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Safe Work Practice

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| Name of Job: Use of Flammables and Cleaning Solvents | Development Date: March 7th, 2011 | Developed By: CSNS |
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Possible Hazards Present

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| Burns | Skin irritation | Inhalation |
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

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| Head protection | Eye Protection | Foot protection | Hearing Protection |
| Respirator Equipment | Skin Protection | | |

What are some good general safe work practices?

- **DO** ensure that when flammable liquids are used, that no hot work is permitted in the area. Ensure appropriate safeguards and practices are used to prevent fire and/or explosion.
- **DO** Store flammable and solvents in special storage areas.
- **DO** check for specific hazards associated with solvents before use. (MSDS)
- **DO** provide adequate ventilation where all solvents and flammables are being used.
- **DO** wear protective clothing to prevent contamination of workers' clothes.
- **DO** ensure when breathing hazards exist, use the appropriate respiratory protection.
- **DO NOT** leave solvents in open tubs or vats - return them to storage drums or tanks.

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- **DO** ensure that proper containers are used for transportation, storage and field use of solvents/flammables.
- **DO** ensure where solvents are controlled products, ensure all employees working with or near controlled products are trained and certified in the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. Ensure all WHMIS requirements are met.

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