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Dr. Brian Crook is an occupational and environmental microbiologist. He has worked for HSL, the research laboratory agency of HSE (the UK Labour Inspectorate) for 20 years leading a team of microbiologists working on a range of projects investigating occupational infection, allergy and toxicosis. After completing his PhD on spoilage of fuel oils, he diversified into occupational health and hygiene, and has developed expertise in the assessment of health related exposure to workplace bioaerosols. He was the UK representative on a European CEN technical committee on standards for sampling and analysis of airborne micro-organisms and endotoxins.

More recently he has led the microbiological aspects of HSE's investigations into health problems associated with metalworking fluids, including the Powertrain outbreak, and is involved in follow-up work for HSE.