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Gentlemen:

We support the "NIOSH Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices" as published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, May 24, 1994. This rule replaces existing "Mine Safety & Health Administration" regulations with new *Public Health regulations* thereby addressing the needs of workers in the health care setting. This proposal is seen as the first step in improving the certification process of particulate respirators for health care workers. Under the classification system described, the Type C-95% filter efficiency should probably be acceptable for most health care worker's needs.

Sincerely yours,



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