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Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office
Respiratory Protection Training

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the requirements for respiratory protection training as stated below.

05.G.06 Training and information. The program administrator or his designee shall provide respirator user training annually (or when requirements change significantly due to process changes or changes in site specific operations) to personnel using respirators at the facility or project. Annual training shall ensure that each employee using a respirator can demonstrate knowledge of the following topics:

- a. Why the respirator is necessary and how improper fit, usage, or maintenance can compromise the protective effect of the respirator;
- b. Limitations and capabilities of the respirator;
- c. How to use the respirator effectively in emergency situations, including situations in which the respirator malfunctions;
- d. How to inspect, put on and remove, use, and check the seals of the respirator;
- e. Procedures for maintenance and storage of the respirator;
- f. How to recognize medical signs and symptoms that may limit or prevent the effective use of respirators; and
- g. The general requirements of the OSHA respirator standard at 29 CFR 1910.134

