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SUBJECT: SAFETY

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### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

The department head shall approve the respiratory equipment taking into consideration the chemical and physical properties of the contaminants, as well as the toxicity and concentration of the hazardous material, the nature and extent of the hazard, work requirements and conditions, and the limitations and characteristics of the available respirators.

Employees shall be screened and trained by the department in consultation with the emergency manager in the proper use of respiratory equipment. Employees with existing respiratory problems or facial features (beards, mustaches) that would prevent an adequate facial seal, will be considered in the selection of, not only the respiratory protective equipment, but also the individual employee.

All employees are responsible for the respiratory equipment that is assigned for their use. Respiratory protective equipment that is lost, damaged, or destroyed by an employee will be replaced at the assigned employee's expense.