



Voluntary Use of Respirators

EHSS-Phos Program – Respiratory Protection, Appendix B

This Appendix is compliant with OSHA 1910.134 Appendix D – “(Mandatory) Information for Employees Using Respirators When not Required Under Standard”.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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.
- Improper use or an unclean respirator can become a hazard to the worker.
- If the employer provides respirators for 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.

2 GUIDELINES

- Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirator limitations.
- Mosaic employees shall only use NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) approved respirators.
- Ensure a label or statement of certification appears on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
- 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 from gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
- Employees must maintain control of their respirators to avoid mistakenly using another employee’s respirator.