



Apache NAUR Health, Safety and Environmental

Respiratory Protection Program Inclusion, Fit Testing and Mask Seal Requirements

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to identify employees who must be included in a respiratory protection program and to set fit testing and mask seal requirements for personnel who use respiratory protection equipment to prevent exposure to potentially harmful airborne contaminants.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Apache employees and contractors supporting NAUR business activities. This includes all NAUR business and operational activities, facilities and pipeline infrastructure.

3. Inclusion in Respiratory Protection Program

If an employee's normal job duties or emergency response activities may require them to wear a respirator, they must be clean-shaven, capable of ensuring a proper mask seal and included in the respiratory protection program. Example positions or activities include:

- Production Operations
- Emergency Response
- Construction on existing facilities
- Processing or Plant Operations
- Maintenance
- Instrumentation
- Well drilling and support services
- Well Servicing
- Flowback Operations
- Pipeline Operations

The following personnel or positions shall not be subject to inclusion with the respiratory protection program.

- Completion personnel (cannot exceed PEL)*
- Office personnel
- Delivery personnel
- New Facility Construction
- Catering personnel
- Tower personnel
- Regulators/Auditors
- Security personnel
- Electricians

**Only includes APA personnel (i.e., Completion Supervisors or embedded consultants) who avoid areas where exposures may potentially exceed respirable silica exposures above the permissible exposure limit (PEL) of 50 µg/m³.*

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4. Fit Testing and Mask Seal Requirements

- A. Respirators with tight fitting face pieces shall not be worn in hazardous atmospheres when conditions prevent a satisfactory face-to-face-piece seal.

Note: These conditions may include temple bars on glasses, absence of dentures, hard-to-fit facial structures or facial hair such as long sideburns and beards.

- B. Respiratory protection wearers in hazardous environments shall not have facial hair that passes between the sealing surface of a respirator face-piece and their face or interferes with the functioning of the respirator valves. See below for illustrations of facial hair rules.
- C. Employees must be provided an OSHA acceptable qualitative or quantitative fit test to ensure a proper respirator fit for all employees who are required to wear respirators with a tight-fitting face piece. This test shall be performed prior to the initial wearing of a respirator with the same make, model, style and size of the respirator to be used.
- D. Fit tests shall be done annually, within one calendar year of the required use of a respirator.
- E. Additional fit tests shall be performed if there is a change in the respirator user's physical condition that could affect respirator fit. Examples of physical conditions affecting face piece fit would include dental changes, cosmetic surgery or a significant change in body weight.

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UNACCEPTABLE
A full beard is NOT permissible.



UNACCEPTABLE
The mustache extends beyond the corners of the mouth.



UNACCEPTABLE
Any hair below the bottom of the lip and chin is NOT permissible.



ACCEPTABLE
The mustache does not extend beyond the corners of the mouth. The sideburns do not extend below the bottom of the earlobes.

