



St. Mary Medical Center

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Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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Dear Mr. Taft:

As a Nurse Epidemiologist, I am responding to your proposed three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards describing the filter elements.

I feel this may provide a fair and reliable way of evaluating PR use in the future and enable institutions to survive with the cost issue. I am particularly concerned with the cost issue in my facility as we have over 2,200 employees and are in a high risk area for tuberculosis.

My emphasis thus far has been concerned primarily with compliance in the wearing of any type of respirator. We at St. Mary Medical Center feel that heavy, industrial type masks will not assure wearing compliance amongst our working staff.

I therefore support your proposed standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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