

January 23, 2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE
JOB READY DISPATCH PROGRAM
QUANTITATIVE RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING CHANGES (NORTH BRAND)

As a result of a recent BCA / Local 146 Liaison Committee recommendation to the BCA Multi Provincial Board of Directors, the Quantitative Respirator Fit Testing certification for the North brand (Half Mask and Full Face) will be discontinued as a part of the Job Ready Dispatch Program. Quantitative Respirator Fit Testing certification will continue for the 3M brand. The decision to discontinue is based on the preferred industry choice being the 3M brand and the time/cost inefficiencies to test a member for four tests when only two are required.

The Business Manager of Local 146 has indicated that, should a specific site in Alberta require the North brand of Quantitative Respirator Fit Testing, they will perform the testing; however it will not be a standard condition of dispatch for the Job Ready Dispatch Program. We encourage Contractors who require the North brand for specific site use, to communicate this requirement with the Local hall as early as possible to ensure the appropriate testing is completed before dispatch.

For your information – The chart below highlights the Quantitative Respirator Testing brand that is currently performed in the other IBB Locals across Canada:

Respirator Fit Testing---Quantitative Only			
MAKE	MODEL	PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS	RECERTIFICATION
3M-Half Mask	6000 Series	NL. NS. NB. PEI. ON.	Valid 2 years
3M Half Mask	6500QL Series	MB. SK. AB.	Valid 2 years
3M Full Face	6000 Series	NL.NS. NB. PEI. ON. MB. SK. AB.	Valid 2 years
North Half Mask	7700 Series	AB.	Valid 2 years
North Full Face	7600 Series	AB.	Valid 2 years

The Job Ready Dispatch Program continues to include the following training (as a condition of dispatch for Local 146 members):

- Respirator Fit Testing – 3M Brand – 3M Half Mask (6500QL Series) and 3M Full Face (6000 Series)
- Construction Safety Training System (CSTS-09)
- Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA) Confined Space Entry and Monitor
- OSSA Fall Protection
- Audiometric Testing

This change will be effective as of January 23, 2018.