

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

KNOW THE AIR. USE THE RIGHT RESPIRATOR. CHECK THE SEAL.

Dusts, fumes, mists, gases, vapors, smoke, and oxygen-deficient atmospheres require evaluation and the correct respiratory controls.

COMMON HAZARDS

- Unknown airborne contaminant or concentration
- Using a dust mask for gases or vapors
- Wrong cartridge, filter, or change schedule
- Facial hair interfering with a tight-fitting seal
- No medical evaluation, training, or fit test
- Entering an oxygen-deficient or IDLH atmosphere

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 What airborne hazard is present?
- 2 Can ventilation or substitution control it?
- 3 Is the respirator approved for this hazard?
- 4 Is the user medically cleared and fit-tested?
- 5 Did the user complete a seal check?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

ASSESS

Identify hazard and concentration.

ENGINEER

Use enclosure or ventilation first.

SELECT

Match respirator to the hazard.

VERIFY

Fit-test, inspect, and seal-check.

ASK THE CREW

1. What could be in the air during today's work?

2. Which controls and respirator are required?

3. Has each user been cleared, trained, and fit-tested?

DATE:

SUPERVISOR:

CREW / LOCATION: