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Docket #221. I believe that NIOSH should eliminate the cylinder from the ensemble approval process. The reasons are to allow Fire Departments with tight budgets to be able to chose a cylinder from more than just one source, not just from the respirator manufacturer that does not make the cylinder. It is also my understanding that DOT approves cylinders and that is all that NIOSH looks at when approving cylinders during the ensemble approval process. So if a cylinder is DOT approved, why can it not be used in the respirator?

Not updating the approval process would be irresponsible.

Thank you.