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### Clarification on Requirements Under Protocol D7.4: Respiratory Protection Training (Including Fit Testing)

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide clarification to Ammonia Code sites on the requirements under Protocol D7.4 for respiratory protection training, including fit testing. This technical clarification is in response to recent incidences where sites were not meeting the full requirements for respirator fit testing as prescribed by the Code.

Protocol D7.4 is mandatory, and requires that training has been provided for appropriate personnel on:

**D7.4** Respiratory protection training for all personnel required to wear a respirator including those handling ammonia day-to-day and emergency responders.

*Compliance will be indicated through an examination of training records to indicate respiratory protection training (including fit testing, qualitative or quantitative) has been provided to all affected staff annually.*

As indicated in the Implementation Guide (pg. 179), compliance with Protocol D7.4 requires that training includes how to conduct basic positive and negative pressure fit testing (e.g. seal intakes with the hands and evaluate integrity of seal by inhaling, check exhaust valve function by exhaling). Provincial Occupational Health & Safety Regulations include requirements for training, use and documentation around respirator use. Respirator training must be refreshed annually.

The Ammonia Code Appendices includes a Respirator Fit Test Checksheet template that can be used to satisfy the requirements for this section.

Should you have any questions regarding compliance with the Code, contact the Ammonia Code Senior Auditor Dennis Black via email at [deblack1@mts.net](mailto:deblack1@mts.net) or via phone at (204) 512-2109, or the Ammonia Code Project Manager, Anthony Laycock via email at [manager@awsa.ca](mailto:manager@awsa.ca). You may alternatively contact Fertilizer Canada using the coordinates below.

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