

CHEYENNE COUNTY
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to ensure that proper respiratory protection is provided and used, when necessary, to protect the health of all employees from inhalation hazards. Department Heads are encouraged to adopt specific policies for their department to ensure regulatory compliance and the safety and protection of their employees. Respirators will be used when:

- A. Engineering and/or administrative controls of inhalation hazards are not economically feasible;
- B. Engineering and/or administrative controls of inhalation hazards do not mitigate such hazards within acceptable exposure levels;
- C. While engineering controls are being installed;
- D. In emergencies; or
- E. When an individual employee wishes to wear a respirator.

II. STANDARD

This program has been developed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.134.

III. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

A. Employer Responsibility

The Safety Coordinator is responsible for the overall implementation, management and support of our Respiratory Protection Program. This includes:

- 1.) Developing site specific plans as needed;
- 2.) Establishing and maintaining written standard procedures for identifying mandatory and voluntary use of respirators;
- 3.) Establishing and maintaining written standard procedures for selection of appropriate respirators, cartridges, etc;
- 4.) Establishing and maintaining written standard procedures for obtaining medical evaluation opinion of mandatory wearers by PLHCP;
- 5.) Establishing and maintaining written standard procedures for selection and performance of appropriate fit testing of mandatory wearers;
- 6.) Providing instruction and training in the proper use, care and limitations of respirators used in our facility;

- 7.) Providing evaluation and training on use of respirators during foreseeable emergencies; and
- 8.) Provide respirators, training and medical evaluations of the program at no cost to the employee.

B. Employee Responsibility

Employees using respirators are responsible for:

1. Using them in accordance with the instructions and training received;
2. Properly inspecting before and after each use (if unit has multiple users);
3. Cleaning and storage after each use; and
4. Immediately reporting any malfunctions or defects of their respirator to their supervisor or the plan administrator.

C. Program Review and Update

The Cheyenne County Respiratory Protection Program will be reviewed periodically or whenever new or modified tasks and procedures are implemented which will affect occupational exposure of employees; and whenever new or updated regulations become effective.

IV. EXPOSURE DETERMINATION

It is the responsibility of Department Heads to determine if their employees exposure to air contaminants meets or exceeds the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) as set by OSHA. The Safety Coordinator shall ensure the Department Head makes this determination.

V. METHODS OF COMPLIANCE

It is the responsibility of Department Heads to develop written policies Regarding any exposure determination and further identifying the appropriate methods of compliance to ensure its employees are being provided appropriate respiratory protection. The Safety Coordinator, with the input and cooperation of the Department Head, shall ensure the Department Head develops such written policies regarding.