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NIOSH Docket Office
Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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Dear NIOSH,

Comments on the proposed changes in the types of Respirators available for the protection of Health Care Workers from TB:

The issues of TB control in the Health Care setting has become a major concern of Health Care Workers in the 1990's. The HEPA filter respirator for worker protection not only limits our selection for respirator protection, but is also limits our economic flexibility as well. At the present time we, the Infection Control Practitioners, throughout the U.S. are in a state of uncertainty when it comes to TB Control. The idea of new testing and certification procedures may broaden our range of selectability, it seems to be a good idea, making it more practical and economical all around for the Health Care Worker and the Health Care Facility involved.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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