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Industrial PAPR Concept Pittsburgh, PA

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Industrial PAPR Implementation

- Much of the Technical Work developed in the CBRN PAPR project can be applied to the Industrial Standard
- Will use Concept Paper format up to the initiation of Rulemaking – revised concept in 45 to 60 days
- Additional public meeting November 2005
- Formal Rulemaking Process
 - Follow administrative procedures and staffing requirements
 - Target date for formal notice January 2006
 - 18 to 21 months to implementation (Fall 2007)







Overview

- Place all PAPR requirements in one subpart of 42 CFR
 - Keep existing general categories (Subparts A-G)
 - Supersede Subpart KK
 - Clarify/update/consolidate requirements
 - Incorporate requirements for breath response and constant flow units
 - Provide provisions for positive pressure units







Major Areas Under Consideration

- Indicators for flow/pressure & battery
- Low/moderate/high flow rating
- Two filter types (PAPR 95/PAPR 100)
- Single level canister/cartridge testing
- Conditioning/rough handling requirement
- General use (visual, human factors)
- Rated duration of battery in 1-hour increments







Specific Design Consideration Areas

- Accessible switches
- Flexible breathing tubes
- Harness design (unit and head)
- Marked containers
- Lens impact resistance
- Low pressure- real time indicator
- Low flow- real time indicator
- Battery charge indicator
- Noise







Specific Performance Consideration Areas

- Flow- Positive pressure
 - Low >= 14.5 res./min @ 10.5 lpm
 - Moderate >= 24 res./min @ 40 lpm
 - High >= 30 res./min @ 86 lpm
 - + 30 res/min @ 103 lpm for 10 min
- Flow- Continuous flow
 - Low >= 85 lpm tight, 115 lpm loose
 - Moderate >= 115 lpm tight, 170 lpm loose
 - High >= 261 lpm tight, 350 lpm loose- last 10 min







Specific Performance Consideration Filter

- PAPR 95- 95% initial filter efficiency when tested against DOP
- PAPR 100- 99.97% efficiency when loaded with DOP as the test challenge
- Test at highest flow rate of system divided by number







Specific Performance Consideration Gas/Vapor

- All tested in same manner
- Flow divided by number of units
- Concentrations similar to CBRN







Specific Performance Consideration – Inlet Covering

- CO2 machine test
 - 14.5 res/min 10.5 lpm, 5% CO2 ex., <=0.5% in.
- Breathing gas human subject test
 - Stand then walk at 3.5 mph
 - O2 >= 19.5%
 - CO2 <= 2%
- LRPL
 - PF >= 10,000 for >=95% of trials







Specific Performance Consideration - Other

- Eyepiece
 - Impact res. or state otherwise
 - Low temp fog resistant
- ESLI
 - Per existing criteria
- FMEA (failure mode effects analysis)
- Hydration device option
- Intrinsic Safety per recognized lab







New considerations

- All PAPRs tested and evaluated as positive pressure
- Evaluation criteria for silent mode operation
 - Test requirements with blower off
 - Could serve as FMEA
- Add field of view requirement





