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NIOSH Docket Office
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To Whom it may concern:

This letter of comment is in response to the HHS/NIOSH Respiratory Protective Device Proposed Rule.


As Nationally Certified Infection Control Practitioners, we fully endorse the proposed certification procedures to include the new generation of Class C respirators for care of patients with Tuberculosis disease.

In the absence of scientific data to support the need for HEPA respirators, we urge you to approve and pass this proposed rule prior to the end of 1994.

Due to the staggering financial burden the current standard represents, Class C respirators would provide a significant cost avoidance to the healthcare industry, provided this proposed rule is quickly finalized.

Sincerely,


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