

Reevaluation of the NIOSH policy on  
emergency escape support breathing  
system or “buddy-breather” device used  
with open-circuit self-contained breathing  
apparatus

**Panel Discussion**

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## Panel Discussion

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### Input Sought from Manufacturers and Other Stakeholders :

- Viewpoints and experience on the current policy
- What research has already been completed related to the current policy
- What, if any research is needed to support rescinding, reaffirming, or modifying this policy
- Recommendations on SCBA technology and performance enhancements that would enhance user safety during the emergency use of a buddy-breathing device



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- Recommendations on SCBA technology safeguards to prevent issues of concern related to the use of an emergency escape support breathing system
- Viewpoints on minimum performance standard requirements and test procedures that could be used to evaluate an emergency escape support breathing system
- Other comments on the subject



# **Information Docket**

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