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At your upcoming meeting concerning the "Potential Standards or Guidelines for Respiratory Protective Devices Used to Protect Emergency Response

Workers Against Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Agents," please consider addressing the respiratory protective needs of hospital personnel responding to contaminated patients arriving at the Emergency Department. Most hazmat victims treated at the hospital have not received any pre-hospital care, including decontamination. The appropriate level of PPE recommended (Level B verses Level C) needs to encompass not only potential terrorist agents but the routine hazardous materials found in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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