

NIOSH Conformity Assessment Meeting

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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL), is holding a meeting on September 22 and 23, 2026 at the NIOSH Pittsburgh Facility, with a virtual attendance option available via Microsoft Teams. All manufacturers, manufacturer application preparers, and other interested parties are welcome to attend either in-person or virtually.

The meeting is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 22, 2026, and from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on September 23, 2026.

Once [registered](#), a meeting link will be sent to your calendar. The agenda and any additional read ahead documentation will be provided to all registered attendees at least one week prior to the meeting. The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) will be providing lunch to all on-site attendees on September 23.

Discussion topics will include:

- Introductions to the Respirator Approval Program staff
- Updates on NIOSH NPPTL facilities
- Overview of respirator-related regulatory and consensus standards development activities (ASTM and NFPA)
- Use of registered trade and certification marks
- FDA collaborations
- Technical assistance activities
- Pre- and post-market activities and metrics updates on respirator-related research

In addition to the topics listed above, we will discuss updates to the [Know Before You Apply: Summarized Quality Requirements to Achieve NIOSH Approval](#) document. Please take a moment to review the document before the meeting and come prepared to share your feedback. We would appreciate your thoughts on:

- What information is missing or could be expanded,
- Any sections that could be clarified or improved, and
- Additional information, tools, or examples that would make the document more useful for manufacturers designing and evaluating protective clothing.

We are aware that several links in the current document are no longer working. These will be corrected as part of this update.

Your input will help ensure the updated document is practical, relevant, and valuable.

[Registration](#) is required for participation.

IF ATTENDING IN PERSON:

US Citizens: Registration must occur on or before September 1, 2026. **A government issued Real ID is required for entry to the site.**

Non-U.S. Citizens: Registration must occur on or before August 21, 2026, to allow sufficient time for mandatory facility security clearance procedures to be completed if attending in-person. Once your registration form indicating you are not a U.S. Citizen is received, you will receive an email from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) International Visitor Requests. This email will include a link to a secure site requesting additional information. CDC approval must be established before entry to the CDC NIOSH facility will be permitted. All foreign nationals must present the same documents submitted with the visitor registration form (current passport, entry visa, or permanent residency card) at the security gate on the day of your visit. If you have any questions regarding this process, please email Diana Cavalier at pfz3@cdc.gov or by phone at 412-386-6842.

NPPTL personnel may be available for one-on-one private 30-minute meetings between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. ET on September 22, 2026, if your request for a meeting is accepted. Laboratory tours may be available during this same time. To express interest in requesting a meeting or laboratory tour, please email RecordsRoom@cdc.gov. If you are requesting a meeting, please provide the topic you'd like to discuss by September 1, 2026.

To attend either in person or virtually, please complete the registration form: [2026 NIOSH Respirator Approval Program Manufacturers Meeting Registration](#)

Supplemental Information

Hotel Accommodations: There are several hotels located in close proximity to the NIOSH facility:

Comfort Inn – 4.0 miles from NIOSH. No local shuttle service.

1340 Lebanon Church Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236

(412) 653-6600

Hampton Inn Pittsburgh/West Mifflin – 4.3 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.

1550 Lebanon Church Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236

(412) 650-1000

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott West Mifflin – 4.5 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.

1000 Regis Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15236

(412) 653-9800

Crowne Plaza Suites Pittsburgh South – 6.6 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.

164 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh PA 15241

(412) 833-5300

Holiday Inn Express – 7.0 miles from NIOSH. Shuttle service does not extend to NIOSH.

3122 Lebanon Church Road, West Mifflin PA 15122

(412) 469-1900

None of these hotels offers shuttle service to/from the airport.