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## RESPIRATOR REVOKED BY NIOSH

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) wishes to inform respirator users that the NIOSH certificates of approval TC-84A-4404 and TC-84A-4405 for JTN models MVP-TR1 and MVP-TR2 N95 Filtering Facepieces have been revoked as of December 4, 2008. These models and being sold by various distributors as NIOSH approved Silver Shield™ 95 Antimicrobial Masks.

A NIOSH approval is issued to a respirator only after it has been tested and evaluated in the laboratory and found to comply with all the requirements of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 84. When JTN applied for certificates of approval for models MVP-TR1 and MVP-Tr2 N95 filtering facepieces, they failed to inform NIOSH that they were seeking approval for an antimicrobial unit and NIOSH neither tested nor approved them as antimicrobial masks. Thus, these NIOSH certificates of approval were issued based on incomplete information.

Because this is NOT the configuration and labeling for which approval was issued by NIOSH, such marketing is in direct violation of the NIOSH approval; therefore, TVC84A-4404 and TC-84A4405 are no longer certified and approved by NIOSH.

Revocation of this approval means that the JTN models MVP-TR1 and MCP-TR2 N95 filtering facepieces TC-84A-4405 and TC-84A-4405 will no longer be listed as NIOSH approved respirators. Revocation also means that respirators bearing these NIOSH approval numbers TC-84A-4404 and TC-84A-4405 may no longer be manufactured, assembled, sold, or distributed.

## FALL PROTECTION ALERT

The Utah Labor Commission OSHA Consultation Program is reminding all employers in the construction industry, utilizing fall protection that as of January 1, 2005, Utah OSHA no longer enforces the Interim Fall Protection Guidelines. State plan states (a state where the OSHA program within the state is not managed by the federal government, but is managed on a state level) are required to be as effective as or more stringent than the federal regulations. The Interim Protection Guidelines allowed alternate work practices due to the infeasibility of applying all the requirements of the 29 CFR 1926 – Subpart M- Fall Protection standard. However, due to new products, improvements and the availability of fall protection equipment in the construction industry, employers in the State of Utah, engaged in construction trades, are no longer allowed to utilize the Interim Fall Protection Guidelines. Utah employers in the construction industry must comply with 29 CFR 1926, Subpart M - Fall Protection, as well as any applicable Utah Administrative Codes.

Use the following links to access the Fall Protection Guidelines:

1926.500 - Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

[www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=STANDARDS&p\\_id=10756](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10756)

1926.501 - Duty to have fall protection

[www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=STANDARDS&p\\_id=10757](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10757)

1926.502 - Fall protection systems criteria and practices.

[www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=STANDARDS&p\\_id=10758](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10758)

1926.503 - Training Requirements

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=STANDARDS&p\\_id=10759](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10759)

## Mandatory Posters in the Workplace

### For Free!

Recently the U.S. Government changed some provisions in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) which necessitates employers to remove their old posters and replace it with the new poster. When changes like this occur, companies step-up their efforts to sell these posters to employers at a high cost. In the past there have been sellers, of these posters, that have misrepresented themselves as state or federal officials and have threatened to have OSHA inspect the business to ensure that the correct

posters are posted as required by the State of Utah and the U.S. Government. "Although it is required that specific workplace posters informing employees of their rights must be displayed in the workplace," said Labor Commission Sherrie Hayashi, "It is not necessary that these posters be purchased." All of the posters that are required by the state and the federal government are free on-line or directly from the Utah Labor Commission. The Labor Commission web-site let's you know which post-

ers are required in Utah, and also allows you to download all of the posters. Please go to <http://www.laborcommission.utah.gov/AdministrativeServices/RequiredPosters.html> to access this information. **NOTE:** Utah does not use the federal safety poster. Here is the link to the UTAH Safety Poster <http://www.laborcommission.utah.gov/UOSH/pdfs/UOSH%20Poster%2012-07eng.pdf> a Spanish language version is also available.

#### UPCOMING TOPICS:

Pneumatic Nail Gun Safety Tips

Filling Containers Safely

Do you have a topic you would like to see featured in a future Safety Line?

Email your suggestions to:  
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Consultation Program  
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## Keep your Work Site Safe with OSHA E-Tools

Did you know that [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) has on-line interactive, web-based training tools on most occupational safety and health topics? These e-tools are highly illustrated and utilize graphical menus. Some also use expert systems modules, which enable the user to answer questions, and receive reliable advice on how OSHA regulations apply to their work site. Expert Advisors are based solely on expert systems. Selected e-tools are available as downloadable files for off-line use.

Here is a partial list of topics covered on the OSHA website:

Ammonia Refrigeration, Evacuation Plans and Procedures, Lockout/Tagout, Scaffolding, Machine Guarding, Asbestos, Confined Space, Powered Industrial Trucks, Respiratory Protection, and Fire Safety. For a complete list of topics go to:  
<http://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/oshasoft/index.html>.

Each Month the UOSH Safety Line will highlight an e-tool in this newsletter. This month we focus on one of the most important, but often overlooked, safety tool: **The Exit** **How would you escape from your workplace in an emergency? Do you now where all the exits are in case your first choice is too crowded? Are you sure the doors will be unlocked and that the exit access behind them will not be blocked during a fire, explosion, or other crisis? Knowing the answers to these questions could keep you safe during an emergency.**

**Usually, a workplace must have at least two exit routes for prompt evacuation. But more than two exits are required if the number of employees, size of the building, or arrangement of the workplace will not allow a safe evacuation. Exit routes must be located as far away as practical from each other in case one is blocked by fire or smoke. (copied from the OSHA Quick Card on Emergency Exit Routes).**

Want to know more? Here is the link for the entire Quick Card:  
<http://www.osha.gov/publications/3183.html>