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Field Project Managers and
Resident Engineers

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS - Cont'd.

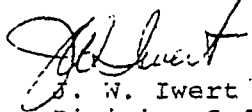
any labor relations difficulty involved with this type of physical examination.

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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