

Minimum Criteria for Monitoring

29 CFR 1910.1017 section (d)
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(d) Monitoring (1) A program of initial monitoring and measurement shall be undertaken in each establishment to determine if there is any employee exposed, without regard to the use of respirators, in excess of the action level.

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- (a) *The standard requires that individual employee exposure levels be determined, effective April 1, 1975. Any monitoring program will be acceptable as long as it gives valid determinations of employee exposures and includes all employees, without regard to the use of respirators.*
- (b) *The selection and number of employees necessary for personnel monitoring to determine if any employee is being exposed, will be dependent upon, but not limited to, the number of employees per shift, their duties, the area and operation, and the work practices in force. The exposure of each employee must be represented, even though he may not be personally monitored.*

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(d) (2) Where a determination conducted under paragraph (d) (1) of this section shows any employee exposures, without regard to the use of respirators, in excess of the action level, a program for determining exposures for each employee shall be established. Such a program:

- (i) Shall be repeated at least monthly where any employee is exposed without regard to the use of respirators, in excess of the permissible exposure limit.
- (ii) Shall be repeated not less than quarterly where any employee is exposed, without regard to the use of respirators, in excess of the action level.

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- (a) *This means that monitoring must be repeated at least monthly where any employee is exposed in excess of 1 ppm; quarterly when exposure is in excess of 0.5 ppm. Any employee includes all employees, without regard to the use of respirators.*
- (iii) May be discontinued for any employee only when at least two consecutive monitoring determinations, made not less than 5 working days apart, show exposures for that employee at or below the action level.