

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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**SUBJECT: Respiratory Protection – Minimum Requirements of G&A Specifications**

After reviewing minimum respiratory protection requirements that Gandee & Associates has traditionally specified in our Contract Documents with a few contractors, regulators, and competitors, we have decided to make the following changes:

1. Section 02 82 13: Full-facepiece PAPRs will remain the minimum respiratory protection specified for removal of thermal system insulations, surfacing materials, and sheet flooring systems that have a friable backer. Minimum specified respiratory protection for all other work of this Section has been reduced to half-face APRs.
2. Section 02 82 14: Minimum specified respiratory protection for all work of this Section (including use of glovebags to remove pipe insulation and pipe fitting insulation systems) has been reduced to half-face APRs.
3. Section 02 82 15: Full-facepiece PAPR will remain the minimum respiratory protection specified for removal of mastics using floor grinders and bead blasters. Minimum specified respiratory projection for all other work of this Section has been reduced to half-face APRs.

Our master specifications have been revised. For those Projects that had been bid prior to implementation of the changes outlined above, we will let the Contractors know that if they wish to reduce respirator protection to our current minimum standards, that the request will be approved. We will prepare the Reduction in Respiratory Protection form for workers to sign on those projects that been awarded based on our previous minimum standards.

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