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Hospital

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NIOSH Docket Office
Robert A. Taft Laboratories,
Mail Stop C34, 4678 Columbia Parkway,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

Dear Sir:

We highly support the use of a C Class mask for TB patient care in the acute care setting. Our experience, a small Community Hospital over 10 years of using isolation on suspect/diagnosed tuberculosis patients, has demonstrated no nosomical transmission. We want to provide appropriate protection for our staff. The use of Class C respirators will result in compliance without the extreme cost presented with the hepa filter products.

We sincerely hope you will consider a standard that is functional for staff as well as the institution. Thank you for this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

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Infection Control
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