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Dear Colleague

Training and Refresher Training for Cartridge Mask Users

Under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002, anyone using respiratory protective equipment, including ordinary cartridge masks should have a current user training voucher. Users may include both staff and sometimes students.

If there is anyone in your department who needs to use a cartridge mask and who does not possess a current voucher, they should attend this course. Since these sessions are only run once every 6 months, if you can reasonably anticipate any work which may require the use of such respiratory protection, it would be advisable to send anyone who may be involved on the current session.

It is essential that anyone attending a training session brings a mask with them - the type of cartridge does not matter. **Since trainees will be required to demonstrate that they can perform an adequate leak-test, it is essential to ensure that it fits properly.**

Formal fit confirmation by the smell/taste method will also be undertaken at this session which is now a requirement for anyone using respiratory protective equipment. This is however very much secondary to the current leak testing procedure. It is not a magic formula that will make unsuitable masks fit!

The session will be held at 40 Victoria Street on.

Tuesday 1 February 1330 - 1700

Please book places by e-mailing A.Willcox@Sheffield.ac.uk. It is important to list trainees in order of preference, because places may have to be restricted in the event of a large number of applications.

Yours sincerely

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