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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The OSHA Standard on respiratory protection (29CFR1910.134) states under paragraph 10 that persons required to wear respirators should have a physical examination to determine if they are able to do the work and use the equipment. Following the initial examination, annual medical checks are suggested.

Following a discussion with a number of you that are working under Building Trades agreements, it was determined that physical exams for respirator usage were considered to be a "job placement" exam rather than a condition of employment. Therefore, there does not appear to be

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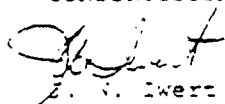
any lesser relations difficulty involved with this type of physical examination.

The extent of the recommended examination is a vital capacity check and a visual check to assure the facial features of an individual do not keep the respirator from fitting properly. Beards obviously are not acceptable.

In order for us to have an idea of the cost of the examinations, we need to know how many people you have wearing respirators now. We suggest you limit the number of people to a minimum even though we recognize that a job may come up that will require additional physicals. Do not include employees who would routinely be required to wear the disposable dust masks; only those required to wear the canister and air-supplied respirators.

Please provide us with your estimates and any problems you feel you will have in administering a physical examination program for respirator usage by December 9, 1977.

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