### Unacceptable

**E.** Soul patch that will interfere with the respirator seal in the chin area on elastomeric facepieces

Facial hair and sideburns that will interfere with the sealing surface

![Image of a soul patch interfering with respirator seal](image)

**F.** This facial “shadow” (not clean-shaven) will interfere with the sealing surface of a half or full facepiece. It will also compromise a secondary seal inside a tight-fitting hood-style respirator.

Degradation of fit can occur during cumulative work hours when an individual grows this amount of facial hair.

![Image of facial hair interfering with respirator seal](image)

**G.** Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve.

Sideburns and/or heavy hair under the chin will prevent a good seal.

![Image of a thick moustache interfering with respirator seal](image)

**H.** Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and could get stuck in an exhalation valve.

The hair on the rest of the face will interfere with a sealing surface.

![Image of a thick moustache interfering with respirator seal](image)

**I.** Hair is in sealing region and under the chin.

Hair is in chin cup sealing region and on the side of the face.

![Image of hair in sealing region](image)

**J.** Moustache is too thick and too long; will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve.

![Image of a thick moustache interfering with respirator seal](image)

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**Note:** Adapted with permission from Brookhaven Lab.