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This instruction supplements Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) Standard 48-137, *Respiratory Protection Program*, dated 10 Feb 05, incorporating change 1, 15 Aug 07, certified current 16 Apr 10. It describes procedures to be used in conjunction with the basic AFOSH standard by Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) personnel. This supplement is applicable to all organizations (including tenant organizations) located on or supported by LAAFB. **All personnel temporarily assigned to Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), i.e. Active Duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and DoD civilian personnel who have duties that require respiratory protection shall contact the 61st Medical Squadron, Bioenvironmental Engineering (BE) for guidance prior to use of respiratory protection.**

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This publication has been substantially revised and should be completely reviewed. Changes include renaming title from Space and Missile Systems Center Supplement to Los Angeles AFB Supplement. Additional changes were administrative and grammatical in nature. The OPR reviewed Interim Change 2 to AFOSHSTD 48-137, Respiratory Protection Program

The introductory paragraph was revised to clarify applicable organizations. Paragraphs 10.3.1., 10.5.4., 10.5.4.2. was added to supplement the Interim Change 2 requirements.

10.3.1. BE Element will provide two hard copies of the QNFT results: one copy will be provided to the UDM for placement in the individual's mobility folder and one copy will be maintained by the member for obtaining a mask at future duty stations.

10.5.4.2. M50 masks is used at LAAFB. Follow the same testing guidelines IAW paragraph 10.5.4.2.

2.8.6. Appoint in writing a "Respirator Maintainer" who is responsible for the use, maintenance, inspection, and care of common use, emergency or escape respirators, as appropriate. A copy of the appointment letter must be provided to BE.

2.14.1. BE will develop and provide a blank "Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire" and "Medical Clearance for Respirator Use" letter to Force Health Management (FHM). FHM will confidentially administer the "Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire" per 29 CFR 1910.134 and "Medical Clearance for Respirator Use" to individuals placed on the respiratory protection program. A "Medical Clearance for Respirator Use" letter is required prior to initial fit testing and wearing a respirator.

2.14.4. Provide BE "Medical Clearance for Respirator Use" letter for personnel who have been medically cleared by a physician or other licensed health care professional to wear a respirator.

**4.4.** Supervisors will ensure the purchase of spectacle insert frames at unit expense, in coordination with BE, for individuals who require their use when wearing a full-face, tight-fitting respirator.

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