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1.0 Purpose

Required OSHA communication to all MTS staff who utilize optional full or half piece respirator units in the course of performing their normal duties/activities, including but not exclusively related to any paint, nylon, screening or similar processes (parts washing/wiping etc..) for which current industrial hygiene assessments and evaluations do not require the donning of such ppe items

2.0 Scope

Applies to any and all MTS staff that may optionally utilize any type of dust or vapor respirator item in the course of their normal work (**non-required ppe**), as an added safety precaution and practice. Describes the proper selection, maintenance, and management of voluntary use respirator equipment>

3.0 Definitions

Respirator: an apparatus worn over the mouth and nose or the entire face to prevent the inhalation of dust, smoke, or other noxious substances.

OSHA 1910.134 Appendix D: (Mandatory) Information for Employees Using Respirators when not Required Under Standard

Personal Protective Equipment: refers to protective clothing, helmets, goggles, or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from injury or infection. The hazards addressed by protective equipment include physical, electrical, heat, chemicals, biohazards, and airborne particulate matter



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Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the Standard

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker. Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

5.0 Document Owner

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6.0 References

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