

CSEA Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation Form

Employer Name: _____

Work Location: _____

Respirator Program Evaluation Date:	YES	NO	N/A
1. Are there work activities where respirators are required? (if yes, list them and name the respirator used, if no go to 2) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____			
2. Are there work activities where workers want respirators? (if yes, list them and name the respirator requested, if none then done) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____			
3. For each respirator use, have other control measures been looked at, like ventilation, enclosure, safer chemicals to replace respirator use (has the hierarchy of controls been applied)?			
4. Where respirators are used is there a written respiratory protection program? (note: if there is only voluntary use of filtering facepiece respirators, mark N/A here and for 5 and go to 6)			
5. Does the respiratory protection program have: a. respirator selection procedures? b. requirements for no employee cost medical evaluations? c. initial and ongoing fit-testing requirements? d. routine respirator use procedures? e. emergency respirator use procedures (if applicable)? f. breathing air quality requirements (if applicable)? g. initial and ongoing respirator training requirements? h. ongoing program evaluation procedures? i. a qualified administrator identified (by training or experience)?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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6. If only filtering facepiece respirators are used on a voluntarily basis are all users trained using Appendix D of the OSHA/PESH Respiratory Protection standard?			
7. Are the respirators selections based on the: a. identity of respiratory hazard(s) present? b. concentration of the hazard(s)? c. state of the hazard(s) (particle, vapor, or gas)? d. types of National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certified respirators available? e. sizes and types of respirators that fit and are acceptable to the users?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____	_____	_____
8. If the concentrations have not been determined has the employer assumed Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) conditions exist and selected an IDLH respirator (self contained breathing apparatus or supplied air with and escape bottle)?			
9. Has the assigned protection factor (APF) been determined for each respirator used?			
10. Has the applicable OSHA/PESH Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) been identified for each hazard?			
11. If no PEL is available has an American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Value (TLV) or National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Recommended Exposure Limit (REL) been identified?			
12. Has a maximum use concentration (MUC) been calculated for all the hazards for which each respirator will be used?			
13. Has the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) concentration been identified for each hazard and has the potential for oxygen deficiency and explosive atmospheres been considered?			
14. Has it been determined that the MUCs are less than the IDLH for each hazard?			
15. If an MUC is higher than IDLH has an alternative MUC been established to prevent the use of non-IDLH respirators in IDLH conditions?			
16. For hazards that are present as vapors or gases, where air purifying respirators (APRs) are used: a. is there a filter element with and end of service life indicator? b. has a filter element change out schedule been established based on the concentration of the hazard present?	a. _____ b. _____	_____	_____

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17. For hazards that are present as particulates, where APRs are used: a. is a NIOSH approved High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) (magenta colored) filter provided? b. is an N (non-oil), R (oil-resistant) or P (oil-proof) rated; 90%, 95% or 100% filter provided and selected base on the particulate oil composition and duration of use?	a. _____ b. _____	_____	_____
18. Are medical evaluation forms provided and reviewed prior to initial fit-testing or respirator use?			
19. Does the medical evaluation form contain all the questions from the one in Appendix C of the OSHA/PESH Respiratory Protection standard or is it the one from the standard?			
20. Has a physician or other licensed health care provider (PLHCP) been identified to review the medical evaluation forms and provide any needed examinations?			
21. Is the medical evaluation questionnaire provided: a. confidentially? b. in a manner that workers understand? c. during normal working hours or at a time and place convenient for the workers?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____	_____	_____
22. Is a medical exam given for a yes answer to questions 1-8 of Section 2 of the OSHA/PESH medical evaluation form?			
23. Does the employer provide to the PLHCP: a. the type and weight of the respirator to be used? b. the duration of respirator use? c. the effort of the work being performed? d. a list of any additional personal protective (PPE) equipment worn? e. the temperature and humidity extremes that may be present? f. a copy of the OSHA/PESH respiratory protection standard? g. a copy of the employers written respiratory protection program?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____	_____	_____
24. Are workers given time to discuss the medical evaluation form and their medical examination with the PLHCP?			
25. Does the PLHCP provide to the employer in writing: a. a statement of the worker's ability to wear a respirator? b. the limitations of the worker's respirator use? c. the need for follow-up medical evaluation or exam? d. recommendation if a worker can use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) rather than an APR?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____	_____

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26. Is the PLHCP's opinion provided to the worker in writing?			
27. Are additional medical evaluations performed when: a. required by the PLHCP? b. workers report possible medical problems from respirator use? c. workplace respirator use observations show possible medical problems? d. workplace conditions change that could increase the potential for medical problems from respirator use?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____	_____
28. Is fit-testing performed using one of the methods described in Appendix A of the OSHA/PESH Respiratory Protection standard?			
29. Is fit-testing performed for every worker use of a tight-fitting: a. air-purifying respirator (APR)? b. powered air-purifying respiratory (PAPR)? c. supplied air respirator (SAR)? d. self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____	_____
30. Is fit-testing performed using the same make, model and style of respirator the worker will use? (The respirator can be modified while the fit test is being performed)			
31. Is fit-testing done: a. prior to the use of each type of tight fitting respirator a worker will use? b. when new styles of respirators are provided? c. if a worker's weight or facial features change significantly? d. annually?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____	_____
32. Are different styles and sizes of respirator provided for workers to choose from?			
33. If a respirator fit is unacceptable, is the worker given the opportunity to select another facepiece and to be retested?			
34. Is the presence of facial hair in the sealing area of tight fitting respirators prohibited?			
35. Is corrective vision in full facepiece respirators provided by: a. contact lens use? b. a corrective lens insert approved for use by the respirator manufacturer?	a. _____ b. _____	_____	_____
36. Are respirators users required to perform a positive and negative seal check each time before using a respirator using the procedures given in Appendix B of the OSHA/PESH Respiratory Protection standard?			

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37. Is monitoring of respirator use areas performed to check the physical stress level of respirator users?			
38. Are the respirators in use re-assessed when working conditions change?			
39. Are workers allowed to leave the work area: a. to wash to prevent skin and eye irritation from respirator use? b. if they detect breakthrough or leakage of the respirator? c. if they experience excess breathing resistance? d. to replace the filters according to the change schedule or ESLI?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____	_____
40. Are respirator change schedules reassessed if breakthrough or leakage of a respirator occurs?			
41. If respirators are used in IDLH conditions: a. are one or more workers stationed outside the IDLH area for each one inside? b. is there a means of continuous communication between the workers inside and outside the IDLH area? c. are the workers outside the IDLH area trained in rescue procedures and provided with proper rescue equipment?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____	_____	_____
42. If respirator users will perform interior structural firefighting: a. do two workers enter the fire fighting area together with communication equipment? b. are there two workers stationed outside the fire fighting area? c. do all the workers wear SCBA?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____	_____	_____
43. Are procedures established to keep respirators clean, sanitary and in good working order?			
44. Are respirators for use by more than one person cleaned and sanitized between users?			
45. Are storage containers and spaces provided to protect respirators from damage and deformation?			
46. Are respirators inspected before each use and after cleaning?			
47. Are emergency respirators: a. stored in the workplace in containers that designate them as emergency respirators where they are readily accessible? b. in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions? c. given documented inspections monthly d. inspected before and after each use? e. that are SCBAs maintained in a fully charged state?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____	_____	_____

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48. For respirator repairs are: a. respirators that fail inspection immediately removed from service for repair? b. repairs to respirators only be made by trained persons using NIOSH certified replacement parts from the manufacturer? c. they only performed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions? d. air supply respirator reducing and admission valves, regulators, and alarms made only by manufacturer trained technicians?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
49. Does respirator breathing air meet the requirements for "Grade D" breathing air in accordance with ANSI/CGA Specification G-7.1-1989?			
50. Are compressed gas cylinders for respirators: a. hydrostatically tested in accordance with 49 CFR Part 173 and 178? b. certified by the supplier stating that the air meets the requirements for Grade D? c. have a dew point that does not exceed -50 °F at 1 atmosphere?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
51. Do air compressors for respirator use have: a. a location that prevents contaminants from entering the intake air stream? b. filters and sorbents to provide Grade D breathing air? c. a tag showing the most recent change of the sorbents and filters? d. a means to show that CO is less than 10 parts per million (ppm) for non-oil lubricated compressors? e. a CO alarm for oil lubricated compressors?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
52. Are the fittings for air line respirators incompatible with all other gas handling systems?			
53. Are all cartridges, filters, and canisters NIOSH approved and color coded with legible labels?			
54. Is respirator training provided: a. before workers are required to use a respirator? b. annually? c. after changes to the workplace change the respirator provided? d. when use indicates users have not retained the requisite skills? e. when any other situation arises where retraining appears necessary to ensure safe respirator use?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
55. Is the training understandable and comprehensible to the workers?			

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56. Does the training require that workers can demonstrate knowledge of: a. why respirators are necessary? b. how improper fit, usage, or maintenance can compromise the protective effect of the respirator? c. limitations and capabilities of the respirator? d. how to use the respirator effectively in emergency situations including situations in which the respirator malfunctions? e. how to inspect, put on and remove, use, and check the face seal of the respirator? f. procedures are for maintenance and storage of the respirator? g. how to recognize medical signs and symptoms that may limit or prevent the effective use of the respirator? h. the general requirements of the OSHA/PESH Respiratory Protection standard?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
57. Are evaluations of the workplace performed as necessary to ensure that the written respiratory protection program is being properly implemented?			
58. Do the evaluations include worker input to get their view on respirator program effectiveness and to identify problems?			
59. Do evaluations include review of respirator: a. fit? b. selection for the workplace hazards? c. use under workplace conditions? d. maintenance?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
60. Are the following records maintained: a. medical records for the duration of employment + 30 years? b. fit-test records until the next fit-test is performed? c. the current written program?	a. _____ b. _____ c. _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____