Respirator – Use Requirements

Are respirators:
- necessary to protect the health of the employee; or
- required by the employer?

Yes

Must establish and implement a written respirator program with worksite-specific procedures.

No

Does the employer permit voluntary use of respirators?

No

Yes

STOP

Does the only use of respirators involve the voluntary use of filtering facepieces (dust masks)?

Yes

- Employer determines that the respirator itself does not create a hazard.
- Must provide users with information contained in Appendix D.
- No respirator program required.

No

- Employer determines that the respirator itself does not create a hazard.
- Must provide users with information contained in Appendix D.
- Must establish and implement those elements of a written respirator program necessary to ensure that employee is medically able to use that respirator.