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Comments

A number of firefighters have died due to running out of air on the fireground. It is important that the local authority have the ability to set the end of service time indicator to match their needs. allowing organizations to increase the exit time and reduce the working time of the firefighters in a hazardous environment will save many lives.

The tolerance level should be up to local jurisdiction, NIOSH should maintain a minimum but if the organization wants 30, 40, 50,etc. then they should be able make that change if they feel it will reduce work stress and or protect our firefighters.

If the petition is adopted NIOSH shouldn't have to evaluate the settings because an increase in air should reduce firefighter fatalities, especially if adopted nationally.

Their should be no differential between fire service and industrial applications. The individual organization should be able to decide the safety factor needed in their organization.