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Re: Respiratory Protective Services Proposed Rules

Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of your proposed rule on Respiratory Protective Devices. I am especially pleased that the proposal includes changes in the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators used for TB control. Unfortunately, there is no certification process currently in place that addresses the CDC's performance criteria for respiratory protection against TB that is acceptable for most health care worker needs.

I believe implementation of these testing and certification procedures is urgently needed and will enable employers to provide their health care workers with respiratory protection products that will be more practical and economical.

I applaud your efforts in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

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