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To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)
Subject: "147 - Reevaluation of the NIOSH policy on emergency escape support breathing system or buddy-breather device used with open-circuit self-contained breathing apparatus."

Sirs,
Since the first NIOSH opposition to "buddy breathing" approvals for breathing apparatus, the very capabilities of the breathing apparatus have advanced dramatically. With the higher pressure of the storage cylinder the lighter weight makes a potential for effectively allowing "buddy breathing" skills more reasonable. The SCBA manufacturers have made reliable and effective "buddy breathing" configurations possible, practical, and dependable.

I would ask that NIOSH lift the opposition to "buddy breathing" features on SCBA and allow their use within the capabilities of a certified and approved breathing apparatus.

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