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Dear Mr. Harvey,

This is in response to your letter requesting information regarding Oregon OSHA's rules on respiratory protection. Specifically you ask if nurses who are required to wear N-95 respirators are required to have annual fit-testing.

OAR 437-002-1910.134, Respiratory Protection, requires that any employee who is required to wear a tight-fitting facepiece respirator, including the filtering facepiece such as what is commonly referred to as an N-95, must have annual training and fit testing.

We have a publication entitled, "Breathe right! Oregon OSHA's guide to respiratory protection for small-business owners and managers" that addresses many issues regarding respiratory protection. I am enclosing that publication and two fact sheets with this letter.

Please contact Dave McLaughlin in our technical section at (503) 947-7457 if you have questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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