

Closed-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program FY15 (927PP20_CC_SCBA) Activity Suspended: Low Priority

Objective Determine if there is a need to update the current performance requirements of the CC-SCBA in 42 CFR 84, Subpart H.



Milestones FY14

- Q2 – Completed Draft Webinar Announcement (**Developed Draft**)
FYQ3 and FYQ4 Activities did not transpire.
- Q3 – Disseminate Webinar Announcement & Create Docket #39B
- Q4 – Hold Webinar and Place Official Finding in Docket

Key Partners

- Respirator manufacturers
- Regulatory agencies / OSHA
- User groups
- U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command

Stakeholders

- Respirator users
- Respirator manufacturers
- Enforcement agencies

Project Scope

- Hold a Webinar to determine if there is a need to update the current performance requirements of the CC-SCBA in 42 CFR 84, and if there is a need to update, who should develop the new standard, NIOSH or another standard development organization (SDO) such as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Webinar to Discuss Potential Approaches of Std. Dev.

- Requirements in 42 CFR 84 remain status quo (**No Need to Update**)
- Incorporate Subpart Q in 42 CFR 84 using the Rule making process
- NIOSH sanction another SDO to create a new SDO standard
- Update 42 CFR 84 for Respiratory Protection and sanction another SDO for Fire and CBRN Protection (**joint NIOSH-SDO effort**)
- Update 42 CFR 84 by incorporating future ISO Performance Reqmts.
- Other Options?

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Output

- Eliminate obsolete requirements
- Update or add STP and SOPs for testing current, new, CBRN, and Fire Resistant performance requirements
- Allow for flexibility for greater variety of CC-SCBA designs to be certified
- Certified CBRN CC-SCBA with optional high heat and flame resistance properties
- Availability of CC-SCBA for use in CBRN and high radiant heat and flame (If NIOSH prohibition for use in heat is repealed) environments

Outcomes

- Improve CC-SCBA performance and safety for traditional users like the mine rescue teams and for potential new users such as the military, first responder and fire service communities