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RULE ON RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES

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At the June 23, 1994 meeting of the Muhlenberg Hospital Center TB Task Force, the NIOSH published Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices was reviewed.

We support the proposed standard, as a first step in improving the certification process.

We are pleased that this first step recognizes that the certification process finally addresses the health care setting. Because outdated procedures will be replaced with better methods for evaluating a respirator's ability to filter toxic substances, manufacturers will be able to produce a broader range of certified respirators which provide the necessary level of protection.

By requiring a clear set of performance standards, the new process will provide a fair and reliable way of evaluating particulate respirator use in the future.

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