Strategies for Dealing with Cleaning Agent Vapors





Vapor containment and vapor limiting work practice strategies

- Saturate wipers in a Ziplock bag or make pre-saturated wipes using a Sanotex canister. This canister has a spring-loaded lid which closes after taking a wipe.
- Discard wipes in a closed Ziplock bag instead of discarding directly in the trash.
- Wear gloves when handling cleaning agents and if the vapors cause irritation to the eyes wear goggles.
- Wet wipes with enough cleaning agent in order to achieve dwell time without over saturating.
- Don't place wetted wipe directly near the face.
- Split the duties of material handling wipe down and monthly clean between a few technicians.
- Organize workstations for pharmacists and technicians away from material wipe down area.

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NIOSH approved R95 respirator

• Particulate respirator with a carbon layer that helps reduce nuisance levels of organic vapors



NIOSH approved full-face respirator when R95 not effective

- Options are a PAPR or CAPR, or dual-chamber respirator with particulate canisters
- Eliminates all exposure to vapors