

# APPALACHIAN · REGIONAL · HEALTHCARE

ARH is a not-for-profit multi-hospital health care system.

### Kentucky

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Corporate Headquarters (Lexington)

Harlan ARH

Hazard ARH

McDowell ARH

Middlesboro ARH

Morgan County ARH

Whitesburg ARH

Williamson ARH

Division of Home Services

Homeplace Clinic

Family Health Services

June Buchanan Primary

Care Center

#### Virginia

Wise ARH Clincheo Clinic

## West Virginia

Beckley ARH Man ARH

Matewan Clinic

## Management Services

Total Hospital Management

Consolidated Laboratory

Electronic Diagnostics (ECG. EEG, Holter Monitoring)

Dietary

Laundry

Management Systems

Mod-el (Dietary Software)

Pharmacy

Recruitment and Placement

Purchasing

Sterile Supply

NIOSHA Docket Office Robert A. Taft Laboratories Mail Stop C34 Cincinnati, OH 45226

To Whom It May Concern:

Having recently learned of the testing and certification process for the "Class C" filter respirator for use by Health Care Workers against TB, we would like to voice our opinion on this topic.

Presently the limited number of filter respirators available and their cost makes the new "Class C" respirator a very welcomed product.

If the new "Class C" respirator can provide protection of 95% at 0.03 micron particle size, be produced in quantities to meet the demand and be cost effective (all of which the HEPA are not), we would encourage the certification of this device and hope the process is completed in a timely manner so they can be available to all Health Care Workers without major cost and delay.

Summers County ARH

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