

Industrial Hygiene Self-Assessment for VPP

During a VPP onsite visit, your industrial hygiene program will be evaluated. To help you better prepare, you should *be able to answer and/or explain all of the following before you submit your VPP Application.*

NOTE: Answers to some of these questions are required for Merit status; answers to all of them are required for Star status. The VPP team will be evaluating each of these subjects, and your knowledge of them is critical. You should have documentation or information to answer the following questions.

1. What process have you used to recognize, evaluate, and control chemical and physical hazards in your workplace?
 - a. What rule-related IH hazards exist in your workplace (e.g. cadmium, formaldehyde, lead, asbestos)?
 - b. What major process hazards do you have that may have chemical/physical agent exposures?
 - c. What other chemical/physical agent exposures exist in your workplace?
 - d. How has your chemical inventory been evaluated?
 - e. Explain the process used to evaluate new chemicals and new processes for health hazards.
2. What non-routine tasks have you identified at your facility that could expose your workers (or contractors) to chemical/physical hazards (e.g. equipment servicing/inspection, chemical spills, permit-required confined spaces)?
3. What written programs related to industrial hygiene do you maintain at your work place (e.g., Process Safety Management, respiratory protection, hazard communication, lead, bloodborne pathogens, medical monitoring, etc.)?
4. List all of the IH surveys conducted in the past three years in chronological order. Include both internal and external surveys.
 - a. Did any of these surveys encompass the entire facility and identify all hazards and potential hazards?
 - b. How is the data from these surveys used?
 - c. Is the information shared with employees?
5. What medical records do you maintain (e.g., respirator fit test results, respirator medical evaluation summary and physical exams, medical monitoring for chemical exposure, audiograms, etc.)?
6. What is your IH sampling strategy for future monitoring?
7. List the engineering controls that have been implemented to control IH hazards (e.g., ventilation, noise control, etc.)?
 - a. How have you evaluated these controls to verify that they are performing adequately?
8. What IH training topics are covered with your employees?