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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing in response to the Proposed Rule of Respiratory Protective Devices (42 CFR PART 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No 99 pp. 26850-26893).

I am an Infection Control Nurse at a medium sized community hospital in an area that has a low incidence of Tuberculosis. In the last two years we have seen only one case of pulmonary TB.

I support the proposed standard to have three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards describing the filter elements. The new process will provide a fair and reliable way of evaluating PR use in the future. Please support the proposed standard.

Sincerely,



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