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December 12, 1990

Dr. Alfred A. Amendola Deputy Director Division of Safety Research NIOSH/CDC 944 Chestnut Ridge Road Mail Stop S118B Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Dr. Amendola:

I wish to present some research findings at the <u>NIOSH Assessment</u> of <u>Performance Levels of Industrial Respirators</u> workshop that has been scheduled for January 9-11, 1991 in Morgantown.

If possible, I would like to present on the 10th. The topics I wish to present, along with presentation times, are as follows:

- 1. Evaluation of respirator fit testing by controlled negative pressure technique 45 minutes
- Feasibility of a new method to determine respirator protection factors by breath analysis - 30 minutes

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at (602) 882-5855 if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Clifton D. Crutchfield, Ph.D., CIH Director, Industrial Hygiene

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December 14, 1990

Dr. Alfred A. Amendola Deputy Director, Division of Safety Research, NIOSH, CDC, Morgantown, WV

SUBJECT: NIOSH Assessment of Performance Levels for Industrial Respirators: Prerulemaking Technical Conference. January 9-11, 1991. Attendance.

The below two representatives of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory wish to attend the above mentioned conference and make oral presentations.

Dr. James S. Johnson, CIH LLNL, L386 POB 5505 Livermore, CA 54550 (415) 422-5165

Robert A. da Roza LLNL, L386 POB 5505 Livermore, CA 54550 (415) 422-5228

Each will need about 30 minutes to make their presentations.

Topics to be covered by Mr da Roza are associated with the validation of a simulated workplace protection factor measurement protocol. They are: linearity of the photometer response to aerosol concentration; loss of aerosol in the sampling line; the effect of moisture, carbon doxide, and subject generated aerosols; comparison of gas leakage with aerosol leakage; the measurement of challenge aerosol mass by non-gravimetric means; stability of the challenge aerosol particle size distribution; and bias produced by sample probe location (through the lense and below the exhalation valve) and leak location (temple, cheek and forehead) for both air-purifying and airsupplying respirators.

Topics to be covered by Dr Johnson are: the purpose for measurment of respirator performance, the pros and cons of current methods used to measure workplace respirator performance, concerns over proposed tests to measure workplace protection factors and the "ultimate way" to measure respirator performance - biological monitoring of the respirator user.

Sincerely, R.J. La Roya Robert A. da Roya

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