

Monsanto

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SUBJECT: Inspection Sheets -- Inspection
of Safety Equipment

REFERENCE:

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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Canister and Bottled Air Type Gas Masks

These masks are thoroughly inspected semiannually and maintained in all units of the plant in cases sealed with lead wire seals. An inspection card is mounted in the sealed case which shows the date of inspection and the signature of the inspector making the inspection. In the event a seal is broken inadvertently or intentionally, the gas mask is taken to the Safety Supply room for a thorough check and inspection before being replaced in the unit. After a gas mask is used, it is thoroughly washed and sterilized, any worn parts are replaced and thoroughly checked before being placed in the unit. In all cases whenever a seal is broken on a gas mask case, the mask is thoroughly checked and the information as to date of inspection and by whom is placed on the record card before the case is resealed.

Airline Respirators

These masks are used primarily in Departments 18, VCM, and 31. A supply of this type mask is maintained in special cabinets in these units and as these respirators are used, they are placed in a used mask container in the unit. These respirators are picked up by the Safety inspector, taken to Safety Supply; and are washed, sterilized, and inspected for worn or damaged parts. The final inspection on this type mask is made by the Safety inspector prior to being placed in sealed plastic bags and delivered back to the unit's gas mask cabinet.

HCN Sample Masks

These masks are used in Departments 19 & 20 and the same procedures are followed as with the airline respirators.

Safety Showers and Eye Baths

Visual inspection of safety showers and eye baths are made by the Safety inspectors on trips to their inspection units to make atmospheric tests and in conjunction with their safety sampling program and other area visits.

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Dust and Chemical Cartridge Respirators

These type respirators are issued to individual employees for specific jobs from the Safety Supply room. Upon completion of the job, respirators are returned to the Safety Supply room where they are disassembled and new filters installed. These respirators are then placed in plastic containers and are ready for reissue.

Atmospheric Testing Equipment

The Davis Explosimeters are checked each morning in a flammable vapor to be sure that the instrument is working. Once each week the instruments are checked with a special kit in a two per cent methane-air mixture for accuracy.

The instruments used to check for oxygen-deficient areas are checked weekly on the nitrogen stream in Department 17.

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