



September 28, 2017

LETTER TO ALL RESPIRATOR MANUFACTURERS

**Subject: NIOSH NPPTL Meeting for All Respirator Manufacturers, Thursday,
December 7, 2017**

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) is holding a meeting for all respirator manufacturers on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the NIOSH Pittsburgh site. All manufacturers, manufacturer application preparers, and other interested parties are welcome to attend. Remote participation, via Adobe Connect, will be available. The meeting is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include; Approval Program Process Analysis; Approval Program Workflow; Observations from the Conformity Assessment Workshops; Respirator Approval Program Updates; Implementation options for the NIOSH Bivariate Panel; Implementation of the LabView Positive Pressure Test System; MSHA Concurrence Procedures for Products Intended for Mine Use; and an Overview of the NIOSH Stockpile Project.

[Registration](#) is required for both in-person and Adobe Connect participation. Because this meeting is being held at a Federal site, pre-registration is required on or before December 5, 2017 and a government-issued photo ID will be required to obtain entrance to the facility.

Non-U.S. citizens need to register on or before November 1, 2017 to allow sufficient time for mandatory facility security clearance procedures to be completed. Once your registration form, indicating you are not a U.S. Citizen, is received you will receive an email from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) International Visitor Requests. This email will include a link to a secure site requesting additional information. CDC approval must be established before entry to the CDC NIOSH site will be permitted. All foreign nationals must present the same documents submitted with the visitor registration form (current passport, entry visa, or permanent residency card) at the security gate on the day of your visit. If you have any questions regarding this process, please email Mike Dojcak, IMY5@cdc.gov, or by phone at 412 386 5295.

Members of the Conformity Verification and Standards Development Branch staff will be available for one-on-one meetings from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 and from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017. The meetings can be scheduled in half hour segments. If you would like to schedule time to discuss quality assurance, project review, approval issues, or lab operations and post-approval monitoring activities, please contact Tom Pouchot at clq0@cdc.gov. Tom may also be reached by telephone at 412 386 4036.

Hotel Accommodations: There are several hotels located in close proximity to the NIOSH facility:

Hampton Inn – 4.6 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.
1550 Lebanon Church Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236
(412) 650-1000

Spring Hill Suites – 4.4 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.
1000 Regis Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15236
(412) 653-9800

Holiday Inn Express – 5.8 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH
3122 Lebanon Church Road, West Mifflin PA 15122
(412) 469-1900

Comfort Inn – 4.4 miles from NIOSH. No local shuttle service.
1340 Lebanon Church Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236
(412) 653-6600

None of these hotels offer shuttle service to/from the airport.

If you do not want to rent a car, there are a few *limo services* that other visitors have used with success:

J&W – (412) 720-7721
Carey Limo – (412) 731-8671
Uber is another option.

Lunch: We will offer a box lunch option from Subway that will be delivered to the meeting room. The box lunch options order form is linked to the registration page. *NOTE:* There are no other options for lunch in this building. The vending machine choices are limited to snacks and soft drinks. The cost is \$10.00 per person (cash only), which must be paid that morning. The deadline for ordering or cancelling lunches is 10:00 a.m. on December 1, 2017.

Questions can be directed to 412-386-4000 or npptleventspublic@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Standards Development Branch