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Comments

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In reference to Docket Number NIOSH-221:

Currently the system in place prevents many smaller paid and volunteer fire departments from purchasing replacement SCBA cylinders™s due to the high cost. Separating the tanks from the packs for NIOSH certification and allowing other manufactures to enter the market will bread competition and lower the prices. The goal of NIOSH is to promote safety not big business. Currently many departments operate without adequate numbers of scba and or scba spare tanks due to the outrages cost. Even more departments operate without dated tanks due to the cost of replacement. With the stroke of a pen and the use of common sense you can make our world a little safer and more affordable. In this world of economic disasters most smaller and even larger departments are worried about meeting payroll, buying fuel, cutting back services to save, and all sorts of financial woes that endanger fire fighters and civilians; this would help in a small way to alleviate that financial burden. This would allow for those struggling departments to replace old tanks and increase their SCBA's for firefighters.