Good morning,

I am writing to provide input regarding Docket Number NIOSH-221. Currently, approval holders do not manufacture cylinders; as a result, they serve as a barrier between cylinder manufacturers and end users limiting cylinder innovation & improvements. NIOSH should provide a “Separate Cylinder Approval” which would allow users to choose cylinders from more than a single source. The elimination of the cylinder from the ensemble approval would save Fire departments millions of dollars annually which could be better used for adequate staffing and other department needs. Thank you for your consideration.

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