own capability with a modest investment. Combustion wire systems require an investment of less than $8000, are easy to use and are very versatile as to coating materials. Even some plastic “wire” can be used or cord wire for some special effects.

From these examples, it is obvious that thermal spray is a significant contributor to art and architecture. The question is, how can the thermal spray professional help? There are at least five avenues that might be used.

1. If you have your own shop, think about creating your own work of art for display in your lobby. This can be as simple of buying wood or Styrofoam letters of the company name from your local Michael’s or Hobby Lobby and coating them with zinc and aluminum-bronze.

2. Advertise and hold an open-house featuring your capability for the artist. Many pictures of thermal spray are available on the internet and could be printed and displayed along with your own creations.

3. Look around your own area for artist studios, especially any that employ welding in their creative works. A
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In studio that uses welding is familiar with the procedures and safety concerns regarding hot metal processes.

4. Visit any art schools in the area and offer to provide an Introduction to Thermal Spray for any art or sculpture class. Many PowerPoint programs are available to assist in this regard. Also be sure to include any studios with 3-D printing capability and help them to understand that Thermal Spray is a strong, potential partner for 3-D printing.

5. Look into other areas where thermal spray would provide a unique aspect. For example, is it possible to have this process included in some home improvement shows, or even in venues such as Project Runway or Iron Chef America?

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Metallisation Protecting Offshore Oil Platforms From Corrosion

Metallisation flamespray equipment has been used to protect a BP Clair Ridge offshore oil platform from corrosion. The 168 m high platform will be installed in the North Sea west of the Shetland Isles.

Clair Ridge jackets have seven storage tanks, two drill water tanks and a base oil tank, in the Drilling Production (DP) jacket, and four diesel tanks in the Quarter Utility (QU) jacket. The project specified the jackets to be thermal sprayed, to protect from corrosion, using arc spray equipment. The system for the internal storage tanks was to be sprayed with 0.0078-0.0118 in. (200–300 microns) Thermal Sprayed Aluminium (TSA), the drill water tanks were to be sealed with aluminium silicone and the base oil and four diesel tanks were to be left unsealed.

Due to the complexity and dimension of some of the jacket components, it was impossible to coat all of them using arc spray equipment. Piping nozzles in diaphragms, pipe supports and difficult to access areas were coated using the Metallisation MK73 flamespray equipment and the deflected flamespray extension, which was designed specifically for difficult to access areas.

The major advantage of the MK73 system is the extra long supplies package that accompanies the equipment, which in this instance made an extremely difficult spraying project much easier and safer.

To thermal spray the internal surfaces of the pipes, the operators had to crawl within the pipes and, with a dimension of just 11.48 ft (3 1/2 m) or less, it was no mean feat. The 262 ft (80 m) long supplies package allowed the operators to leave the control panel and gas bottles outside, enabling them to reach the difficult to access areas safely and effectively.

The Metallisation deflected flamespray extension is ideal for onsite use. It comes in three lengths, 5.9 in, (150mm), 11.8 in. (300mm) and 17.7 in. (450mm) and can be used with either 1/8 in. (3.17mm) or 3/16 in. (4.76mm) wires. The unit can spray directly forward or at a deflected angle, which can range from 00 to 900 by varying the deflector air pressure. The deflection nozzle can also be rotated through 1800 to allow spraying in a 3600 arc around the spray gun.

Metallisation attended the site for several days to train, support and customise the system to meet with the requirements of this demanding application. It was important for Metallisation to get good, first hand insight into the job, which enabled the team to fully understand the issues facing the customer. Safety is obviously critical in these confined spaces and keeping the gas supply and control panel outside of the confined space greatly assisted in safe completion of the job. Inside the jacket access to some of the spray areas was very tight. The general flexibility of the MK73 flamespray system, combined with the deflected extension, made the job quicker and easier to complete.

In the Metallisation wire flamespray process, the raw material in the form of a single wire or cord, is fed by a driven roller system into the centre of an oxygen-gas flame, where it is melted. An annular air nozzle then applies a jet of high-pressure air, which atomises and projects the molten material towards the work piece. The molten spray solidifies instantly on the component surface to form a dense, strongly adherent coating that has no drying or curing time. The driving of the wire is typically via an air motor and gearbox that forms part of the spray gun. The gas fuel used varies, depending on the wire to be sprayed and, in some cases, the application. The two most common gas fuels used are Propane and Acetylene.

David Stowers, Lead Coating Inspector on the project, says: “I am very pleased with the performance of the MK73 system. It proved to be a really useful tool in helping us to reach a successful conclusion on the TSA scope of this project. The angled deflector extension arm was perfect to reach the most difficult surfaces. I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend the Metallisation team and its equipment.”

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Thermal Spray Maps: Material Genomics of Processing Technologies
Andrew Siao Ming Ang, Noppakun Sanpo, Mitchell L. Sesso, Sun Yung Kim, and Christopher C. Berndt

There is currently no method whereby material properties of thermal spray coatings may be predicted from fundamental processing inputs such as temperature-velocity correlations. The first step in such an important undertaking would involve establishing a foundation that consolidates the thermal spray literature so that known relationships could be documented and any trends identified. This paper presents a method to classify and reorder thermal spray data such that relationships and correlations between competing processes and materials can be identified. Extensive data mining of published experimental work was performed to create thermal spray property-performance maps, known as “TS maps” in this work. Six TS maps will be presented. The maps are based on coating characteristics of major importance; i.e., porosity, microhardness, adhesion strength, and the elastic modulus of thermal spray coatings.

Read the entire article in the October 2013 Issue
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GTS – the Association of Thermal Sprayers – has produced this spectacular new poster of “Thermal Spraying: Standards and Technical Bulletins”.

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24-26 Savannah, GA USA  Int’l Thermal Spray Association Annual Membership Meeting - contact Kathy Dusa itsa@thermalspray.org

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6-8 Mexico City, Mexico  FABTECH Mexico - visit www.fabtechmexico.com
18-21 Orlando, FL USA  2014 World Congress on Powder Metallurgy and Particulate Materials - visit www.mpif.org

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International Thermal Spray Association Presents Award to Joe Stricker

At their June annual membership meeting in Ogden, Utah, the International Thermal Spray Association (ITSA) recognized Joe Stricker for his 18 years of Executive Committee service. The normal Executive Committee term is 12 years but Joe continued on volunteering to fill unexpected vacancies.

The large hanging frame award housed a new TaylorMade driver which can be removed for play. His plaque reads: In appreciation of "above and beyond" - 18 years as an Executive Committee Officer.

Joe began his career at St. Louis Metallizing in 1974 as a sales engineer. He was promoted to vice president of thermal spray operations in 1985, vice president of operations in 1989 and president in 1999.

Joe graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and completed a Master's degree in Business Administration from Fontbonne University.

Joe has been active with the International Thermal Spray Association since 1990 serving as Vice Chairman (1995) and Chairman (1997) and the Executive Board of the ITSA group from March, 1999 to May, 2013.

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Wall Colmonoy announces the appointment of Marie Davies as Supply Chain Director for UK Operations.

Marie manages the customer service, purchasing and warehousing functions within the business. She is responsible for developing a robust Supply Chain introducing sales inventory and operations planning into Wall Colmonoy. As a qualified Prince2 project manager, she has a proven track record of managing business change programmes and implementing multi-country ERP deployments.

Prior to joining Wall Colmonoy, she previously worked in Supply Chain roles with Morgan Crucible, Thales Group and GlaxoSmithKline. She prides herself on developing high performing teams that deliver exceptional results.

Marie has a BA Honours Degree in Business Studies and accomplished a Supply Chain Executive Programme through the Cranfield School of Management. For more information, visit www.wallcolmonoy.com

Wall Colmonoy Announces Manufacturing Manager for Alloy Products, USA

Carlos Marin joins Wall Colmonoy as Manufacturing Manager for the Alloy Products Group in Los Lunas, New Mexico. Carlos is responsible for the planning, coordination, and control of the manufacturing production process ensuring quality and on-time delivery of products.

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Carlos has a Master's of Science in Engineering Degree from the University of Texas and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial and Chemical Engineering from Instituto Tecnologico de Chihuahua. Carlos is a Lean expert and a Six Sigma Black Belt. For more information, visit www.wallcolmonoy.com

Interesting YouTube Thermal Spray Film

This film was made because the companies in Sweden that offer thermal spraying needed to explain the thermal spray process to their clients and prospective clients. The film shows the properties of thermal spraying can achieve and put them to the test. The film's target audience is everyone from engineers to designers and buyers.

Colibri Television, which produced the film is a film production company in Malmö, Sweden. Colibri Television has produced a number of films in these areas.

For more information, contact Christian Svanlund via email christian@colibri.tv

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Globe Metal to Support US Market with New Pittsburgh Office, Sales Manager

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"We have wanted to strengthen our presence in the industrial oil and gas and aerospace coating markets for some time and the market potential for our services in the United States is significant," said Jeff Solomon, president and CEO of Globe Metal, Inc. "Establishing an office in Pittsburgh provides an excellent location and will give us a direct sales channel that will better serve our current and potential customers."

The Globe Metal US office will be lead by Richard Mason who joins us with a wealth of experience in specialty metals sales and marketing as well as a strong background in the thermal spray and powder metallurgy industry. "His experience in the metal powder industry for recycling applications requires a consultative approach, which is an ideal match for the Globe Metal business model."

Solomon reports that Globe Metal, Inc has already achieved significant sales growth and customer satisfaction within its market place and that the opening of this office supports the company's growing customer base.

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Plasma Powders and Systems

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Bill joined Plasma Powders and Systems, Inc. in September of 2012. For more information, visit www.plasmapowders.com

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