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Noise Advisory

Abrasi-Blast™ Supplied-Air Respirator with Vortex Tube
(NIOSH Approval Number TC-19C-178)

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Recent testing indicates that the Abrasi-Blast Supplied-Air Respirator with Vortex Tube may expose the user to sound levels in excess of the 80 dBA limit specified by NIOSH for airline respirators if used in the most severe sound producing configuration. With the shortest hose (8 feet) and the highest pressure allowed (80 psi), tests show a sound level of 80.95 dBA.

NIOSH has advised that this respirator is acceptable for use, even with the shortest hose and at the highest pressure, provided appropriate hearing protection is used.

As specified by OSHA in 29CFR 1910.95(c), employers are required to administer an effective hearing conservation program whenever employee noise exposures equal or exceed an 8-hour time-weighted average sound level of 85 dBA. Refer to the regulation for additional requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-800-MSA-2222.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Charles J. Seibel, Jr.
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