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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - RESPIRATORS

I recommend that respiratory equipment be provided and used on construction job sites, and in fabrication shops, where Asbestos and silica dust concentrations exceed the allowable threshold limit values.

The following types of Respirators are U. S. Bureau of Mines Approved under Schedule 21 and are suitable for use.

1. Mine Safety Appliances - Dustfoe 77
2. Willson Mono Mask #600-A
3. American Optical R9100 - R9100-T

Because of the unique circumstances concerning construction work, the latter American Optical Respirator might be the most suitable of the three. It is a disposable mask, whereas the other two require cleaning, maintenance and filter replacement on a continual basis. Such a maintenance program would require the collection, maintenance and redistribution of the Respirators on a daily basis.

New Bureau of Mines Approved Disposable Respirators will be marketed by three manufacturers between now and the first of the year. We will evaluate these new Respirators and I suggest that we consider revision of the foregoing approved list in the early part of January.

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