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A. Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series) B. Navy Safety and Occupational Health Program Manual, OPNAVINST 5100.23G (series) 1. REF A states that all employees must complete a Respirator Use Questionnaire at baseline and then once every five years, if respirator use is still required for their job.

2. The Navy does not mandate the use of respirator questionnaires for its military members since the accession physical examination is more comprehensive than the respirator questionnaire and because the annual PHA includes a fitness for duty assessment (REF B).

3. To align with the Navy, the Coast Guard will not mandate the use of the respirator questionnaire for military members required to wear respirators.

4. This change will be incorporated into the next update of REF A.

5. For questions regarding this message, contact CDR Gerald N. Taylor, Operational Medicine Chief, at Gerald.N.Taylor(AT)USCG.MIL or (202) 475-5211.

6. CAPT Erica G. Schwartz, Chief, Office of Health Services, sends.

7. Internet release authorized.

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