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Director
Division of Safety Research
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Dear Director:

Recently I have become aware of newly proposed respirator certification standard 42 CFR Part 84. If adopted, this standard would have a negative impact on the use of respirators in industry. If respirator design is mandated to the extent that the end products become less user friendly, a disservice will be done to our working population.

I strongly suggest that 42 CFR Part 84 be tabled; then, a committee including industrial hygienists from the AIHA and ACGIH should be seated to study the entire situation and develop a revised and practical standard.

Your interest in this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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