June 15, 1994

Ms. Diane Manning
NIOSH Docket Office.
Robert A. Taft Laboratories
Mail Stop C34
4676 Columbia Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45226

Dear Ms. Manning:

With this letter, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is expressing its intention to appear at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) informal public hearing on the NIOSH notice of proposed rulemaking for testing and certification of respiratory protective devices as referenced in the 59 Federal Register 27257, dated May 26, 1994.

The latest information we have indicates the public hearing is scheduled for June 23 and 24, 1994, beginning at 10 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively, at the Vista Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. If this is incorrect, we would appreciate being notified. AIHA is available to attend the public hearing on either date and will adhere to your schedule for our presentation.

AIHA’s comments at the public hearing will be presented by:

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Mr. Nelson is a member of the AIHA Respiratory Protection Committee. His presentation will be a maximum of ten (10) minutes in length. I am sure that a summary of Mr. Nelson’s comments will be forwarded to you prior to the public hearing.

AIHA also has intentions of submitting official comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking, to be forwarded to the NIOSH Docket Office before the close of business on July 22, 1994.
Ms. Manning, AIHA appreciates the opportunity to appear at the public hearing on this proposed rulemaking and looks forward to assisting NIOSH in any way possible to ensure the final rule is responsive in protecting the needs of workers and the public.

Should you have any questions regarding our interest or presentation, please feel free to contact Aaron Trippler, AIHA Director of Government Affairs, at our headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Lynch, CIH, CSP, PE
President

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Thomas J. Nelson
Pat Paulus, Respiratory Cmte. Chair
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