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Voluntary Use of Respirators

Advisory Information for Employees Who Voluntarily Use Respirators

When respirators are properly selected and used, they protect against airborne hazards. Lusail Construction HSE recommends voluntary use of respirators when exposure to substances is below permissible exposure limits (PELs) because respirators can provide you an additional level of comfort and protection.

If you use a respirator voluntarily (whether it is provided by you or your employer), be aware that respirators can create hazards for you, the user. You can avoid these hazards if you know how to use your respirator properly and how to keep it clean. Take these steps:

1. Read and follow all instructions provided by the manufacturer regarding use, maintenance (cleaning and care), and warnings regarding the respirator's limitations.
2. Choose respirators that have been certified for use to protect against the substance of concern. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certifies respirators. If a respirator is not certified by NIOSH, you have no guarantee that it meets minimum design and performance standards for workplace use.
3. A NIOSH approval label will appear on or in the respirator packaging. It will tell you what protection the respirator provides.
 - a. Keep track of your respirator so you do not mistakenly use someone else's.
 - b. Do not wear your respirator into:
 - (1) Atmospheres containing hazards that your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against solvent vapor, smoke, or oxygen deficiency.
 - (2) Situations where respirator use is required.