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SUBJECT: Quantitative Fit Test (QNFT) and Training Program Policy

References: (a) AFMAN 32-4006, Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Mask Fit and Liquid Hazard Simulant Training, 1 Oct 99
(b) AFMOA/CC Policy Memorandum, Gas Mask Quantitative Fit-Test (QNFT) Interim Policy, 3 Jun 02
(c) AFIERA/RSHI Memorandum, Consultative Letter, IERA-RS-BR-CL-2003-0036, MCU-2A/P Respirator Study, Phase II, 15 Apr 03

The following QNFT policy elements are effective immediately and reference (b) is rescinded.

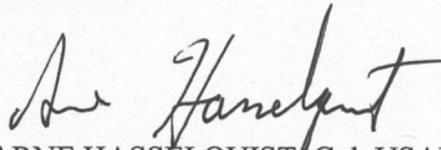
Airmen will now be issued a gas mask based on the size recommended by the Bioenvironmental Engineering function and are not required to deploy with the same gas mask used during QNFT. Individuals declared hard-to-fit by Bioenvironmental Engineering and/or issued a M45 Land Warrior, Chemical-Biological Mask will continue to deploy with the same mask used for QNFT.

QNFT retesting and training will occur every 20-40 months to ensure personnel know the steps to obtaining an adequate fit and to instill confidence in the gas mask. The 20-40 month timeframe is established to allow QNFT and training to sync with the scheduled Air Expeditionary Force rotation for each unit. Individual retesting prior to the 20-40 month window will also occur due to self-reported changes (e.g., significant weight gain, facial surgery, etc.).

Individual QNFT status (i.e., current, due, or not current) will be tracked in the Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR) program using a feed from the Command Core System (CCS). The PIMR and CCS program offices will manage data transfers when the function is fielded.

Attachments 1-5 provide details of the QNFT policy and supercede requirements in reference (a). The next revision of AFMAN 32-4006 will reflect this policy.

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Attachments:

1. QNFT and Training Program Policy
2. Sample Memorandum to Unit Commander
3. Fact Sheet for AF NBC Mask QNFT and Training Program
4. Fitting Procedures For MAG-1 Spectacles for Use with MCU-2/P Mask
5. QNFT Quick Guide and Business Practice Requirements

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