



Association for Practitioners in Infection Control

APIC-Minnesota

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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sirs:

APIC-MN Governmental Affairs Committee has reviewed the Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices (42 CFR Part 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No. 99 pp. 26850-26893).

We support the proposed standard as it relates to mycobacterium Tuberculosis. We recognize the infection control significance of determining the appropriate respiratory protection for health care workers who come in contact with airborne transmitted diseases, such as mycobacterium Tuberculosis. By improving the certification process we are hopeful that industry will be able to manufacturer a broader range of certified respirators which will provide the necessary level of respiratory protection. As a result, Infection Control Practitioners will be able to assist their respective organization(s) make prudent decisions regarding respiratory protective devices for health care workers who care for patients with suspected or active tuberculosis.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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