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NIOSH Docket Office  
Robert A. Taft Laboratories  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed regulations to upgrade current testing requirements for particulate filters. Differentiation of filters into three levels according to their efficiency will better meet the needs of hospitals. A 95% filter efficiency level should adequately protect health care workers in most settings, while still enabling the workers to meet patient needs. The 95% filter also would give hospitals more options in protecting health care workers against infection with tuberculosis.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

*Mary T. Thompson*

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cc: Jackie Bryan

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