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Based upon my 30 plus years of underground and surface mining experience , which has focused on fire fighting , as well as my 35 years as a firefighter , the following comments are offered regarding the warning sticker for the Draeger CCBA which states " Do not use this apparatus when there is direct exposure to open flames or in high radiant heat".

This apparatus has been historically used on underground mine fires successfully for a long time.(almost a tradition) In addition, most of the major metropolitan cities in the United States have relied on this apparatus for years to enter special fire conditions such as subways and high rise facilities. As a matter of fact, some of the situations couldn't have been safely dealt with by not utilizing it ..Again, without incident.

The application of this warning to this apparatus only serves to confuse the user. I have NEVER heard of or witnessed any fire fighter called out of a situation listed in the warning due to exposure to any of these items contained in the warning.

I concur with the proposed change Draeger is suggesting.

I would like to thank NIOSH for the opportunity for me to provide these comments.

Respectfully,
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"Put the wet stuff on the red stuff"