niocindocket@cdc.gov. E-mail attachments should be formatted as WordPerfect 6/7/8/9 or Microsoft Word. Comments should be submitted to NIOSH no later than June 1, 2003, and should reference docket number, NIOSH 05, in the subject heading.

Purpose: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in consultation with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is in the process of developing a proposed rule on the performance and reliability requirements of close-circuit self-contained escape breathing apparatus. Examples include self-contained self-rescuers (SCSRs) as used in the mining industry and emergency escape breathing apparatus (EEBD). The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for an exchange of information between NIOSH and respirator manufacturers, industry representatives, labor representatives, and others with an interest in respiratory protection. Attendees will be given an opportunity to ask questions; submit verbal and written comments they wish to have included in the regulatory record; and provide individual input into potential changes to the applicable regulations and policies.

NIOSH and MSHA have not determined the final content of its proposed rulemaking but is considering the regulatory actions listed below. NIOSH and MSHA are specifically asking for comments on these proposed actions, but would also welcome comments on additional areas that the commenters believe may need to be addressed.

NIOSH and MSHA are considering:

(1) Proposing to use Breathing and Metabolic Simulators (BMS) to uniformly evaluate the life support performance of these respirators. The intent is to uniformly classify protection according to the length of time that the apparatus provides a breathable gas supply, measuring that performance to depletion. It is further proposed to retain certain elements of human subject testing;

(2) Proposing new ruggedness and reliability requirements such as a minimum shock and vibration standards, and means for unambiguous determination of continued functionality at the approved level;

(3) Proposing new safety requirements such as fire and explosion risk assessments to assure that the units do not introduce any new hazards in the deployment environment;

(4) Proposing to require the inclusion of fog resistant eye protection from gas and vapor hazards;

(5) Proposing to require post-deployment audits of approved apparatus;

(6) Proposing to require unit registration as a condition of certification.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: March 14, 2003.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Meeting

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Discussions on Research for Comprehensive Test Standards of Respiratory Devices Used to Protect Workers in Hazardous Environments.

Time and Date: 12:30–5 p.m., April 10, 2003.

Place: Marriott Key Bridge, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Status: This meeting is hosted by NIOSH and will be open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 75 people. Interested parties should make hotel reservations directly with the Marriott Key Bridge (703–524–6400/800–327–9789) in Arlington, Virginia, and reference the NIOSH/NPPTL Public Meeting. Interested parties should confirm their attendance to this meeting by completing a registration form and forwarding it by e-mail (*confserv@netl.doe.gov*) or fax (304–285–4459) to the Event Management Office. A registration form may be obtained from the NIOSH Homepage (*http://www.cdc.gov/niosh*) by selecting Conferences and then the event.

Requests to make presentations at the public meeting should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Officer, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, M/S C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone 513–533–8303, Fax 513–533–8285, E-mail *niocindocket@cdc.gov.* All requests to present should contain the name, address, telephone number, relevant business affiliations of the presenter, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. Oral presentations should be limited to 15 minutes.

After reviewing the requests for presentation, NIOSH will notify each presenter of the approximate time that their presentation is scheduled to begin. If a participant is not present when their presentation is scheduled to begin, the remaining participants will be heard in order. At the conclusion of the meeting, an attempt will be made to allow presentations by any scheduled participants who missed their assigned times. Attendees who wish to speak but did not submit a request for the opportunity to make a presentation may be given the opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

NIOSH is specifically asking for comments on the proposed actions listed, but would also welcome comments on additional areas that the commenter believe may need to be addressed. Comments on the topics presented in this notice and at the meeting should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, M/S C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone 513–533–8303, Fax 513–533–8285. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to *niocindocket@cdc.gov.* E-mail attachments should be formatted as WordPerfect 6/7/8/9 or Microsoft Word. Comments should be submitted to NIOSH no later than June 1, 2003, and should reference docket number, NIOSH–008 in the subject heading.

Purpose: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health is conducting research for new comprehensive standards for multifunction Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs). These respiratory protective devices may include protection against other types of threats or hazards. Some devices can include vision protection, hearing protection, or head protection as well as isolation from environmental contaminants, making them multifunctional. Such devices

could be very useful to emergency responders, miners, and construction workers, to name a few.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for an exchange of information between NIOSH and respirator manufacturers, industry representatives, labor representatives, and others with an interest in respiratory protection. Attendees will be given an opportunity to ask questions and submit verbal and written comments they wish to have included in the regulatory record.

Besides providing respiratory protection, multifunction PAPRs must allow wearers to perform their assigned duties without posing additional burdens. Vision, communications, heat exchange, and ability to fit into tight places must meet meaningful testing criteria to have reasonable assurance that they will be acceptable. In addition, loose-fitting PAPR equipment must be able to supply enough filtered air that the wearer does not breathe contaminated air during heavy exertion.

The problem is how to objectively evaluate candidate equipment. Multifunction PAPRs must be evaluated against objective, scientifically valid tests in order to be certified by the Government as reasonably meeting minimum standards. Currently, appropriate standards are not available. Such standards, which address all the elements that go into making the equipment multifunctional, must be developed and validated. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss comprehensive test standards for all elements of multifunction PAPRs.

NIOSH has not determined the final content of its research but is considering that test standards will be needed for:

(1) Respiration;

(2) Vision;

(3) Communications;

(4) Wear Ability;

(5) Hearing Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title of Information Collection: Certification of Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) Payment Error Rates and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 431.800 through 431.865.

Form No.: CMS–301 (OMB# 0938–0246).

Use: MEQC is operated by the State title XIX agency to monitor and improve the administration of its Medicaid system. The MEQC system is based on State reviews of Medicaid beneficiaries from the eligibility files. The reviews are used to assess beneficiary liability, if any, and to determine the amounts paid to provide Medicaid services for these cases.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 51.

Total Annual Responses: 102.

Total Annual Hours: 22,515.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: ''Medicare Decisions and Your Rights''.

Form No.: CMS–10077 (OMB# 0938–NEW).

Use: Purusant to 42 CFR 422.568 (c), M+C practitioners must deliver notices to enrollees informing them of their right to obtain a detailed notice regarding services from their M+C organizations. This notice fulfills the regulatory requirement.

Frequency: Other (distribution).

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 155.

Total Annual Responses: 5,000,000.

Total Annual Hours: 83,333.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: MSInteractive Survey Tool for *cms.hhs.gov.*

Form No.: CMS–10072 (OMB# 0938–NEW).

Use: CMS has developed a survey tool using MSInteractive to obtain feedback from users accessing *cms.hhs.gov* website to guide future improvements.

Frequency: on occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 7000.

Total Annual Responses: 7000.

Total Annual Hours: 583.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web site address at *http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pra/default.asp,* or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@hcfa.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willinghan, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.