



Appendix 23-D Voluntary Respirator Use Form

Please Read:

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to you. Sometimes employees may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substances does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If respirators are provided to you by Sunbelt Controls for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirator's limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant or concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will NOT protect you against gases, vapors, or very small particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to the information provided on this form.

Signature

Printed Name

Date