

# NAES STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Public Safety Department (OSH Division)

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the NAES Respiratory program is to provide policy, requirements, and guidance for the utilization of respiratory equipment aboard NAES Lakehurst and also located at various locations through- out the world. ( Fleet Representatives and VRT personnel)

## 2.0 APPLICATION

Appropriate respiratory protection equipment will be issued to all NAES employees requiring it due to the nature of their work. The use of any form of respiratory protective equipment, including “dust mask”, by NAES employees -other than those identified by the Respiratory Protection Program Manager (RPPM) – is prohibited. Inclusion into the Respiratory Protection Program shall be limited to:

1. Employees working in areas or performing operation known to be health hazards; i.e. firefighters, asbestos workers, abrasive blasters, etc.
2. Employees working in areas or performing operations suspected to be health hazards; i.e. certain welding operations, paint spraying, grinding, etc.

## 3.0 REFERENCES

OPNAVINST 5100.23E CHPT. 15  
29 CFR 1910.134

## 4.0 PROCEDURES

Any employee identified by the RPPM , as requiring the use of any type of respiratory protection equipment shall comply with the following:

1. Medical Qualification – Employees will not be able to use any type of respiratory equipment until it has been determined that they are physically able to do so. This medical qualification shall be repeated – as part of medical surveillance – at intervals, which are determined by the employee’s age.
2. Training – Upon receipt of a medical clearance, the RPPM will make arrangements to provide training and fit testing. The initial training and fit testing is approximately two hours long. No employee shall wear any type of respiratory protection until successful completion and is issued a user qualification card, which is good for one year. Employees may only utilize the types of respiratory protection that are listed on the card.
3. Fit Testing- Employees will be fit tested for all respiratory protection required. Employees will be fitted for all respirators utilized on an annual basis. Employee will be issued new respirator qualification card.
4. Employees shall turn in all issued respiratory equipment when no longer needed.
5. Compressed breathing air sources shall be tested on a quarterly basis by the NAES Safety office. Results will be forwarded to all affected shops and a copy will be retained by the RPPM. Any source which does not meet minimum requirement will be taken out of service until corrected and documented as such.

