

## WPS Respiratory Protection Workshop -

Thursday February 8, 2024 9am - 1pm

EPA's Revised WPS requires that agricultural employers provide all handlers (including family members) using a pesticide which requires respiratory protection with 1) medical evaluation; 2) fit testing of all tight-fitting respirators and 3) training per the requirements of 40 CFR 170.507 (b)(10). At this workshop, growers/applicators/their employees will receive class instruction and hands-on training in how to: correctly select respiratory protection from the pesticide label; train and fit test others; and document results in accordance with the Revised WPS and New Jersey regulations.

**Part 1: Participant Information**

1. Full Name (First Last):

2. Phone:

Cell phone:

3. Email:

4. Check as many that are applicable:

 Licensed Private Applicator     Licensed Commercial Applicator     Other

 Unlicensed pesticide handler     Agricultural Employer
5. If you checked that you are a Licensed Applicator:

a. State licensed:

License number:

Date of license expiration:

6. Agricultural Employer Name:

Phone:

Address of agricultural establishment:

7. Indicate the number of pesticide handlers the participant will fit test and train in a season:

**Part 2: List of Pesticides Used Which the Pesticide Label Requires Respiratory Protection**

Each participant will learn how to select the correct respirator using the pesticide label statements of products used on their farm. Please **list below any pesticide that will be handled on your farm which the pesticide label requires the use of respiratory protection**. Participants will be trained in pairs in how to properly conduct a *qualitative* fit test so that they can perform fit tests on the farm for as many masks and applicators as needed on their own. In rare cases, pesticide labels require respirators that require *quantitative* fit testing. Quantitative fit testing will be performed for those participants at the workshop that need it. Training in the use of quantitative fit testing will not be provided to participants.

Brand name of pesticide	EPA Registration Number
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### Part 3: Fit Testing Pre-requisites

1. Prior to fit testing or using a respirator, OSHA requires that the respirator user be medically evaluated. **Each applicant must submit with their registration form a fully completed medical clearance** by a physician or other licensed health care provider per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1910.134(e)(6)9i. The clearance will indicate the types of respirators that the person is cleared to use and conditions of use; any restrictions on use; and if there is a need for further medical evaluation at a later date (such as an annual re-evaluation). See [Medical Evaluation of Respirator Users: Information for Physicians and Other Licensed Healthcare Providers](#).
2. The qualitative fit test method that will be used for the workshop requires that participants use respirators that filter particulates; any N, R, or P filter is acceptable. **If you already have a respirator(s), you must bring each one that you would like to be fit tested with its filters (if a reusable respirator). List the respirator(s) that you currently use in the table below.** Please bring with you the respirator(s), filter(s), and any User Manual(s) that came in the respirator packaging.

Respirator 1	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Manufacturer			
Type/facepiece (check type)	<input type="checkbox"/> Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) <input type="checkbox"/> Half Facepiece Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Full Facepiece Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) <input type="checkbox"/> Half Facepiece Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Full Facepiece <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) <input type="checkbox"/> Half Facepiece Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Full Facepiece Respirator <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Mask
Model name/number			
Size (S, M, L)			

3. **IMPORTANT: DO NOT BUY A NEW RESPIRATOR.** If you do not have a respirator or cannot achieve a fit with your current one, a selection of surrogate respirators of assorted respirator manufacturers, models, and sizes will be available for you to try. You will receive a Fit Test Record specifying the exact brand, model, and size of respirator that fit was achieved. For your wallet card and Fit Test Record to be valid, you must purchase the exact model and size. We will provide you with a list of respirator vendors, and ordering information.
4. **On the day of the Workshop** do not use any lotions, after shave, or makeup on your face. It will deteriorate your mask. You must be clean-shaven at the mask sealing surface; mustaches or other facial hair must not interfere with inhalation and exhalation valve function. OSHA does not preclude the use of contact lenses with respirators; you may wear your contact lenses during fit testing. Bring eyeglasses, goggles, or any other equipment you expect to wear with your respirator.

### Part 4: Submitting Your Respirator Workshop Pre-Registration Form

1. Please **call** Rutgers Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator Pat Hastings at 848-932-0176 if you have any questions about the workshop or need assistance in completing this Pre-registration Form.
2. Please email your fully completed application form and medical clearance to Pat Hastings at [hastings@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:hastings@njaes.rutgers.edu). The first thirty persons submitting a complete application (Pre-registration Form and medical clearance) will be sent an email confirming their registration for the workshop. All other applicants will receive an email and be wait-listed in the order received. Registration closes on January 19, 2024.
3. For more information on respiratory protection for pesticides and the Worker Protection Standard requirements, please consult Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) bulletins:
  - a. NJAES Bulletin E358 "[Respiratory Protection for Occupational Users of Pesticides](#)" (27 pp.)
  - b. NJAES Bulletin E372 "[EPA's WPS Respiratory and Recordkeeping Requirements for Agricultural Employers of Pesticide Handlers](#)"(10 pp.)