NPPTL Action Plan: Response to the IOM report on the Assessment of the NIOSH Head-and-Face Anthropometric Survey of Respirator Users

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Overview

• Objective
  - Develop a long-term strategy ("Action Plan") for facial anthropometrics and respirator fit research at NPPTL to address the recommendations in the IOM report

• Approach
  - Analyze IOM recommendations to determine if existing data is available to make decisions on whether the recommendations could and/or should be implemented or not
  - Review on-going and proposed NPPTL research projects
  - Review on-going research in NIOSH, academia, government, and industry related to anthropometrics and respirator fit
Composition of Draft Action Plan

- Part I. NPPTL assessment of IOM recommendations
  - Detailed point by point response to each IOM recommendation.

- Part II. Research Roadmap
  - Prioritized 10 year plan for the sequence of research projects to address information gaps
**Next steps / Implementation of Action Plan**

- Detailed draft action plan posted to NPPTL website (July/August 2007)
- Open docket to solicit comments for 90 days (September – November 2007)
- Revise action plan based on comments received (January 2008)
- Action plan will be used to prioritize selection of future NPPTL research projects, funding, staffing, and equipment needs

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