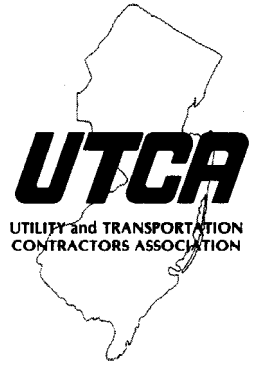


UTCA ANNOUNCES ITS GROUP DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR OSHA RESPIRATORY STANDARDS COMPLIANCE



May 2000

In response to a new OSHA Emphasis Program and proposed NJDOT and other agency specifications dealing with Silica Awareness, Respiratory Testing, Pulmonary Function Testing and Respirator Fit Testing, the UTCA has established a group purchasing plan to help lessen the cost for your firm to comply with these regulations.

The OSHA Respiratory Standard requires employees exposed to respirable dust in the workplace to complete a medical questionnaire, which must be reviewed by a licensed healthcare provider. Compliance with several other mandates including respirator fit testing and pulmonary function tests are also covered by these standards.

Ambassador Medical Services has been selected by the UTCA to offer these services to our member firms at a substantial cost savings. Ambassador will offer the testing through its mobile facilities which can test at your office or jobsite so as to provide optimum savings to employers. Ambassador will maintain all necessary records and provide each employee with a photo identification card indicating the dates and procedures completed for that individual.

Significant levels of silica exposure may occur during the performance of many types of construction activities. Firms active in any aspect of concrete work including concrete cutting and sawing, bridge demolition, bridge repair and concrete paving are most impacted by the new standards. OSHA will be undertaking a major enforcement effort in the near future to address any "dust generating activities" in the construction industry, and NJDOT is actively developing bid specifications to specifically address this safety and health issue.

For more information about this program, please complete the enclosed form and fax it to the association office at 732-905-4951. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call Kevin Monaco at 732-367-1500.



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UTCA Group Program For OSHA's Silica Respiratory Standards Compliance

Response Form

I seek additional information regarding UTCA's Group Program regarding OSHA's Silica Respiratory Standards Compliance. This program deals with employees who may be exposed to respirable dust in the workplace.

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