

# Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation

This Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation will help you assess the strengths and weaknesses of your existing programs and policies. If no program or policy exists, it will help guide the development and implementation of an effective Respiratory Protection Program at your worksite. This evaluation should take no more than 10 - 15 minutes to complete.

**Y = Yes, N = No, N/I = Needs Improvement**

I. RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN	Y	N	N/I
A. A written Respiratory Protection Program is in place			
B. A qualified Program Administrator has been designated			
C. The written program is periodically reviewed and evaluated			
D. Management commitment to the Respiratory Protection Program is evident			
E. Appropriate respirators are provided to employees			
F. Employees are actively involved in the Respiratory Protection Program			
II. WORK ASSESSMENT	Y	N	N/I
A. Work areas with contaminated air have been adequately identified			
B. Feasible engineering control options have been exhausted			
C. Worksite assessments to identify the need for respiratory protection are conducted:			
1. Periodically to ensure appropriate employee protection			
2. When new equipment or changes in work procedures may affect air quality			
D. IDLH conditions have been accurately identified			
III. RESPIRATOR SELECTION	Y	N	N/I
A. Respirators are selected based on their ability to protect employees from contaminants			
B. Only NIOSH certified respirators are selected			
C. Employees are provided a reasonable number of respirators from which to select			
D. Respirators are used in compliance with stated conditions of use			
E. Work areas where employees' exposure to contaminated air cannot be fully evaluated are considered IDLH			
F. Employees are provided with appropriate respirators for IDLH conditions			

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IV. MEDICAL EVALUATIONS	Y	N	N/I
A. A medical evaluation is provided to determine each employee's ability to safely use a respirator			
B. A physician or other licensed healthcare professional performs required medical evaluations			
C. Medical evaluations follow the prescribed format provided in the medical questionnaire			
D. Procedures are in place to provide follow-up medical examinations			
E. The medical questionnaire and examinations are administered in a confidential manner			
F. Necessary supplemental information is provided to the healthcare professional as part of the evaluation process			
G. The healthcare professional's written evaluation determines the employee's ability to use the respirator			
H. Additional medical evaluations are provided (as determined necessary)			
V. FIT TESTING	Y	N	N/I
A. Comprehensive fit testing is completed prior to allowing employees to wear respirators in potentially harmful atmospheres			
B. The same make, style and size of respirator is used in the fit test as the employee will routinely use			
C. Appropriate qualitative or quantitative fit test procedures are followed			
D. Fit test procedures are followed whenever any change in equipment occurs, i.e. make, brand, style, size, etc.			
E. Employees are given reasonable opportunity to change respirators and be refitted			
VI. RESPIRATOR USE	Y	N	N/I
A. All conditions that interfere with a good respirator seal are expressly prohibited (facial hair, glasses, goggles, etc.)			
B. Employees perform appropriate user seal checks each time a respirator is put on			

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VI. RESPIRATOR USE (CONTINUED)	Y	N	N/I
C. Respirator effectiveness is continually monitored			
D. Procedures for IDLH atmospheres are strictly followed			
E. Appropriate respirator storage areas are provided			
F. Respirators are appropriately cleaned and disinfected			
G. Respirators are periodically inspected for condition and cleanliness			
H. Damaged and/or dirty respirators are removed from service until repaired and/or disinfected			
I. Appropriate specifications are followed in using supplied air respirators (if applicable)			
J. Filters, cartridges and canisters used are marked with the appropriate NIOSH approval label			
K. Air-purifying respirator cartridges have appropriate "change-out" schedules			
VII. TRAINING AND INFORMATION	Y	N	N/I
A. Employees receive training in proper respirator fit testing, use, and care prior to use			
B. Employees demonstrate knowledge of proper respirator use and care			
VIII. RECORDKEEPING	Y	N	N/I
A. A copy of the written Respiratory Protection Program is available for review by employees, regulatory agencies or others			
B. Medical evaluation records are maintained for the employee's length of employment plus 30 years			
C. Fit test records are maintained until replaced with more current records			
D. Training records are maintained until replaced with more current records			

