Training must be presented in a way that the employee can understand and must include at least the following information:

- Why a respirator must be used
- What the respirator can/cannot do to protect the individual;
- How to properly inspect, put on, take off and use the respirator;
- How to check the seal of the respirator;
- How to use the respirator effectively in emergency situations, including situations in which the respirator doesn’t work properly;
- How to recognize medical signs/symptoms that may limit or prevent the individual from using a respirator;
- How improper fit, usage or maintenance can reduce the respirator’s ability to protect the individual;
- What the procedures are for maintenance and storage of the respirator; and,
- What the requirements are for Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and/or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), as applicable.
Respirator Cleaning

Step 1
Gather supplies:
• 5 gallon bucket
• Soft bristle brush
• Mild detergent
• 1 Gallon of water
• ¾ tsp of bleach (ex. ½ tsp + ¼ tsp = ¾ tsp)

Step 2
Remove filters, cartridges, or canisters and put aside in plastic bag. These are not washed.

Step 3
Disassemble facepiece: Remove speaking diaphragms, demand and pressure-demand valve assemblies, hoses, or any components recommended by the manufacturer. Discard or repair any defective parts.

Step 4
• Wash components in warm 110F/43C water with a mild detergent or with a cleaner recommended by the manufacturer.
• Use a soft bristle brush to remove dirt.

Step 5
Rinse components thoroughly in clean, warm 110F/43C, preferably running water. Drain. The importance of thorough rinsing cannot be overemphasized.

Step 6
Make bleach dilution - 3/4 tsp bleach, 1 gallon water. Immerse respirator in bleach solution or other manufacturer approved disinfecting solution for 2 minutes.

Step 7
Rinse components thoroughly in clean, warm 110F/43C, preferably running water. Drain.

Step 8
Components should be hand-dried with a clean lint-free cloth or air-dried.

Step 9
Reassemble facepiece, replacing filters, cartridges, and canisters where necessary. Store in separate bags. Do not store in extreme heat or direct sunlight.

Step 10
Reassemble the respirator and test to make sure it is working properly.

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Storage

- Store clean respirator in air tight bag or container. Be sure respirator is dry before putting in bag or container.

- Store cartridges separately so as not to contaminate clean respirator.

- Store both away from sunlight, moisture, extreme cold, extreme heat and dust.

- Do not store respirators in tool boxes.

- Take special care with particulate (N95 respirators) not to store in a way that damages the shape of the respirator.