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**Subject:** Request for extension of comment period - RIN 0920-AA33  
**Attachments:** Request for extension-2009 November 16.pdf

Dear Docket Officer:

Attached please find ISEA's request for an extension of the comment period on the proposed notice of rulemaking for Total Inward Leakage Requirements for Respirators.

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**Re: Request for comment period extension, Total Inward Leakage Requirements for Respirators, RIN 0920-AA33**

Dear Sir/Madam:

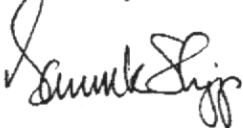
The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) is the leading trade association representing suppliers of safety equipment, including respiratory protective devices certified by NIOSH.

ISEA respectfully request that the comment period on the notice of proposed rulemaking for total inward leakage requirements for respirators, scheduled to end December 29, 2009, be extended to allow stakeholders adequate time to evaluate the new criteria. ISEA member company manufacturers believe that this request is necessary, given the importance of these criteria as they relate to respiratory devices intended to protect against toxic dusts, mists and biological and infectious aerosols. An extension will also permit adequate time to provide response and/or additional input to comments that may be made at the upcoming stakeholders meeting on this regulation.

We request that the public comment period be extended to 90 days after the completion of the stakeholders meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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