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Dear NIOSH,

Thank you for the publication for the proposed rule "Respiratory Protective Devices" in the May 24, 1994 Federal Register. This is an important first step to improving the certification process of particulate respirators to meet the CDC recommendations for Health Care Workers exposed to Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB).

Our Metro D.C. APIC believes that the 95% Type C filters will effectively protect Health Care Workers in most settings. In outbreak investigation by CDC, the outbreaks were stopped by instituting the 1990 CDC recommendations which included particulate respirator for direct exposure to MTB patients.

Please facilitate the passage of this proposed rule as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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