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NIOSH Docket Office,  
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of APIC, the San Joaquin Chapter # 19, I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the May 24, 1994 proposed rule on the NIOSH certification of respirators.

Since NIOSH is to manage the certification of respirators for airborne bacterial contaminants such as Tuberculosis, it is evident that previous standards for respirator certification in the industrial setting need to be revised to meet the needs for protection of employees within healthcare settings. The proposed tri-level approach (Class A-C) to the certification of respirators appears to be a reasonable approach to that challenge.

The San Joaquin Chapter # 19 APIC Chapter is in support of the proposed standard in improving the certification process for respirators.

Thank you.

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