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Comments

RE: NIOSH Docket 221.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to update 42 CFR Part 84. As a firefighter and chief officer, and member of emergency services for the last 28+ years, I see this as a refreshing opportunity to correct an unduly restrictive regulatory rule that for many years has artificially driven up costs to purchase proper PPE for all fire departments in the country. Please change this ruling to allow for separate approval of SCBA cylinders. This ruling change will allow for more competitive pricing of SCBA cylinders, provide greater selection of (DOT-CGA, and ultimately NIOSH, approved) products for fire dept.'s to buy, and help many communities provide newer and safer equipment and services for their citizens; all at a more competitive cost. This is a win-win; for the citizens of all communities in the USA; for the firefighters that are working to help improve their communities and need new equipment; and ultimately for all manufacturers " SCBA cylinder manufacturers AND respirator unit manufacturers. Thank you for your time, and for your consideration.