HEALTH HAZARD CHECKLIST

 Are all work areas properly illuminated?

Are hazardous substances identified which may cause harm by inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption or contact?

Are employees aware of the hazards involved with the various chemicals they may be exposed to in their work environment?

Is employee exposure to chemicals in the workplace kept within acceptable levels?

Can a less harmful method or product be used?

Is the work area's ventilation system appropriate for the work being performed?

Are spray painting operations done in spray rooms or booths equipped with an appropriate exhaust system?

Are welders and other workers nearby provided with flash shields during welding operations?

If forklifts and other vehicles are used in buildings or other enclosed areas, are the carbon monoxide levels kept below maximum acceptable concentration?

Has there been a determination that noise levels in the facilities are within acceptable levels?

Are steps being taken to use engineering controls to reduce excessive noise levels?

Are grinders, saws, and other machines that produce respirable dusts vented to an industrial collector or central exhaust system?

Are all local exhaust ventilation systems designed and operating properly such as airflow and volume necessary for the application? Are the ducts free of obstructions or the belts slipping?

Is personal protective equipment provided, used and maintained wherever required?

Are there written standard operating procedures for the selection and use of respirators where needed?

Are restrooms and washrooms kept clean and sanitary?

Is all water provided for drinking, washing, and cooking potable?

Are all outlets for water not suitable for drinking clearly identified?

Are employees' physical capacities assessed before being assigned to jobs requiring heavy work?

Are employees instructed in the proper manner of lifting heavy objects?

Where heat is a problem, have all fixed work areas been provided with spot cooling or air conditioning?

Are exhaust stacks and air intakes located that contaminated air will not be recirculated within a building or other enclosed area?

Is equipment producing ultra-violet radiation properly shielded?

Are employees trained in the safe handling practices of hazardous chemicals such as acids, caustics, and etc?

Are employees aware of the potential hazards involving various chemicals stored or used in the workplace such as acids, bases, caustics, epoxies, and phenols?

Is employee exposure to chemicals kept within acceptable levels?

Are eye wash fountains and safety showers provided in areas where corrosive chemicals are handled?

Are all employees required to use personal protective clothing and equipment when handling chemicals (i.e.gloves, eye protection, and respirators)?

Are flammable or toxic chemicals kept in closed containers when not in use?

Have standard operating procedures been established and are they being followed when cleaning up chemical spills?

Are employees prohibited from eating in areas where hazardous chemicals are present?

Is personal protective equipment provided, used and maintained whenever necessary?

If you have a respirator protection program, are your employees instructed on the correct usage and limitations of the respirators?

Whenever possible, are hazardous substances handled in properly designed and exhausted booths or similar locations?

Is ventilation equipment provided for removal of contaminants from such operations as production grinding, buffing, spray painting, and/or vapor decreasing, and is it operating properly?

Do employees complain about dizziness, headaches, nausea, irritation, or other factors of discomfort when they use solvents or other chemicals?

Is there a dermatitis problem do employees complain about skin dryness, irritation, or sensitization?