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June 13, 2006

Changes Adopted - Agriculture Respiratory Protection Standard

A new Respiratory Protection standard was adopted in Division 4/I, Agriculture. **OAR 437-004-1041, Respiratory Protection was adopted as OR-OSHA Administrative Order 3-2006 on June 7, 2006, but will not be effective until March 1, 2007.**

The current 437-004-1040, Respiratory Protection will remain in effect through February 28, 2007.

Oregon OSHA will have both standards on the web site and in hard copy until March 2007.

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Summary of changes:

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- There is a requirement for annual fit-testing of required use of respirators.
- There is a change from annual medical evaluations to a medical evaluation before the first fit-test.
- New appendices **A**, **B1**, **B2** and **D** were added for procedures on fit-testing (A), user seal check (B1) and proper cleaning (B2) the medical questionnaire was moved to (C) and voluntary use information (D). The mandatory appendices **C** and **D** are also in Spanish.
- There is a section on interior structural firefighting requiring the two in two out rules.
- Training is required annually.
- A change out schedule for canisters and cartridges is required.

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to become effective March 1, 2007 as OR-OSHA Administrative Order 3-2006.
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RULE CAPTION

Adoption of new Respiratory Protection standard in Agriculture.
Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

RULEMAKING ACTION

REPEAL: OAR 437-004-1040

ADOPT: OAR 437-004-1041

ORS 654.025 (2) and 656.726(4)
Stat. Auth.

ORS 654.001 through 654.295
Stats. Implemented

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