

Committee on Personal Protective Equipment for Workplace Safety and Health Virtual Meeting

January 5, 2023

AGENDA

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Objectives

- Discuss joint NPPTL – OSHA survey on respirator use in the workplace
- Provide feedback on NPPTL's draft survey

2:00-2:03pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

Maryann D'Alessandro, Director, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, NIOSH

2:03-2:28pm

Overview of Respirator Use and Practices Survey and Sampling Plan

Emily Haas, Research Health Scientist, NPPTL

Jon Hecht, AbT Associates

2:28-3:28pm

Committee Discussion of Draft Survey

Focus Questions

1. The survey originally used the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) sampling approach. Based on NPPTL's data collection mechanisms, the sampling strategy was adjusted, and the current sampling plan has pros and cons compared to the BLS's approach. Please provide your feedback on the current sampling plan.
2. Questions 5 - 8 aim to identify issues around supply shortages and procurement during the COVID-19 pandemic. Should the timeframe for the pandemic be more specific? If yes, how should the timeframe be bound?
3. A previous draft of this survey was cognitively tested to ensure that it successfully captured the intent of the questions and made sense to the respondents. Since that initial cognitive test, parts of the survey were edited (see below). Should these edits undergo cognitive testing?
 - a. Survey initially asked about respirator use by specific job title/occupation. It now asks about respirator use for all employees overall.
 - b. Survey initially did not include questions specifically related to respirator use during the COVID-19 pandemic. It now includes Questions 5 - 8 that focus on respirator use during that time.

3:28-3:30pm

Closing Remarks

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

3:30pm

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