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Mr. Leslie Boord
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Dear Mr. Boord:

We request modification of your Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Full Facepiece Air Purifying Respirator to permit an alternative to the single international standard 40 mm screw mounted canister for the Department of Defense (DoD). The new DoD Joint Service General Purpose Mask (JSGPM) has a bayonet mounted dual filter design that meets Warfighter requirements for a low profile protective mask with filters that can be changed out in a contaminated environment and which offer minimum breathing resistance. In all other respects the JSGPM meets the Statement of Standard.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certification of the JSGPM is essential for military-civilian integration in direct support of the DoD Homeland Defense mission. Modification of the standard will allow DoD first responders to use the JSGPM for respiratory protection on military installations in the Continental United States or when call upon to support civil authorities.

The technical point of contact for this matter is Mr. William M. Fritch, (410) 436-6652, or email william.fritch@us.army.mil. He will provide all data necessary to demonstrate that the JSGPM meets NIOSH performance standards.

Sincerely,

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