**CHECKLIST FOR PROPER USE OF RESPIRATORS**

* Workers using tight-fitting respirators have no conditions, such as facial hair, that would interfere with a face-to-face piece seal or valve function.
* Workers wear corrective glasses, goggles, or other protective equipment in a manner that does not interfere with the face-to-face piece seal or valve function.
* Workers perform user seal checks prior to each use of a tight-fitting respirator.
* There are procedures for conducting ongoing surveillance of the work area for conditions that affect respirator effectiveness, and that, when such conditions exist, you take steps to address those situations.
* Employees are permitted to leave their work area to conduct respirator maintenance, such as washing the face piece, or to replace respirator parts.
* Employees do not return to their work area until their respirator has been repaired or replaced in the event of breakthrough, a leak in the face piece, or a change in breathing resistance.
* There are procedures for respirator use in IDLH atmospheres and during interior structural firefighting to ensure that: the appropriate number of standby personnel are deployed; standby personnel and employees in the IDLH environment maintain communication; standby personnel are properly trained, equipped, and prepared; the employer will be notified when standby personnel enter an IDLH atmosphere; and the employer will respond to this notification.
* Standby personnel are equipped with a pressure demand or other positive pressure SCBA, or a positive pressure supplied air respirator with an escape SCBA, and appropriate retrieval equipment or other means for rescue.
* Procedures for interior structural firefighting require that: at least two employees enter the IDLH atmosphere and remain in contact with one another at all times; at least two standby personnel are used; and all firefighting employees use SCBAs.