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Hi Les,

Here are our comments, on the First Draft,

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Regards

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1.0 Purpose:

Develop a NIOSH, NPPTL, powered air-purifying respirator standard that addresses Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) materials identified as inhalation and/or possible terrorist hazards for emergency responders.

2.0 Description:

Powered air-purifying respirators use a powered mechanism to draw ambient air through an air purifying filter element(s) to remove contaminants from the ambient air. They are to be designed for use in atmospheres where the concentrations of contaminants during use are not immediately dangerous to life and health and contain adequate oxygen to support life; in addition, they may be used to escape from an IDLH condition provided there is adequate oxygen to support life.

2.1 Definitions.

- (a) Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) - an air-purifying respirator that uses a powered mechanism (blower) to pass ambient air through an air-purifying element to a respiratory inlet covering.
- (b) Tight fitting PAPR - a PAPR which contains a respiratory inlet covering that seals tightly to the face.
- (c) Neck Dam PAPR- a PAPR which contains a hood or helmet and which covers and seals tightly around the neck area.
- (d). Respiratory inlet covering- A facepiece, hood, helmet or some combination of these which serves as the covering to the nose and mouth area and ensures that only purified air reach these areas.

2.2 Respirator Use:

A. Warm Zone Use: Concentrations above acceptable exposure limits, but less than IDLH concentrations, to REL. Examples of use scenarios: sustained support operations; long term use for decontamination, traffic control, rehabilitation, rescue and recovery; agent known, quantified, and controlled.

B. Crisis Provision Mode: Egress and escape from above IDLH concentrations, high physiological (flow) demand possible; Contingency for unforeseen factors such as secondary device or pockets of entrapped hazard.

C. The CBRN PAPR filters are single use filters and should be discarded after use. A minimum of two filters are required for use with the CBRN PAPR.

D. CBRN respirators contaminated with liquid chemical warfare agents are to be disposed of after use.

2.3 Hazards:

NIOSH has been evaluating various lists of chemicals that could be deployed as a result of a terrorist incident. In earlier research during the development of the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Air-Purifying Respirator (APR) standard, NIOSH categorized potential respiratory hazards into families. Representative test agents identified for each family shall be the only agent tested for service life in that particular family, thus representing all the agents identified in the family. This effort was conducted in order to reduce the number of certification tests. A total of ten chemical representative agents, plus one particulate test representative, were identified. Testing against these eleven test representatives provides protection for 139 potential respiratory hazards

3.0 Requirements Based on Existing National and International Standards:

3.1.1 Mechanical Connector and Filter Design:

The interface between the canister and the powered mechanism (blower) shall use a standard Rd 40 X 1/7 thread in accordance with Figure 1 (NIOSH CBRN Full Facepiece APR Mechanical Connector and Gasket). The canister shall be readily replaceable without the use of special tools. The interface connector(s) on the blower shall be the internal thread and gasket sealing gland. The canister shall use the external thread.

3.1.1 Gasket, Mechanical Connector:

The dimensions for the interface connector gasket shall be: outside diameter 37.5 mm minimum, inside diameter 28.5 mm maximum, minimum thickness 1.55 mm as illustrated in Figure 1. The gasket material shall be ethylene propylene diene monomer, EPDM, or equivalent meeting the physical and chemical properties of Table 1 (Rubber Gasket Physical and Chemical Properties) when tested in accordance with Table 2 (Gasket Tests, Specimens and Test Methods). The manufacturer is required to provide data indicating compliance with the requirements of Table 1 and 2. Agent permeation data is not

required for EPDM gasket material meeting all other properties of Table 1. For gasket material other than EPDM material samples must be tested to the agent permeation requirements.

Table 1: Rubber Gasket Physical and Chemical Properties

Property	Units	Unaged Minimum	Unaged Maximum	Aged Minimum	Aged Maximum
Tensile Strength	Mpa (psi)	8.3 (1200)	---	6.9 (1000)	---
Ultimate elongation	Percent (%)	350	---	300	---
Tensile set at 300% elongation	Percent (%)	---	25	---	25
Tensile stress at 200% elongation	Mpa (psi)	3.4 (500)	---	3.4 (500)	---
Tear resistance Either Die B or Die C ⁽¹⁾	kN/m (lbf/in)	21.9 (125)	---	21.9 (125)	---
Durometer hardness (Shore "A")	---	55	75	---	---
Compression set 22 hrs. at 68°C	Percent (%)	---	25	---	---
Impact resilience	Percent (%)	35	---	---	---
Agent permeation HD, Mustard & GB, Sarin ⁽²⁾	Minutes Minutes	360 360	---	---	---
Low temperature brittleness at minus 51°C	---	Pass	---	---	---

⁽¹⁾ Test specimens shall be cut from Die B or Die C. Test specimens shall not be a mixture of Die specimens. See Table 2: Tear Resistance Method ASTM 624 D.

⁽²⁾ The applicant shall submit agent permeation data on materials that are not classified as EPDM. Rubber material formulations that are 51% or greater in EPDM classifies the material as EPDM.

Table 2: Gasket Tests, Specimens and Test Methods

Property	Specimen			Total	Method
	Unaged	Heat Aged ⁽¹⁾	Oxygen aged ⁽²⁾		
Tensile strength Ultimate	Cut one specimen from each of three	Cut one specimen from each of	Cut one specimen from each of	9	ASTM D 412

elongation Tensile stress at 200% elongation	slabs.	three slabs.	three slabs.		
Tensile set at 300% elongation	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	9	ASTM D 412
Tear resistance, Either Die B or Die C	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs/buttons.	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	9	ASTM D 624
Low temperature Brittleness at -51°C	Cut one specimen from each of five slabs.	None	None	5	ASTM D 746
Durometer hardness (Shore "A")	Cut one specimen from each of three slabs.	None	None	3	ASTM D 2240
Compression set ⁽³⁾	Three test buttons.	None	None	3	ASTM D 395
Impact resilience ⁽³⁾	Three test buttons.	None	None	3	ASTM D 2632
Agent permeation ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ Sarin (GB) and Sulfur Mustard (HD)	Cut two specimens from each of six test slabs. Six specimens per agent.	None	None	12	MIL-STD- 282 Method 208 Method 209

(1) Heat Aging. The specimens selected for heat aging shall be aged in an air oven at a temperature of 158°F +/-7°F (70°C +/- 2°C) for a continuous period of 24 hours as prescribed in ASTM D 573.

(2) Oxygen Aging. Specimens shall be aged in an oxygen environment in accordance with ASTM D 572 for 72 hours.

(3) Same test buttons shall be used for impact resilience and compression set in that order.

(4) If gasket material is not EPDM, applicant shall submit permeation test data for gasket material along with six test slabs for Agent Permeation Test.

(5) Test specimens shall be fabricated in accordance with ASTM D 3182 from material of the same formulation that will be used during regular production of the respirator. The test specimens shall have a cure equivalent to that of the regular production gaskets. The thickness of the test specimens shall be the minimum gasket thickness specified by the applicants design specification. Any finish or treatment, applied to the finished gasket, shall be applied to the test specimens.

3.1.3 Dimensions and Weight, Canister:

The maximum weight of a canister shall be 500 grams. The maximum size of a canister shall be such that the canister shall pass through a 5-inch diameter opening with the threaded connector perpendicular to the 5-inch diameter opening.

3.1.4 CBRN PAPR Powered Mechanism (Blower):

The Powered Mechanism (Blower) must be able to receive the

maximum weight and diameter of a canister specified in section 3.1.3

[Goran] This is design restrictive, and as the capability of an PAPR to maintain the required air flow is pressure drop dependant, it is unwise to aspect that they all can use interchangeable filters.

[Andrew Smith] The performance of filters is very closely linked to the performance of a PAPR. Filter affects flow rates and battery life. The above requirement implies a possibility to allow interchangeability of filters between manufacturers with the intent of causing little or no impact on APR performance. This is very design restrictive and is an improbable goal for much of the existing equipment design. Should this be a real requirement then, testing PAPRs using standardized test filters at the various permitted limits of filter performance would be needed to ensure adequate PAPR performance.

3.2 Breathing Resistance:

3.2.1 Inhalation and Exhalation Resistance:

Resistance to air flow shall be measured in the Respiratory inlet covering of a CBRN powered air purifying respirator mounted on a test fixture with air flowing at a continuous rate of 85 liters per minute both before and after each gas service life bench test. The maximum allowable air resistance to air flow is as follows:

[Goran] This requirement need to be spelt out that it applies to PAPR's tested with the power off.

[Andrew Smith] If Inhalation and Exhalation resistance is to be power off this implies an expectation of use during power off. If so then a power off CO2 performance needs to specified and tested.

Inhalation:	
Initial	70 mm H ₂ O
Final ⁽¹⁾	85 mm H ₂ O
Exhalation:	20 mm H ₂ O

(1) Measured at end of service life.

3.2.2 Breathing Resistance, Canister:

In addition to the resistance to airflow determined by paragraph 3.2, Breathing Resistance, the canister resistance to inhalation airflow shall be measured at a continuous rate of 85 liters per minute both before and after each gas service life bench test. The maximum allowable air resistance to air flow is as follows:

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Inhalation:	
Initial	50 mm H ₂ O
Final ⁽¹⁾	65 mm H ₂ O

3.2.3 Canister Element Uniformity:

CBRN PAPR canisters must have a uniformity of resistance within the population of the manufacturers' product. The allowable resistance variance among a specific canister type is ± 2.5 mm of water based upon the resistance average determined by certification testing. Resistance will be determined at 85 l/min for the canister unit only.

[Goran] The aim with this requirement is to ensure that the flow through the filters are near to equal and therefore should reach saturation at the same time.

Activated carbon has a batch variation making it almost impossible to meet this requirement over time. Another way to ensure the equal performance would be to maintain this requirement within a batch; it would be most likely that the filters used on the same PAPR would be of the same batch.

[Andrew Smith] The aim of this requirement is to ensure that the flows through the filters are near to equal and therefore both filters should reach saturation at the same time. Activated carbon has a batch variation making it almost impossible to meet this requirement over time. In addition, there is no guarantee that the design of the PAPR ensures equal flow of air. This is of course desirable but in any design tradeoffs occur. The intent of this requirement is that the rated service life should not be inadvertently reduced by uneven airflow distribution. If this is seen as important then filter life settings should occur with filters fitted to PAPRs and the PAPR powered.

3.3 Field of View:

The CBRN PAPR Respiratory inlet covering shall obtain a Visual Field Score (VFS) of 90 or greater. The VFS shall be obtained by using a medium size respirator or equivalent that is sized to fit the Head Form described in Figure 14 of EN 136, Respiratory protective devices – Full face masks – Requirements, testing, marking; January 1998 or equivalent.

The VFS is determined by using a VFS grid (Dots on visual field) as defined in the American Medical Association *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, 5th Edition (2000) that is overlaid on the diagram of the visual field plot obtained using the spherical shell of EN 136 apertometer or equivalent. The VFS score is the average of three fittings of the same respirator on the specified head form.

3.4 Respiratory Inlet Covering: Lens Material Haze, Luminous Transmittance and Abrasion Resistance:

3.4.1 Haze: The haze value of the primary lens material shall be 3% or less when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1003-00.

3.4.2 Luminous Transmittance: The luminous transmittance value of the primary lens material shall be 88% or greater when tested in accordance with ASTM D 1003-00.

3.4.3 Abrasion Resistance: The haze and luminous transmittance of the primary lens material shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 1003-00 before and after subjecting the lens material to the abrasion test. The abrasion test shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM D 1044-99 using a CS10F calibrase wheel at a minimum of 70 revolutions under a 500-gram weight. After subjecting the lens material to the abrasion test, remove the residue from the test specimens in accordance with ASTM D 1044-99 or by using a cleaning method recommended by the applicant. After the residue is removed from the test specimens, the test specimens shall not exhibit an increase of haze greater than 4% and a decrease of luminous transmittance greater than 4%.

3.4.4 The test specimens shall be the flat four (4) inch (102mm) square version as prescribed in ASTM D 1044-99 and shall have the same nominal thickness and within the tolerance range as the primary lens of the CBRN APR. The test specimens shall be subjected to the same coating process and any other processes, as the primary lens would be under normal production conditions. A total of 6 specimens shall be furnished to NIOSH for certification testing, three pre-abrasion specimens and three specimens after being tested for abrasion in accordance with ASTM D-1044-99.

3.5 Carbon Dioxide:

The maximum allowable average inhaled carbon dioxide concentration shall be less than or equal to 1 percent, measured at the mouth, while the respirator is mounted on a dummy head operated by a breathing machine with the blower running. The breathing rate will be 14.5 respirations per minute with a minute volume of 10.5 liters. Tests will be conducted at ambient temperature of $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$. A concentration of 5 percent carbon dioxide in air will be exhaled into the respiratory inlet covering. The minimum allowable oxygen concentration shall be 19.5 percent. NIOSH Test Procedure RCT-APR-STP-0064 is used for Carbon Dioxide Testing.

3.6 Hydration:

For CBRN PAPR respirators equipped with a hydration facility, the CBRN PAPR respirator shall meet all requirements of the CBRN PAPR standard with the hydration facility in place. Dry drinking tube valves, valve seats, or seals will be subjected to a suction of 75mm water column height while in a normal operating position. Leakage between the valve and the valve seat shall not exceed 30 milliliters per

minute. NIOSH Test Procedure RCT-APR-STP-0014 is used for hydration facility leakage

3.7 Powered air-purifying respirators; required components.

Powered air-purifying particulate respirators shall, where its design requires, contain the following component parts:

- (1) Respiratory inlet covering
- (2) Cartridge, canister and/or filter unit;
- (3) Harness assembly;
- (4) Powered Mechanism (Blower);
- (5) Breathing tube;
- (6) Battery and/or power cord
- (7) Flow indicator;
- (8) Battery charge indicator

3.7.1 Breathing tubes; minimum requirements:

Flexible breathing tubes used in conjunction with respirators shall be designed and constructed to prevent:

- (a) Restriction of free head movement;
- (b) Disturbance of the fit of the respiratory inlet covering;
- (c) Interference with the wearer's activities; and
- (d) Shutoff of airflow due to kinking, or from chin or arm pressure.

3.7.2 Harnesses; installation and construction; minimum requirements:

- (a) Each respirator shall, where necessary, be equipped with a suitable harness designed and constructed to hold the components of the respirator in position against the wearer's body.
- (b) Harnesses shall be designed and constructed to permit easy removal and replacement of respirator parts, and where applicable, provide for holding a respiratory inlet covering in the ready position when not in use. [Goran] Design restrictive! What is the performance purpose?
[Andrew Smith] Agreed

3.7.3 Respirator Containers; minimum requirements.

- (a) CBRN PAPRS shall be equipped with a container bearing markings which show the applicant's name and the type and commercial designation of the CBRN PAPR on all appropriate approval labels.
- (b) Containers for CBRN PAPRS shall be designed and constructed to permit easy removal of the mask. [Goran] Why the easy remove of the

mask only why not the whole unit? This is very subjective what's easy for one could be difficult for another!

[Andrew Smith] Agreed

(c) Containers shall prominently list the battery duration of the unit and provide adequate information on the function and operation of low flow, battery charge, and/or low pressure indicators. [Goran] This is all desirable information, however the duration of the battery is effected on how long and at what conditions the batteries has been stored as well as how good the charge was when last charged. As the battery condition also could influence the flow rate, it seams appropriate to replace some of this information with the weakness of the battery technology used with the PAPR.

[Andrew Smith] This is all desirable information. However, duration of battery is very complex to determine. Many factors impact this. How well conditioned the battery is, when it was last charged, the environment in which it was stored since being charged, how it has been used previously, the environment in which it was charged, the technology used in the battery, the filters being used, the air flow requirements, the ambient and many other variables. Concerns have been raised over the current CBRN-XX minutes rating for APR filters and the possible confusion for the user. Attempting to claim particular battery life time may be very confusing to the user in real life use. However, should this be pursued, NIOSH must make considerable effort to standardize the battery life test (e.g. standardized test filters, standardized breathing rates, temperatures, charging routines etc). This will not be simple.

3.7.4 Labels

(a) The Battery service life must be prominently displayed on the respirator battery pack or other suitable location as a supplement to the approval label. For example - " NIOSH approved one hour battery".

[Goran] This is if not design restrictive (will not work with the latest technology of PAPR's) almost imposable to design so it has some value to the end user. If implemented and assuming that all the other design restrictive clauses will be corrected the statement would look something like this. NIOSH approved 45 minute to 7.5 hour battery

[Andrew Smith] Agreed!!!

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(b) Additional cautions and limitations appropriate to CBRN PAPRs must be added as deemed necessary by NIOSH, such as "Observe battery service life", and "Observe low flow or pressure alarm indicators."

3.7.5 General Construction Requirements

3.7.5.1 Battery Requirements:

(a) The user's instructions will include battery service life recommendations

(b) Each CBRN PAPR equipped with a battery must contain an indicator to show that the battery is fully charged. [Goran] How charged is fully charged? We know that a battery that comes off a fast charger when it cools may lose 10-20% of its capacity; self discharge can be as high as 20% per month for a good quality battery.

[Andrew Smith] How charged is fully charged? With different battery technologies, it is common for a battery to lose 10-20% of its capacity, as it cools, after removal from a fast charger. Self discharge can be as high as 20% per month (depending on storage conditions) for good quality batteries in some technologies.

(c) A low battery indicator, if provided, must indicate when the battery can no longer provide the unit with adequate power to properly power the unit.

3.7.5.2 Low Flow Indicators:

Each CBRN PAPR shall have an indicator which alarms the user, via a readily visible light or other means, when the airflow in the breathing zone drops to a flow within 10% of the identified flow rate of the CBRN PAPR. [Goran] Design restrictive! We assume the purpose is to make sure that the user is in positive pressure most of the time if not all the time. Depending on what the final flow requirement for a CBRN PAPR will be, this requirement will not ensure positive pressure for the user. However if the requirement is to maintain positive pressure let us implement the requirement of an alarm warning the user when positive pressure can't be maintained any longer.

[Andrew Smith] Design restrictive! We assume the purpose is to make sure that the user is in positive pressure most, if not all, the time. Depending on what the final flow requirement for a CBRN PAPR will be, the above requirement will not ensure positive pressure for the user. However, if the requirement is to maintain positive pressure, then the requirement should be for an alarm when positive pressure is not maintained.

3.7.5.3 Operational Controls:

(a) CBRN PAPR units must have readily accessible switches and controls designed to prevent accidental shutoff.

(b) Tight fitting and neck dam CBRN PAPR units must be designed to prevent unpurified air from entering the system.

3.8 Noise Levels:

Noise levels generated by the respirator will be measured inside the respiratory inlet covering, at each ear location, at the maximum airflow obtainable, and shall not exceed 80 dba.

3.9 Airflow:

(a) The CBRN PAPR shall contain a sufficient number of mechanical connectors to ensure that the face velocity through the filter does not exceed the face velocity achieved through the canister 64 Lpm. A minimum of two mechanical connectors is required. The CBRN PAPR shall have a minimum airflow of 115 Lpm. If we are concerned that the filters are not going to work at high inhalation air flows we also need to make shore that this requirement are implemented in all the other standards, including the Full Face Mask Standard as well as the escape hood standard. [Goran] For constant flow PAPR's there is a need to test at manufactures designed air flow divided by the filters used in the PAPR. For positive pressure demand PAPR's which flows the same air flow trough the system as a negative pressure full face mask (APR) it must be a different situation. If the peak inhalation air flow for a given work rate is for example 150 l/min, and the user are using an APR the peak flows will be 150 l/min. If the user used a positive pressure demand PAPR with two filters the peak inhalation air flow will be 75 l/min trough each filter.

[Andrew Smith] Agreed!

(b) Airflow will be measured in the oral/nasal region of the respirator

(c) The minimum airflow identified by the applicant must be maintained for the battery duration as specified by the applicant, + 20 minutes without using auxiliary power sources. [Goran] To allow for new technology we need to use some warning system in preference to fixed numbers as new technology adapts to the work load performed by the user. Therefore it is imposable to use a fixed number, the metabolic work load is constantly changing, and this influences the flow requirement necessary to maintain positive pressure.

[Andrew Smith] Agreed!!

4.0 Special CBRN Requirements:

4.1 Canister Test Challenge and Test Breakthrough

Concentrations:

The gas/vapor test challenges and breakthrough concentrations shown in Table 1: Canister Challenge, Breakthrough Concentrations, and Canister Efficiency shall be used to establish the canister service life:

Table 1: Canister Test Challenge and Test Breakthrough Concentrations

	Test Concentration (ppm)	Breakthrough Concentration (ppm)
Ammonia	2500	12.5
Cyanogen Chloride	300	2
Cyclohexane	2600	10
Formaldehyde	500	1

Hydrogen Cyanide	940	4.7 ⁽¹⁾
Hydrogen Sulfide	1000	5.0
Nitrogen Dioxide	200	1 ppm NO ₂ or 25 ppm NO ⁽²⁾
Phosgene	250	1.25
Phosphine	300	0.3
Sulfur Dioxide	1500	5

⁽¹⁾ Sum of HCN and C₂N₂.

⁽²⁾ Nitrogen Dioxide breakthrough is monitored for both NO₂ and NO. The breakthrough is determined by which quantity, NO₂ or NO, reaches breakthrough first.

4.2 Canister Service Life:

The applicant shall specify a minimum service life as part of the application for certification. Applications shall be identified in 15-minute intervals (15 minutes, 30 minutes, and 45 minutes) for service life less than 60 minutes. For a service life of 60 minutes or greater, applications shall be identified in 30-minute intervals (60 minutes, 90 minutes, 120 minutes). Gas life tests are performed at room temperature, 25±5°C; 25±5 percent relative humidity; and 80 + 5 percent relative humidity. Three canisters will be tested at each specified humidity with a flow rate of 64 liters per minute, continuous flow. Tests will be conducted to the minimum specified service time. The canisters shall meet or exceed the specified service times without exceeding the identified breakthrough concentrations in Table 3. Gas life testing shall be performed following environmental conditioning and rough handling.

4.3 Particulate/Aerosol Canister:

The canister shall meet the requirements of a P100 particulate filter in accordance with the following criteria. Particulate filter efficiency testing shall be performed following environmental conditioning and rough handling.

- 1) Twenty filters for the air-purifying respirator shall be tested for filter efficiency against a dioctyl phthalate or equivalent liquid particulate aerosol.
- 2) Filters including holders and gaskets; when separable shall be tested for filter efficiency level, as mounted on a test fixture in the manner as used on the respirator.
- 3) When the filters do not have separable holders and gaskets, the exhalation valves shall be blocked so as to ensure that leakage, if present, is not included in the filter efficiency level evaluation.
- 4) For air-purifying particulate respirators with a single filter, filters shall be tested at a continuous airflow rate of 85 ± 4 liters per minute. [Goran] earlier it was mandated that there be a minimum of 2 canisters

Where filters are to be used in pairs, the test-aerosol airflow rate shall be 42.5 ± 2 liters per minute through each filter. [Goran] This test should be the maximum specified flow rate by the manufacture, divided by the number of filters used in the PAPR. The reason for this is that we today know that the flow through a particle filter influence the filtration capability of the filter (flow dependent filter performance) and should therefore be tested at its maximum flow rate.
[Andrew Smith] Agreed!!!

5) A neat cold-nebulized dioctyl phthalate (DOP) or equivalent aerosol at $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ that has been neutralized to the Boltzmann equilibrium state shall be used. Each filter shall be challenged with a concentration not exceeding 200 mg/m^3 .

6) The test shall continue until minimum efficiency is achieved or until an aerosol mass of at least $200 \pm 5 \text{ mg}$ has contacted the filter. If the filter efficiency is decreasing when the $200 \pm 5 \text{ mg}$ challenge point is reached, the test shall be continued until there is no further decrease in efficiency.

7) The DOP aerosol shall have a particle size distribution with count median diameter of 0.185 ± 0.020 micrometer and a standard geometric deviation not exceeding 1.60 at the specified test conditions as determined with a scanning mobility particle sizer or equivalent.

8) The efficiency of the filter shall be monitored and recorded throughout the test period by a suitable forward-light-scattering photometer or equivalent instrumentation.

9) The minimum efficiency for each of the 20 filters shall be determined and recorded and be equal to or greater than the filter efficiency criterion listed for the P100 filter: $\geq 99.97\%$.

4.4 Service Life Testing, High Flow:

Each canister shall provide a minimum service life of 5 minutes when tested at a flow rate of 100 ± 10 liters per minute, 50 ± 5 percent relative humidity and $25 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ for each of the gases/vapors identified in Paragraph 4.1, Canister Test Challenge and Test Breakthrough Concentrations.

[Goran] This requirement should be the highest specified flow by the manufacture divided by the filter used in the PAPR.

[Andrew Smith] Agreed!

4.5 Low Temperature/Fogging:

The CBRN PAPR Respiratory Inlet Covering shall demonstrate an average Visual Acuity Score (VAS) of greater or equal to 75 points for all measurements of acuity with the blower operating. The respirator shall be cold soaked for four (4) hours and then worn in an environmental chamber maintained at minus 21°C .

4.6 Communications:

Communication requirements are based upon performance using a Modified Rhyme Test (MRT). The communications requirement is met if the overall performance rating is greater than or equal to seventy (70) percent. The MRT will be performed with a steady background noise of 60 dBA consisting of a broadband "pink" noise with the blower operating. The distance between the listeners and speakers shall be 3 meters.

4.7 Chemical Agent Permeation and Penetration Resistance Against Distilled Sulfur

Mustard (HD) and Sarin (GB) Agent Requirement:

The air purifying respirator system, including all components and accessories shall resist the permeation and penetration of Distilled Sulfur Mustard (HD) and Sarin (GB) chemical agents when tested on an upper-torso manikin connected to a breathing machine operating at an air flow rate of 40 liters per minute (L/min), 36 respirations per minute, 1.1 liters tidal volume.

Test requirements for Distilled Sulfur Mustard (HD) are shown in Table 2:

Table 2: Vapor-Liquid Sequential Challenge of APR with Distilled Sulfur Mustard (HD)

Agent	Challenge Concentration	Duration of Challenge (min)	Breathing Machine Airflow Rate (L/min)	Maximum Peak Excursion (mg/m ³)	Maximum Breakthrough (concentration integrated over minimum service life) (mg-min/m ³)	Number of Systems Tested	Minimum Service Life (hours)
HD-Vapor	50 mg/m ³ (1)	30	40	0.30 ⁽³⁾	3.0 ⁽⁴⁾	3	8 ⁽⁶⁾
HD-Liquid	0.43 to 0.86 ml ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	120	40	0.30 ⁽³⁾	3.0 ⁽⁴⁾	3	2

(1) Vapor challenge concentration will start immediately after the test chamber has been sealed. Minimum Service Life for liquid exposure starts after the first liquid drop is applied.

(2) Liquid volume dependent on accessories used with the respirator. Minimum volume is 0.43 ml based on the respirator only.

(3) Three consecutive sequential test data points at or exceeding 0.3 mg/m³ will collectively constitute a failure where each test value is based on a detector sample time of approximately 2 minutes.

(4) The cumulative Ct including all maximum peak excursion data points must not be exceeded for the duration of the test.

(5) Liquid agent is applied to respirator at hour 6 of the test cycle.

(6) The test period begins upon initial generation of vapor concentration and ends at 8 hours.

Test requirements for Sarin (GB) agent are shown in Table 3:

Table 3: Vapor Challenge of APR with Sarin (GB)

Challenge Concentration	Vapor Concentration (mg/m ³)	Vapor Challenge Time (minutes)	Breathing Machine Airflow Rate (L/min)	Maximum Peak Excursion mg/m ³	Maximum Breakthrough (concentration integrated over minimum service life) (mg-min/m ³)	Number of Systems Tested	Minimum Service Life (hours)
GB	210 ⁽¹⁾	30	40	0.044 ⁽³⁾	1.05 ⁽⁴⁾	3	8 ⁽²⁾

(1) The vapor challenge concentration generation will be initiated immediately after test chamber has been sealed.

(2) The test period begins upon initial generation of vapor concentration and ends at 8 hours. Vapor challenge of 50 mg/m³ will be applied for the last 10 minutes of the test.

(3) Three consecutive sequential test data points at or exceeding 0.044 mg/m³ will collectively constitute a failure where each test value is based on a detector sample time of approximately 2 minutes.

(4) The cumulative Ct including all maximum peak excursion data points must not be exceeded for the duration of the test.

4.8 Laboratory Respiratory Protection Level (LRPL) Test Requirement:

The measured laboratory respiratory protection level (LRPL) for each powered air-purifying respirator shall be 10,000 for ≥95% of trials with the blower operating. All sampling will be performed in the breathing zone of the respirator. The respirator is tested in an atmosphere containing 20-40 mg/m³ corn oil aerosol of a mass median aerodynamic diameter of 0.4 to 0.6 micrometers. The LRPL shall be calculated using eleven exercises: Normal Breathing, Deep Breathing, Turn Head Side to Side, Move Head Up and Down, Recite the Rainbow Reading Passage or equivalent, Sight a Mock Rifle, Reach for the Floor and Ceiling, On Hands and Knees - Look Side to Side, Facial Grimace, Climb Stairs at a Regular Pace, and Normal Breathing.

Test subject and replication numbers are outlined in Table 4.

Table 4.—Anthropometric test criteria

	Small	Medium	Large
Face Length and Face Width	Cell A Use LANL boxes 1, 2, 3, 4 (2 or 3 subjects each box, 2 trials per subject) Subjects= 10 Trials= 20	Cell D Use LANL boxes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; panel size 17 (2 or 3 subjects each box, 2 trials per subject) Subjects= 17 Trials= 34	Cell G Use LANL boxes 7, 8, 9, 10; panel size 11 (2 or 3 subjects each box, 2 trials per subject) Subjects= 11 Trials= 22
Head Circumference*	Cell B N/A Subjects= 0 Trials= 0	Cell E N/A Subjects= 0 Trials= 0	Cell H 568-594 mm Subjects= 10 Trials= 20
Neck Circumference*	Cell C 306-378 mm Subjects= 10 Trials= 20	Cell F 355-403 mm Subjects= 10 Trials= 20	Cell I 378-451 mm Subjects= 10 Trials= 20

*If applicable to design of PAPR.

For each size category (Small, Medium, and Large), each cell corresponding to the anthropometric parameter will be tested. Cells can be either exclusively (if the test subjects only meet the requirements of a specific cell) or concurrently (if the test subjects meet the requirements of more than one cell) tested for each size category.

Example: For the 'Large' category, 11 subjects are needed for the 'Face Length and Width' category (cell G). If 10 of these 11 subjects also meet the measurement range for the 'Large Head Circumference' category (cell H), then the number of subjects required for cell H is simultaneously met. If only 6 of the 11 subjects needed for the 'Large Face Length and Width' category (cell G) meet the measurement range for the 'Large Head Circumference' category (cell H), then an additional 4 subjects will need to be tested in cell H.

4.9 Environmental Conditioning (transportability, temperature range, survivability):

Environmental conditioning shall be performed in accordance with Table 4:

Table 4: Environmental Conditioning

Test	Test Method	Test Condition	Duration
Hot Diurnal	Mil-Std-810F; Method 501.4; Table 501.4-II; Hot- Induced Conditions	Diurnal Cycle, 35°C (95°F) -71°C (160°F);	3 Weeks
Cold Constant	Mil-Std-810F, Method 502.4;	Basic Cold (C1), - 32°C (-95°F); Constant	3 Days
Humidity	Mil-Std-810E, 507.3; Method 507.3; Table 507.3-II	Natural Cycle, Cycle 1, Diurnal Cycle, 31°C (88°F) RH 88% -41°C (105°F) RH 59%	5 Days, Quick Look
Vibration	Mil-Std-810F, 514.5	US Highway Vibration, Unrestrained Figure 514.5C-1	12 Hours/Axis, 3 Axis; Total Duration =36 Hours, equivalent to 12,000 miles
Drop	3 foot drop onto bare concrete surface	Canister only; In individual canister packaging container	1 drop/filter on one of the 3 axes.

Note: Extra batteries are required to be subjected to the environmental testing for the human subject testing

[Goran] **These test are pretty severe for electronics.**

We have great concerns over the low temperature for the calibration of pressure sensors. We believes that from our previous experience it is possible that there can be significant permanent drift in the calibration of the pressure sensors after exposure to low temperature.

Also what is the expectation for batteries?

They will suffer significant self discharge during this testing. 71C is getting close to maximum storage temperature.

There are high temp cells but they have other problems.

We believe, based on the end user experience we have, that PAPR's in this class will not be left in the back of a car as APR's may would be. More likely is that they will be stored in containers together with other equipment, in those situations low and high temperatures can be eliminated trough temperature control of the inertia of the storage.

A compromise would be that the lowest and highest recommended storage temperature need to be clearly displayed on the unit and in the instruction. With this rout the end user can decide for him self if he are prepared to deal with sensitive equipment, and we avoid the design restriction at a time where technology are still behind.

[Andrew Smith] **Agreed!**