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**Comments**

It is my belief that it is in the best interest of all interested parties if the air supply source (POA) is written an adopted as a separate independent standard rather than be incorporated into an overall "packaged" approval. This would apply to the Airsource SAR/SCBA and Air supply SAR/SCBA. This independent standard, along with either in-house certification for those that have the ability to perform such, or through third party independent testing and approval would certify the air supply as meeting the minimum standards as issued by N.I.O.S.H. . This same air supply standard should apply to all systems SAR/SCBA systems including cart mounted systems, portable systems, case mounted systems and permanent vehicle mounted systems.

This stand-alone standard for supply systems would permit the use of any approved SAR/SCBA system to be connected to it and still maintain its N.I.O.S.H. certification as an overall package. This approach would permit users with various brands of SAR/SCBA systems to connect to the air supply without the risk of violating the N.I.O.S.H. approval.

This issue is becoming increasingly important due to the current state of affairs and the threat of terrorist actions and/or mass casualty incidents such as we saw with World Trade Center bombing and the Oklahoma City bombing. Most of these type situations as well as natural disasters raise the specter of multi jurisdictional agencies responding to the incident. It would also permit responding U.S.A.R. teams to utilize and share resources.

I would appreciate being kept abreast of any and all actions in the above captioned matter. I would also appreciate additional time to notify and seek input from various fire service related organizations such as I.A.F.C., I.A.F.F. as well as other state fire service organizations. I fear that the standard as written would cause extreme hardship and financial strain on these agencies. Thank you for your time.

Joe Nelson