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RE: NIOSH Docket 221.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to update 42 CFR Part 84. As a firefighter , and member of emergency services for the last 25+ years I believe it is time for a change.

I see this as an exciting opportunity to correct a restrictive regulatory rule that for many years has artificially driven up costs to purchase proper PPE for all fire departments in the country.

As technology improves and moves forward, so must the regulations that govern the use of this technology.

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 departments to buy. Thereby helping 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 who are working to help improve their communities, and ultimately for all manufacturers – SCBA cylinder manufacturers AND respirator unit manufacturers.

As most of these products are purchased with Tax dollars, this improved permitting will impact every citizen in the USA in a positive way.

Thank you for your time, and for your consideration.

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