



Tentative Interim Amendment

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Standard on Respirators for Wildland Fire-Fighting and Wildland Urban Interface Operations

2022 Edition

Reference: 5.1.12 (new), 6.1.4.2, and 6.1.8 (new)

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 1984, *Standard on Respirators for Wildland Fire-Fighting and Wildland Urban Interface Operations*, 2022 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Respiratory Protection Equipment, and the Correlating on Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment, and was issued by the Standards Council on February 22, 2024, with an effective date of March 13, 2024.

1. Add a new paragraph 5.1.12 to read as follows:

5.1.12 Cautions and Limitations.

5.1.12.1 NIOSH cautions and limitations of use appropriate for the type of respirator shall be provided with the appropriate NIOSH approval label.

5.1.12.2 The manufacturer shall provide cautions and limitations regarding the respirator's use, including, at a minimum, the following conditions:

- (1)** The user is responsible for monitoring and understanding any atmospheric hazard.
- (2)** Air-purifying respirators are prohibited for entry into an IDLH or unknown environment.
- (3)** Monitoring is to be performed as part of a respiratory protection program to properly select and use a respirator appropriate for the atmospheric hazards that could be encountered in the work environment.
- (4)** The respirator is appropriate for a typical use scenario for the designated class of wildland fire-fighting or wildland urban interface, as defined in this standard.

2. Revise paragraph 6.1.4.2 to read as follows:

6.1.4.2 Eye Protection.

6.1.4.2.1 Where the respiratory inlet covering is not configured as a full facepiece, the respirator shall be designed to accommodate protective eyewear, including, but not limited to, corrective eyewear, safety glasses, and gas-tight goggles.

6.1.4.2.2 Class 2 and Class 3 respirators meeting the following conditions shall be designed for use with gas-tight goggles:

- 1)** They are not configured as part of a full facepiece.
- 2)** They are offered for use by the manufacturer where formaldehyde exposure is predicted to exceed the NIOSH recommended exposure limit.

3. Add a new paragraph 6.1.8 to read as follows:

6.1.8 Use of the respirator regarding other equipment and its placement on the body shall not degrade, harm, or compromise the respiratory protection offered.

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