**Use of respirators**

Face piece seal protection

in2vate’s Safety Coordinator does not permit respirators with tight-fitting face pieces to be worn by employees who have:

Facial hair that comes between the sealing surface of the face piece and the face or that interferes with valve function; or

Any condition that interferes with the face-to-face piece seal or valve function.

If an employee wears corrective glasses or goggles or other personal protective equipment, in2vate’s Safety Coordinator ensures that such equipment is worn in a manner that does not interfere with the seal of the face piece to the face of the user.

For all tight-fitting respirators, in2vate’s Safety Coordinator ensures that employees perform a user seal check each time they put on the respirator using the procedures in Appendix B or procedures recommended by the respirator manufacturer that in2vate’s Safety Coordinator demonstrates are as effective as those in Appendix B of this section.

Continuing respirator effectiveness

Appropriate surveillance is maintained of work area conditions and degree of employee exposure or stress. When there is a change in work area conditions or degree of employee exposure or stress that may affect respirator effectiveness,in2vate’s Safety Coordinator reevaluates the continued effectiveness of the respirator.

in2vate’s Safety Coordinator ensures that employees leave the respirator use area:

To wash their faces and respirator face pieces as necessary to prevent eye or skin irritation associated with respirator use; or

If they detect vapor or gas breakthrough, changes in breathing resistance, or leakage of the face piece; or

To replace the respirator or the filter, cartridge, or canister elements.

If the employee detects vapor or gas breakthrough, changes in breathing resistance, or leakage of the face piece, in2vate’s Safety Coordinator must replace or repair the respirator before allowing the employee to return to the work area.

For all IDLH atmospheres, in2vate’s Safety Coordinator ensures that:

One employee or, when needed, more than one employee is located outside the IDLH atmosphere;

Visual, voice, or signal line communication is maintained between the employee(s) in the IDLH atmosphere and the employee(s) located outside the IDLH atmosphere;

The employee(s) located outside the IDLH atmosphere are trained and equipped to provide effective emergency rescue;

in2vate’s Safety Coordinator or designee is notified before the employee(s) located outside the IDLH atmosphere enter the IDLH atmosphere to provide emergency rescue;

in2vate’s Safety Coordinator or authorized designee provides necessary assistance appropriate to the situation;

Employee(s) located outside the IDLH atmospheres are equipped with:

Pressure demand or other positive pressure SCBAs, or a pressure demand or other positive pressure supplied-air respirator with auxiliary SCBA; and either

Appropriate retrieval equipment for removing the employee(s) who enter(s) these hazardous atmospheres where retrieval equipment would contribute to the rescue of the employee(s) and would not increase the overall risk resulting from entry; or

Equivalent means for rescue where retrieval equipment is not required under paragraph 9.3.6.

In addition to the requirements set forth under paragraph 9.3. in interior structural fires, in2vate’s Safety Coordinator ensures that. At this time, in2vate does not allow its employees to engage in interior structural firefighting. In the future, this section is applicable if employees act upon interior structural fires.

At least two employees enter the IDLH atmosphere and remain in visual or voice contact with one another at all times;

At least two employees are located outside the IDLH atmosphere; and

All employees engaged in interior structural firefighting use SCBAs.