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Comments

The EBSS prohibition is an outdated policy. This policy was created in the infancy of the EBSS systems and needs to be changed. Every fire department that has SCBA's is purchasing SCBA's with EBSS and in order to become familiar they practice with them. According to the outdated policy, this practice would void the NIOSH certification which is neither cost effective nor sensible. Please consider changing this to reflect the modern practices in SCBA training, use and manufacture.