

# CASE STUDY 6

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## Nova 3 Blasting Respirator

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**Q:** Before you used the RPB Nova 3 Helmet, what challenges did you face?

**A:** My team and I were using the Apollo helmet which is a good helmet if you stay standing up. But after obtaining a rental unit with and using I saw a big difference in how my team performed in and out of pipeline ditch or blasting in a station.

**Q:** What was the turning point? Was there a specific incident that drove you to change? When did you find out about RPB?

**A:** After purchasing a Nova 3 for myself and showing on site with the team running a couple of blasting machines with one operator using our old Apollo helmet & me using my Nova. We separated to do different locations I kept finding myself stuck the old helmet. So I purchased 3 more Nova 3's to keep everyone happy and comfortable.

**Q:** What has changed since you began using the RPB Nova 3 Helmet?

**A:** We all stay comfortable and don't mind being stuck in a blasting helmet for hours on end, as we have a blasting and paint shop where we are blasting for 5 plus hours a day.

**Q:** What numbers can you put on your savings?

**A:** I've seen increased production and boosted morale in the teams who are running a cool tube in summer in the hot shop. We just throw on some headphones, go to blasting and stay with it till the jobs are finished. There is a lot less stopping to adjust your helmet to be able to see what you're doing.

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**Q:** What advice would you give to another company experiencing the same challenges you did?

**A:** I've spoken with other contractors that are not using the Nova 3 and tell them about how comfortable it is. I'm the lead and they know if I'm blasting there must be a difference