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## Appendix A - Respiratory Protection Program Procedures for Approved Respirator Use

- 1. Employee and Supervisor complete and sign the Respirator Hazard Assessment form and submit to EHS.
- 2. EHS Respiratory Protection Program Administrator:
  - a. Evaluates Respirator Hazard Assessment
  - b. Determines need for respirator.
  - c. Recommends respirator type, cartridges/filters and cartridge change-out schedule as needed.
  - d. Signs Respirator Hazard Assessment
- 3. Program Administrator refers employee for medical evaluation to Licensed Professional Healthcare Provider.
- 4. Health Care Provider provides medical determination of fitness for respirator use to EHS Program Administrator.
- 5. Department pays for medical evaluation and provides respirator as indicated on the Respirator Hazard Assessment
  - a. Copy of completed hazard assessment provided to Employee, Supervisor and Department.
- 6. EHS facilitates respiratory protection training and respirator fit-testing
  - a. Employee and supervisor receive documentation of fit testing
  - b. Supervisors complete initial Respiratory Protection training
    - i. Refresher training if needed and as deemed necessary by the Program Administrator.
- 7. Follow up medical evaluation required annually and when
  - a. An employee reports medical signs or symptoms that are related to ability to use a respirator;
  - b. A PLHCP, supervisor, or the respirator program administrator informs the employer that an employee needs to be reevaluated;
  - c. Information from the respiratory protection program, including observations made during fit testing and program evaluation, indicates a need for employee reevaluation; or
  - d. A change occurs in workplace conditions. (e.g., physical work effort, protective clothing, temperature) that may result in a substantial increase in the physiological burden placed on an employee.
- 8. Hazard assessment update, medical evaluation, respirator training and fit testing required annually