

Respirator Approval: Policy and Standards Development – FY15 (927PP18)

Objective

- Develop policies and standards related to Evaluation and Testing of respirators and other personnel protective equipment (PPE) in NPPTL
- Develop supporting test procedures and guidance documents for ISO 17025 accreditation
- Establish operation of Post Market Activities under a new Branch

Applicable Standards

- 42 CFR Part 84
- 29 CFR 1910.134
- ISO 17025
- CBRN Statement of Standards
- NIOSH Policies and procedures

Stakeholders

- Regulators
- Manufacturers
- Employers
- Certification agencies
- Employees

Key Partners

- Regulators,
- Academicians,
- Respirator Manufacturers,
- Certifiers and users worldwide

Milestones FY15

- 3Q -Complete documentation of test needs and begin utilization improvements
- 4Q -Complete all LTFE reports in process and identify strategies for enhanced dissemination
- 4Q -Finalize enhanced Post Market Surveillance strategies
 - Draft MOU with SEI for SCBA site audit and product audit collaboration to most effectively use resources
 - Identify approaches to increase testing efficiency
- 4Q -Draft strategy for developing “PPE HHE” for evaluations and investigations

Outputs

- Provide evaluation and test support to 42 CFR Part 84
- Evaluation and Test support to other Standard Development Organization and STPs for Certification
- Guidance Products based on Post Market Outputs
- Future – MOUs for testing and audit activities

Outcomes

- Improved Respirator Standards and Guidance

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