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RE: Request for Appearance at Informal Public Meeting  
January 27 - 28, 1987  
Washington, DC

Revision of Tests and Requirements for Certification  
of Permissibility of Respirator Protective Devices Used in  
Mines and Mining

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the membership of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), an association comprised of a majority of US investor-owned electric utilities, a request for appearance at the above referenced scheduled informal public meeting is hereby made with this letter.

EEI members and staff are continuing to assess the implications of these proposed rules to worker health and the operations of electric utilities. The association is currently compiling comments from its membership on the agency's proposed rule, and we are not yet prepared to offer detailed comments. We will complete this work by January 27 and will offer comments at the time of, and subsequent to, the scheduled informal public meeting.

A spokesman, to be drawn from EEI's membership, has not yet been selected. However, notification of EEI's scheduled appearance time may be communicated to me on behalf of EEI. Upon selection of a spokesman, EEI will inform the agency of the name and affiliation of its speaker(s).

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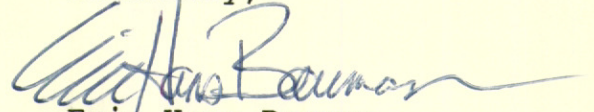
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Thank you for your consideration of this request for appearance.

Sincerely,



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