KEEP THAT RESPIRATOR CLEAN!

What do you think? Is there a chance that this respirator is contaminated with lead, or whatever harmful substance the respirator is designed to keep out of my lungs? The answer, of course, is “yes”.

Do your torchmen have a clean place to keep their respirators when they go on break, go to lunch, or go home? A dirty respirator is a health hazard. In this case, those dirty gloves are directly contaminating the respirator. A dirty respirator hanging on a cylinder is also a violation of OSHA’s Respiratory Protection Standard. Make sure your torchmen have a ziplock bag or other container and a clean locker or individual storage unit to keep their respirators when not in use.

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