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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

WELCOME!

This sample program is provided to assist you as an employer in developing programs tailored to your own operation. We encourage you to copy, expand, modify and customize this sample as necessary to accomplish this goal. **This program is intended for employees who are required by their employer to wear respiratory protection. A sample written program for those employees who voluntarily use filtering facepieces (dust masks) and a sample written program of a voluntary respiratory protection program (other than a filtering facepiece) can be found within this Consultative Services Web site.**

This document is provided as a compliance aid, but does not constitute a legal interpretation of OSHA Standards, nor does it replace the need to be familiar with, and follow, the actual OSHA Standards (including any North Carolina specific changes.) Though this document is intended to be consistent with OSHA Standards, if an area is considered by the reader to be inconsistent, the OSHA standard should be followed. Of course, we welcome your comments and feedback!

The N.C. Department of Labor OSH Consultative Services Bureau can be contacted for further assistance such as helping you set up your individual program and even with on-site surveys. Feel free to contact us at 1-800-NC-LABOR or at (919) 807-2899. You may also want to visit our Web site at <http://www.nclabor.com/osh/consult/consult.htm>.

Remember: A written safety/health program is only effective if it is put into place!

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