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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sir:

I was pleased to read in the July 4, 1994 issue of the AHA News on page 6 that NIOSH has published new proposed rules on respiratory protective devices. I believe that all health care facilities will appreciate the inclusion of "Class C" respirators. It will provide protection for employees while broadening the market base. This new proposed ruling would allow more options for individual fit with the variety of products that would be approved.

I realize you will be looking at the CDC performance criteria. Yet, I feel it is urgent that this process be completed as soon as possible. We needed this a year ago. I look forward to working with the new improved guidelines. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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