

**Worker Protection Standard
Respiratory Protection Compliance Checklist**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that all individuals working with chemicals labeled for respiratory protection complete the following prior to respirator use: 1) medical clearance; 2) respirator fit test; and 3) training on use and care of respirator. The checklist is intended to help farms and others navigate through this process.

Date	Completed By (Initials)	Activity
		Review labels for all chemicals in use to determine which ones require respiratory protection. For those requiring respiratory protection, determine what type of respirator (e.g., N95, half face, full face, etc.) and what kind of resistance and/or chemical cartridge is required (e.g., particulate, P100/OV, etc.).
		Determine who will be mixing, handling, loading and/or applying chemicals requiring respiratory protection (including farm operator/owner, family members, and hired workers, as applicable).
		Determination preferences as to how medical clearance, respirator fit testing and training on use and care of respirators will be conducted (e.g., <u>medical clearance</u> : online, by a local healthcare provider, by a mobile occupational health provider, etc.; <u>respirator fit testing</u> : e.g., by a local healthcare provider, by a mobile occupational health provider, by a trained individual on the farm, etc.; <u>training</u> : by a healthcare provider, individual on the farm, or other source that speaks the same language as the individual being trained).
		Make arrangements with providers of medical clearance, respirator fit testing and training on use and care of respirators, as applicable. Arrangements should include service agreement, documentation and payment arrangements.
		If decision is to have someone on the farm conduct respirator fit testing, obtain fit test training.
		If decision is to have someone on the farm conduct training on use and care of respirators, ensure that the individual is properly trained and able to conduct training in employees' language(s).
		Have each individual that will be mixing, loading, handling and/or applying chemicals requiring respirator protection complete an OSHA Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire. Information on the type of respirator to be used must be provided to the individual to include on the questionnaire. (Remember that information on the questionnaire is private health information and is not to be viewed by the employer).

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		Make arrangements for individuals to enter medical clearance on line or to have the OSHA Respirator Medical Questionnaire reviewed by a local healthcare provider or Occupational Health Company.
		Obtain documentation of medical clearance from the employee. Check length that clearance is good for. Make a note of expiration for renewal, if applicable. Place medical clearance in farm records – must be maintained for 2 years.
		Make arrangements for individuals to complete respirator fit testing using the same type of respirator (e.g., N95, half face, full face, etc.) required on the label of the chemical(s) they will be using. Remember: Respirators should not be purchased prior to medical clearance or fit testing.
		Obtain copy of respirator fit test card from employee. Check for manufacturer, model and size of respirator. Note date of fit test and place reminder on calendar to update within 1 year of fit test (fit test is required annually). Place copy of respirator fit test card in farm records. Maintain for two years.
		Order respirators and cartridges, as appropriate.
		Conduct training on use and care of respirators in employees' language(s). Document training and place in farm records. Maintain for two years.