ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period, and change in dates and location of meeting.

SUMMARY: On May 24, 1994, NIOSH published in the Federal Register (59 FR 28350) a proposed rule for certification of respiratory protective devices. Due to requests from the public, this Notice announces that NIOSH is extending the period for public comment on the proposed rule and is rescheduling an informal public meeting announced in the preamble to the proposed rule. The close of the comment period has been changed from July 8, 1994, to July 22, 1994. The meeting has been rescheduled from June 7 and 8, 1994, to June 23 and 24, 1994.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed rule must be received at the NIOSH Docket Office before the close of business on July 22, 1994. The informal public meeting on the proposed rule is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on June 23, and at 9 a.m. on June 24, 1994. Interested persons wishing to provide oral comments at the informal public meeting should file a request for appearance with the NIOSH Docket Office no later than close of business June 16, 1994. The record of the informal public meeting will remain open for 28 days following the close of the meeting to allow interested persons to submit written statements or comments regarding oral presentations made at the public meeting.

ADRESSES: Comments on the proposed rule should be mailed in triplicate to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, Mail Stop C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. Requests to participate in the public meeting should be mailed in duplicate to the NIOSH Docket Office, at the above address. The public meeting will be held at the Vista Hotel, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

The Baron Springs salamander is completely aquatic and currently known only from Barton Springs in Travis County, Texas. The salamander is threatened by contamination of the