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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I strongly support the proposed rule developed by NIOSH regarding respiratory protective devices, 42 CFR Part 84. I believe that the proposed rule provides the necessary level of respiratory protection for workers, at a cost that is far less burdensome for employers in the health care industry.

Our facility recently experienced a positive TB which was later given a negative response after further testing. The potential threat is very real in our business and we must do all we can to protect our employees in a cost effective manner.

I urge the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the proposed rule as a final rule.

Sincerely,

Lyn Smith
Administrator

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