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Mine workers to be used for heat study

WORKERS at the Northern Territory's McArthur River Mine will be the guinea pigs for a study by Menzies School of Health to determine the effects of heat stress on productivity.

Project leader Emma Field said the research would contribute to effective prevention

measures for all industries working in hot and humid environments. The project began in October and will continue through next year.

MRM general manager Sam Strohmayer said the study would benefit anyone working outdoors in the Top End.

"The reality is that some people need to work outside and they are going to be exposed to heat," he said.

"Anything we can do to reduce the risk of heat stress will improve health and safety and contribute to a better working environment."