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RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR PAINTERS

OSHA requires that respirator users know emergency procedures regarding proper use of respirators. If you're wearing a dual-cartridge respirator, know the manufacturer's recommendations for changing cartridges and filters. When wearing a particulate filter (dust mask) respirator, know the manufacturer's "useful life" or how long such a disposable respirator can be used effectively. Always know the limitations of the respirator and keep in mind that switching painting materials, changing painting methods, or the ever-changing work of others around you might require that you leave the work area until a respiratory hazard is no longer present, or until you can change to the proper respirator.

You should routinely check your respirator for defective parts. Check the headband or harness: Make sure it is pliable and not cracked or distorted. Inspect the face piece for tears and proper shape. Check all valves for proper function using fit check procedures. Make sure that the cartridges are snug in their holders. Remove and replace any defective parts. When not using your respirator, store it in a sealed plastic bag or container. Store your respirator away from temperature extremes, dust, excessive moisture, light, and damaging chemicals. Do not store anything on top of your respirator as doing so may distort the face piece and prevent a proper seal.

Clean your respirator by removing filters and cartridges. Wash components in a warm (110 F maximum) water solution of mild detergent or cleaner recommended by the manufacturer. Use a stiff bristle (not wire) brush to facilitate removal of paint and dirt. Rinse components thoroughly in clean, warm, running water. Rinse thoroughly in warm running water to prevent the detergent from causing deterioration of metal or rubber parts and causing you dermatitis. Allow to air dry.

When wearing a respirator, you must leave the work area when you feel sick, dizzy, nauseous, or light-headed; when you experience an increase in breathing resistance; if you smell or taste any substance while wearing a respirator and or course, if your respirator malfunctions. Always leave the area when changing out cartridges or filters, or if you need to wash your face.

Meeting Conducted By:

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Notes & Suggestions