



Bridge Memorandum #19: Respirators now part of Monthly Safety Inspections

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During several recent visits and/or audits of vessels, it has been observed that half faced respirators and cartridges have been stored improperly in paint lockers that can lead to shortening the life of the cartridge by exposure to vapors in the paint locker.

Please add half face respirators and cartridges to your monthly safety inspections in the same category as your SCBAs and EEBDs. Things that need to be checked are:

- Masks are stored away from sunlight and heat and protected from dust/ debris.
- Masks are cleaned as needed per manufacturer instructions and before each new user.
- Sufficient masks and cartridges are available and of the right type (1/2 face, P100).
- Cartridges are stored away from paints and chemicals to prolong life.

Please inspect all half face respirators and cartridges on your vessel for wear and tear, expiration dates, or damage and submit any resupply requests to resupply@tdi-bi.com as soon as possible.

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