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For the attention of Mr F. Angear

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Dear Sir

VALIDATION OF FIT TEST METHODS

There have recently been queries about the status of fit tests and whether fit checks can be used in place of a fit test.

HSE considers the qualitative and quantitative fit test methods described in OC 282/28 to be suitable and sufficient. Any other method used would need to be supported with validated evidence that demonstrates its suitability as a fit test. At the moment we do not consider any alternative fit test methods to be suitable.

If a HSE Inspector is presented with an alternative, un-validated fit test method on site then they will take the appropriate enforcement action.

HSE are keen to continue working with industry to refine existing methods and investigate and develop additional methods.

Yours faithfully



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