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Air Force Occupational, Safety and Health Standard (AFOSHSTD) 48-137, 10 February 2005, is supplemented as follows. This supplement establishes the minimum responsibilities and requirements for an effective respiratory protection program. It applies to the entire 509th Bomb Wing (509 BW) to include all tenants. This supplement requires collecting and maintaining information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 authorized by Title 10 U.S.C., Section 8013 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule Title 42 U.S.C., Section 1301 et seq. Refer recommended changes regarding this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR), 509 MDOS/SGOJ, using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/afirms/>.

2.8.4. Schedule new workers for medical screening within 10 days of the new worker's arrival in the work place. Medical screening from Flight Medicine and training from Base Environmental (BE) is mandatory for all personnel who will wear respirators to control exposure to an airborne hazard. Workers must complete these requirements before wearing a respirator. Refer to paragraph **2.12.6.6.1** for specific 509 BW training procedures.

2.8.7. Ensure corrective glasses or goggles or any other PPE does not interfere with the seal of the face piece to the face of the user when wearing respiratory protection.

2.9.1. Complete initial respirator medical evaluation questionnaire at Flight Medicine within 10 days of reporting to the work place. Complete other physical examination requirements as needed, and respirator training and fit-testing prior to performing duties requiring respiratory protection. Complete filtering face piece device training before electively wearing one of these devices for comfort during work place tasks.

2.9.10. **(Added)** Wear all your equipment (including corrective glasses or goggles) or other PPE (like helmets, etc.) that will be worn during their task or operation while wearing the respirator at the time of fit testing. Fit test shall be performed while the individual is wearing any applicable safety equipment that may be worn during actual respirator use which could interfere with respirator fit. (Ref 29 CFR 1910.134 App A paragraph 13).

2.12.6.6.1. **(Added)** BE will provide initial wearer and supervisor training for all respirators and personnel.

2.12.6.6.2 **(Added)** BE will provide a train the trainer course for new shop supervisors, who will train their shops annually.

2.12.6.3.1. **(Added)** BE will administer all respirator questionnaires IAW 29 CFR 1910.134 and HIPAA requirements, attach a copy of the workplace-specific written program, as required by paragraph 2.9.1. and 2.14.3., and deliver them to the Flight Medicine Office for medical evaluation.

2.14.1. Refer to paragraph 2.12.6.3.1 for specific 509 BW administration procedures for respirator questionnaires.

2.14.3. Refer to paragraph 2.12.6.3.1 for specific 509 BW administration procedures for respirator questionnaires.

2.14.4. Flight Medicine Office will notify BE of personnel who have been medically cleared by a physician or PLHCP to wear a respirator using the occupational health management information system (OHMIS).

2.18.1. The Whiteman Fire and Emergency Services will conduct use and maintenance training for SCBA. All SCBA wearers require medical screening and basic respirator training in addition to the Fire Department's SCBA use and maintenance training.

6.2.3. BE will provide the evaluating PLHCP a copy of 29 CFR 1910.134(e)(5)(i)(A-E) and at least Chapter 6 of this AFOSHSTD. BE will attach a copy of the workplace-specific written program from the worker's workplace/shop to the medical questionnaire. The PLHCP must review the physical work effort statement with the workplace-specific written program.

6.2.4. Flight Medicine will review the questionnaire within 7 business days. Following review of the respirator medical evaluation questionnaire, follow-up medical evaluation, if needed, and the information required in 6.2.3, the PLHCP will determine the worker's ability to use a respirator.

6.2.5.1. When the PLHCP recommends the worker can wear a respirator without restrictions, the written recommendation will be filed in the medical record and a copy given to the worker and the worker's supervisor; BE will be formally notified via OHMIS to proceed with fit testing.

6.2.5.2. When the PLHCP recommends respirator use with restrictions, the written recommendation will be filed in the medical record. Copies will be given to the worker, and the

worker's supervisor, or, if the worker is civilian, the civilian personnel office, and BE will be formally notified to proceed with fit testing via OHMIS.

6.2.5.3. When a worker recovers from the medical condition and the restrictions can be lifted, the PLHCP's recommendation will be re-done and annotated in the individual's medical record, and distributed to the worker, the worker's supervisor or civilian personnel office (if applicable), and BE will be notified via OHMIS (in case a new fit test needs to be accomplished).

6.2.5.4. When the PLHCP recommends against respirator use, the written recommendation will be placed in the worker's medical record, with copies given to the worker, the worker's supervisor, and, if the worker is civilian, the civilian personnel office. BE will be formally notified via OHMIS.

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ATTACHMENT 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 01 March 2008

Prescribed Forms

No Forms Prescribed

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms:

509 BW – 509th Bomb Wing

AFMAN – Air Force Manual

AFRIMS – Air Force Records Information Management System

BE- Base Environmental

HIPPA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

OHMIS – Occupational Health Management Information System

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment