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LETTER TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: Closed Circuit Escape Respirator (CCER) Public Meetings

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL), will conduct two public stakeholder meetings in September 2006 to discuss proposed Closed Circuit Escape Respirator (CCER) regulatory changes. The first meeting will be held on September 19, 2006, at the Marriott Key Bridge, 1401 Lee Highway, - Arlington, Virginia. The second meeting will be held on September 28, 2006, at the Colorado School of Mines (Petroleum Hall), 1500 Illinois Street, Golden, Colorado. Each meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at both meetings.

NIOSH is developing these proposed changes in cooperation with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). Examples of CCERs include self-contained self-rescuers (SCSRs) used in the mining industry and emergency escape breathing devices (EEBDs).

The meetings are being held to provide an opportunity for an exchange of information between NIOSH and MSHA with respirator manufacturers, industry representatives, labor representatives, and others with an interest in respiratory protection.

Interested parties should make hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

- A special group rate of $239 per night has been negotiated for meeting guests at the Marriott Key Bridge in Arlington, Virginia. The cut-off date is August 27, 2006. Contact the Marriott at 703-524-6400 or 1-800-228-9290.

- A rate of $119 per night for meeting guests has been negotiated for the Golden Hotel in Golden, Colorado. The cut-off date is September 1, 2006, and the Golden Hotel can be reached at 303-279-0100 or 1-800-233-7214.

The NIOSH Public Meeting must be referenced to receive these rates.

Please confirm your attendance to these meetings by completing the appropriate registration form and submitting it to NPPTL Event Management. There is an individual registration form for each

meeting. You may register electronically by accessing the on-line registration link at **http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/resources/pressrel/letters** .

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