

National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory

NPPTL Action Plan: Response to the IOM report on the Assessment of the NIOSH Head-and-Face Anthropometric Survey of Respirator Users

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Overview

• Objective

- Develop a long-term strategy (“Action Plan”) for facial anthropometrics and respirator fit research at NPPTL to address the recommendations in the IOM report

• Approach

- Analyze IOM recommendations to determine if existing data is available to make decisions on whether the recommendations could and/or should be implemented or not
- Review on-going and proposed NPPTL research projects
- Review on-going research in NIOSH, academia, government, and industry related to anthropometrics and respirator fit



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Next steps / Implementation of Action Plan

- Detailed draft action plan posted to NPPTL website (July/August 2007)
- Open docket to solicit comments for 90 days (September – November 2007)
- Revise action plan based on comments received (January 2008)
- Action plan will be used to prioritize selection of future NPPTL research projects, funding, staffing, and equipment needs

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