

## **STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURE - 6012**

### **EYE WASH STATION MAINTENANCE**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a standard operating procedure and requirements for maintenance of eye wash stations.

**POLICY:** Eye wash stations must meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards and be made available where there is potential for exposure to foreign objects or chemical substances in the workspace as determined by safety personnel.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The Supply, Processing & Distribution (SPD) supervisor or person with supervisory control over SPD type functions, SPD personnel, and Safety Officer.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Eye wash stations must be properly installed and mounted. Employees must be trained on proper use of the station.
2. Stations must be labeled and located within 100 feet from workers with an unobstructed pathway where there is potential and risk of exposure.
3. The eye wash station must provide hands-free operation in the event that flushing of both eyes is necessary, it must deliver 20 gallons of water per minute for 15 minutes.
4. The portals of the eye wash must be covered and it must be activated weekly and documented.
5. All employees with possibility of exposure to chemical or biological substances shall be instructed in the proper use of the eye wash station.

**NOTE:** Hand held (portable) eye washes or sterile saline flush bottles are not acceptable. Neither provides hands-free operation nor 15 minutes of continually flowing water and has been known to support the growth of microorganisms.

Reference: 29 CFR 1910.151  
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