

# Respirator Testing and Certification

## FY13 (927PP21)

**Objective** Efficient processing of respirator approval applications. This is an ongoing project that provides Congressionally mandated testing and certification of respirators. This CAN is focused on the actual testing and certification operations



### **Applicable standards**

- 42 CFR 84, CBRN Statement of Standards and 29 CFR 1910.134
- NIOSH policies and procedures

### **Key Partners**

- USA and International Respirator Manufacturers; OSHA: FDA; NFPA/SEI; EPA; NRC

### **Stakeholders**

- Respirator users
- Respirator manufacturers
- Enforcement agencies

### **Project Scope**

- Support testing activities
- Support records keeping and FOIA activities
- Maintenance and Calibration test equipment
- Update Standard test protocols
- Liaison with stakeholders on testing issues.

### **Milestones (through April 1, 2013)**

- Filtering Facepiece Respirators (FFR) 96 processed with an average of 56 days (70 days projected)
- Non CBRN non FFR respirators, 63 processed with an average of 92 days (80 days projected)

### **Outputs**

- FY11 Total of 341 respirator approval actions, 255 approved 86 denied or withdrawn 4 new/revised STPs completed
- FY12 Total of 328 respirator approval actions, 227 approved 101 denied or withdrawn 9 new/revised STPs completed
- FY13 Total of 159 respirator approval actions, 108 approved, 51 denied or withdrawn 17 new/revised STPs completed
- FY11 Letters completed: 528
- FY12 Letters completed: 773
- FY13 Letters completed: 309

### **Outcomes:**

- Increase the national inventory of respirators
- Average processing time of 78 days excluding CBRN

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