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Dear Sir or Madame:

The American Mining Congress is a national trade association, founded in 1897, that acts as an advocate of the industry's positions and as a promoter of improved mining knowledge and practice. AMC's members include (1) producers of most of America's coal, metals, industrial and agricultural minerals; (2) manufacturers of mining and mineral processing machinery, equipment and supplies (including respiratory protective devices); and (3) engineering and consulting firms and financial institutions that serve the mining industry.

AMC has a fundamental interest in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) proposed rule on Respiratory Protective Devices (42 CFR Part 84), published in the May 24, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 26849 et seq.) and amended May 26, 1994 (59 FR 27257).

In the proposal, NIOSH announced that an informal public meeting will be held June 23 and 24, 1994, in Washington, D.C. By this letter, AMC requests the opportunity to participate in the scheduled public meeting. Please confirm our request and advise us of any additional information you may require.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

Bobby J. Jackson  
Vice President

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