



NEWS BULLETIN

SPECIAL HEALTH STANDARD ADVISORY

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TO: Safety Supervisors Domestic Plants

SUBJECT: EXPIRATION DATE FOR FILTER AND CARTRIDGE TYPE RESPIRATORS

On May 31, 1974, we advised you that the deadline for using filter and cartridge type respirators approved under Bureau of Mines Schedules 21B and 23B was March 31, 1976. In other words, after that date only NIOSH approved filter and cartridge type respirators would be acceptable for compliance with OSHA 1910.134 regulation on use of such protection equipment.

Although the change-over date is about a year away, we recommend that each plant using such equipment start phasing out all the old respirators and replace them with respirators with NIOSH approval under Schedule 21C and 23C, as new respirators are ordered.

There are two sources from where information can be obtained on NIOSH approved filter and cartridge respirators:

1. NIOSH has published a list of their certified protection equipment which is updated periodically through supplements. The following publications can be obtained by writing to the address below. Enclosing a self-return address label with your request will expediate your request.

- a) HEW Publication No. (NIOSH) 75-119: NIOSH Certified Personal Protective Equipment, July 1974.
- b) Cumulative Supplement to July 1974 Edition of NIOSH Certified Personal Protective Equipment, September 1974.
- c) Cumulative Supplement to July 1974 Edition of NIOSH Certified Personal Protective Equipment, January 1975.

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2. The safety equipment company who you ordinarily buy such equipment from will be able to provide information on the respirators they handle which have NIOSH approval.

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