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Re: NIOSH Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices

Gentlemen:

After reading your proposed rule on respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No 99 pp. 26850-26893), which would provide three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards by upgrading current testing requirements for particulate filters, please be advised that I support your proposed standard. I am in complete agreement that this proposed certification process would finally be addressing the health care setting as the 95% filter efficiency, in my opinion, should be acceptable for most HCW needs.

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