**CHECKLIST FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAMS**

Check to ensure that your facility has:

* A written respiratory protection program that is specific to your workplace and covers the following:
  + Procedures for selecting respirators.
  + Medical evaluations of employees required to wear respirators.
  + Fit testing procedures.
  + Routine use and emergency respirator use procedures.
  + Procedures and schedules for cleaning, disinfecting, storing, inspecting, repairing, discarding, and maintaining respirators.
  + Procedures for ensuring adequate air quality for supplied air respirators.
  + Training in respiratory hazards.
  + Training in proper use and maintenance of respirators.
  + Program evaluation procedures.
  + Procedures for ensuring that workers who voluntarily wear respirators (excluding filtering face pieces) comply with the medical evaluation, and cleaning, storing and maintenance requirements of the standard.
* A designated program administrator who is qualified to administer the program.
* Updated the written program as necessary to account for changes in the workplace affecting respirator use.
* Provided equipment, training, and medical evaluations at no cost to employees.

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* Respiratory hazards have been identified and evaluated.
* Employee exposures that have not been, or cannot be, evaluated are considered immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH).
* 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.
* A sufficient number of respirator sizes and models are provided to correctly fit the users.
* For IDLH atmospheres:
  + Full face piece pressure demand supplied-air respirator (SARs) with auxiliary self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) unit or full face piece pressure demand SCBAs, with a minimum service life of 30 minutes, are provided.
  + Respirators used for escape only are National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certified for the atmosphere in which they will be used.
  + Oxygen deficient atmospheres are considered IDLH.
* For Non-IDLH atmospheres:
  + Respirators selected are appropriate for the chemical state and physical form of the contaminant.
  + Air-purifying respirators used for protection against gases and vapors are equipped with end-of-service-life indicator (ESLIs) or a change schedule has been implemented.
  + Air-purifying respirators used for protection against particulates are equipped with NIOSH-certified high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters or other filters certified by NIOSH for particulates under 42 CFR part 84.