Can you answer all of these questions?

1. Why is a respirator necessary? (For example, list the respiratory hazards and explain how improper fit, usage, or maintenance can compromise the protective effect of the respirator.)

2. What are the limitations and capabilities of the respirator?

3. How do you use the respirator effectively in emergency situations, including when the respirator malfunctions?

4. How do you inspect, don (put on) and doff (remove), use, and when appropriate, check the seals of the respirator?

5. What are the procedures for maintenance and storage?

6. Can you recognize medical signs and symptoms that may limit or prevent the effective use of the respirator?

If not, it is your employer’s responsibility to make sure that you have been properly trained. An employee should be trained annually, when exposure conditions change, when a new type or model of respirator is issued, or when the employee’s knowledge or use of the respirator indicates the need (For example, the supervisor observes the wearer using the respirator improperly).