



Environmental Health & Safety Policy & Procedure #4

- TITLE:** **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:** **ACTION**
- 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**
- ◆ FAC 38I-20; 29 CFR 1910.134 & FAU Respiratory Protection Program.

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