



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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August 8, 2003

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, ILEAS
C/o Elmhurst Police Department
Deputy Chief Pete Smith
125 East First Street
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

Re: Respiratory Protection Guidelines

Dear Deputy Chief Smith:

Please attach this as a cover letter to all Law Enforcement agencies regarding Respiratory Protection guidelines outlined in my original July 22, 2003 letter.

The Occupational Safety and Health OSHA 1998 Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR Part 1910.134 was adopted by the Illinois Department of Labor Safety Inspection through legislative committee hearings before members of the Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs (JACR) at which time all provisions of the standard and appendixes were approved.

The key provisions of the standard and guidelines are:

- **Development and implementation of a respiratory protection program;**
- **Evaluating respiratory hazards for selection of protection;**
- **Medical evaluation procedures**
{1910.134 (e)(1) through (e)(7) and Appendix C};
- **Fit testing**
{1910.134 (f) and Appendix A};
- **Use of respirators;**
- **Training and information; and**
- **Record keeping requirements**

Additional guidance and references of this standard can be found through the OSHA web site at www.osha.gov or contacting one of IDOL's local offices for additional information.

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As always, my staff and I are committed to ensuring and safeguarding the health and safety protection guidelines for all of Illinois' *public sector employees* and will continue to assist The Illinois Terrorism Task Force, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and any other governmental agencies involved in our Homeland Security program.

Sincerely,

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Safety Inspection and Education
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