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Dear Mr. Black:

This is in response to your letter of September 16, 1998, requesting clarification on the definition of "administer" as it applies to 1910.134, Respiratory Protection.

The term "administer" is performance based, in that the methods that work best for any particular employer is appropriate. For example, if a particular employer determines that having the physician or other licensed health-care professional (PLHCP) administer the questionnaire, this would be acceptable.

When an employer develops how they will administer the questionnaire, they do need to ensure that the employee is allowed to fill it out during their normal working hours or at a time and place that is convenient to the employee, the employee must be able to understand the questions on the questionnaire, and the completed questionnaire must be kept confidential.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact David McLaughlin in our Technical Section at (503) 947-7457.

Sincerely,

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