

# MORTON THIOKOL, INC.

## Longhorn Division

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Director  
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NIOSH  
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Dear Sir:

Reference the proposed revision of the respirator certification standard, 42 CFR Part 84, this company wishes to express its opinion on the impact of the revision as related to its operation. As a government contractor (U.S. Army/Department of Defense) we produce pyrotechnic material, mainly flares and simulators, vital to the national defense of the country. Revision of the respirator design would greatly affect our operations in the following ways:

1. Pyrotechnic operations require the use of face shield and aluminized coverings to protect workers from sudden flash of pyrotechnic material.
2. Revision of safety protection equipment would require extensive testing as well as DOD approval. This would definitely disrupt product requirements as mandated by the Army.

As a responsible company where interest in the health and well-being of its employees is paramount, we hope our concerns will be noted in reflection of the proposed revision of the respirator certification standard.

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