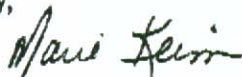


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Dear Robert A. Taft Laboratories,

This letter is to support the changes proposed on Tuesday May 24, 1994 by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health regarding respiratory protective devices. It is imperative that a certification process addressing CDC's performance criteria for respiratory protection be the basis for the minimum certification guidelines. It is hoped these guidelines will enable a broader range of certified respirators to be available to health care workers. Since this need is increasing daily, I hope you will implement the new testing and certification procedures soon. This will be an effective way to increase the market availability for more practical and economic respiratory protection devices needed by health care workers every day.

Sincerely,



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