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RESPIRATOR SELECTION CHECKLIST

PROBLEM

The OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134(d)) requires you to implement a Respiratory Protection Program that includes, among other things, the procedures and criteria you use to select which respirators your workers should use.

HOW THE TOOL HELPS SOLVE THE PROBLEM

The following Checklist for Respirator Selection comes from OSHA guidelines and will help you do a self-assessment and determine if you comply with OSHA respirator selection requirements for respirator use and remain in compliance going forward.

CHECKLIST FOR RESPIRATOR SELECTION

√ Check to make sure that all of the following things have been done at your facility or workplace:

GENERAL

- Respiratory hazards in workplace have been identified and evaluated.
- Employee exposures that have not been, or cannot be, evaluated are considered IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health).
- Respirators are NIOSH-certified and used under the conditions of certification.
- Respirators are selected based on the workplace hazards evaluated and workplace and user factors affecting respirator performance and reliability.
- Respirators are selected based on the APFs and calculated MUCs.
- A sufficient number of respirator sizes and models are provided for selection purposes.

FOR IDLH ATMOSPHERES

- Full facepiece pressure demand SARs with auxiliary SCBA unit or full facepiece pressure demand SCBAs, with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, are provided.
- Respirators used for escape only are NIOSH certified for the atmosphere in which they will be used.
- Oxygen deficient atmospheres are *considered IDLH (d)(2)(B)(iii)*.

FOR NON-IDLH ATMOSPHERES

- Respirators selected are appropriate for the APFs and MUCs.
- Respirators selected are appropriate for the chemical nature and physical form of the contaminant.
- Air-purifying respirators used for protection against gases and vapors are equipped with ESLIs or a change schedule has been implemented.
- Air-purifying respirators used for protection against particulates are equipped with NIOSH certified HEPA filters or other filters certified by NIOSH for particulates under 42 CFR part 84.