

National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory

Manufacturers Meeting

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Certification Performance

- **10/1/2008 to 4/30/2009**
 - 148 Air Purifying respirators evaluated
 - 56 Atmosphere Supplying respirators evaluated
 - Processing times
 - 89 Particulate only @ 37 day average
 - less than 5% of all AP over 90 days
 - 6/56 AS respirators over 90 days

CBRN Activity

- **5 CBRN AP**
 - 1 new
 - 4 extensions

- **22 CBRN SCBA**
 - 1 new
 - 21 extensions

Extended Testing Policies

- **Testing required under Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 84.35 (42 CFR 84.35)**
 - Any changes to the material or design of the approved respirator configuration

What is a Change?

- **Changes to facepiece, facepiece harness, mouthpiece or respirator inlet covering**
- **Changes to the breathing circuit including canisters, cartridges, breathing tubes, valves, blower and/or filters**
- **Changes to, or addition of, accessories that make physical contact to the respirator facepiece or head harness**
- **Changes to donning instructions and/or user seal check instructions**
- **Substituting a part from another approved configuration into a configuration where that part is not yet part of the approval**

Extended Testing under 42 CFR 84.35

Changes not affecting the material or design of the approved respirator configuration include:

- Changes in labels
- Changes in user instructions that do not affect the user seal check, or donning instructions that were used for initial evaluation
- Modification to accessories listed on the matrix that are not in or contiguous to functional respirator components

Time Frames for Extended Testing

	Interval Requiring Extended Testing
Filtering Facepiece	1 Year
CBRN SCBA	Not Required
All Other Respirator Types	2 years

Process for Extended Testing

- Submitted project will be processed through, independent of testing results
- Testing will proceed under a separate TN number where necessary and a CPIP in the event of a failure

Impact of Extended Testing

- **Initiated in October 2006**
 - Non-conformance rate over 5% at that time

- **2009 Performance**
 - 9 projects given extended testing
 - 100% conforming

For Additional information

- **March 17 Letter to All Manufacturers**
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/resources/pressrel/letters/ltr-031709.html>
- **Call for details on specific projects**