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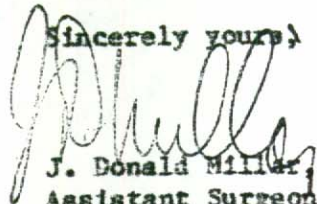
Dear Mr. Mintz:

Thank you for your letter of April 4. NIOSH is committed to revising 30 CFR 11 to produce a rule that considers all comments, a regulation that is protective, encourages innovations, yet not a burden for the industry. As you know, the public record on the proposed 42 CFR 11 was open for 7 months (September 1987 through March 1988) and we held two public meetings. We appreciate both the comments from Moldex-Metric President Mr. Mark Magldson dated December 23, 1987, and Mr. Birkner's comments at our January 20, 1988 public meeting.

Over the next several months, my staff will be reviewing thoroughly all 271 comments that were submitted to the Docket. I feel confident that they will recommend to me a revised standard that reflects the concerns and suggestions found in the docket. However, thank you for your offer to provide a representative from Moldex-Metric to serve on a consensus committee, if one were to be formed.

I have a strong personal interest in a Final Rule that assures one thing - respirators that will work to protect the health of workers. Every buyer and user of NIOSH-approved respirators needs to be able to see the NIOSH name on a product and feel that it means something, namely, that it works. My goal is the best possible protection for all those whose lives depend on using a respirator.

Sincerely yours,



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