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Comments

Please eliminate the NIOSH, 1984 prohibition on buddy breathing. Changes in technology have increased the efficiency and safety of using a buddy breathing device: Exposure to IDLH atmosphere is eliminated and allows rescue options that other systems do not offer. NIOSH approval of a buddy breathing system will initiate NFPA testing and development of use and care standards.