

November 30, 2006

Oregon OSHA - Adopted Changes To Respiratory Protection in General Industry, Construction, Agriculture, and Maritime

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Federal OSHA developed the final APFs after thoroughly reviewing the available literature, including chamber-simulation studies and workplace protection factor studies, comments submitted to the record, and hearing testimony. The final APFs provide employers with critical information to use when selecting respirators for employees exposed to atmospheric contaminants found in general industry, construction, shipyards, longshoring, and marine terminal workplaces. Oregon OSHA also adopts these changes into Division 4, Agriculture. Proper respirator selection using APFs is an important component of an effective respiratory protection program. Accordingly, Federal OSHA concludes that the final APFs are necessary to protect employees who must use respirators to protect them from airborne contaminants.

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RULE CAPTION

Adoption of Federal OSHA's changes to Respiratory Protection in General Industry, Construction, Agriculture, and Maritime.

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RULEMAKING ACTION

AMEND: OAR 437-002-0120, 437-002-0360, 437-003-0001, 437-004-1041, and 437-005-0001

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