UNIVERSITY RESPIRATORY PROTECTION POLICY

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE
To establish procedures for a respiratory protection program that will protect all university employees from over-exposure to airborne contaminants.

RESPONSIBILITY

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR/ EH&S
♦ Shall develop and administer a Respiratory Protection Program which includes:
   (1) Conducting air monitoring to evaluate exposure to airborne contaminants.
   (2) Scheduling and/or conducting necessary training.
   (3) Conducting fit testing.
   (4) Assisting Departments with proper respirator selection.
   (5) Evaluating and updating program as needed.

DEPARTMENTS
♦ Shall implement the respiratory protection by:
   (1) Informing EH&S of the possible need for air monitoring when a MSDS indicates that respiratory protection may be required, or product should be used in a well-ventilated area.
   (2) Providing appropriate respirators and accessories at no cost to all affected employees.
   (3) Ensuring identified employees have received training, fit testing and annual medical evaluation.
   (4) Ensuring respirators are cleaned, maintained and stored according to the Respiratory Protection Program.
   (5) Being aware of tasks requiring respiratory protection.
   (6) Enforcing the proper use of respirators.

AFFECTED EMPLOYEES
♦ Shall participate in the program by:
   (1) Using, maintaining and storing respirators properly.
   (2) Informing supervisor if respirator no longer fits well.
   (3) Informing supervisor or the Program Administrator of any respiratory hazards that may not be adequately addressed.

REFERENCE