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Sirs,

I wish to suggest that even at this late stage clause 3.7.2 (Luminous transmittance) be deleted from the standard. The lens and visor materials used by respirator manufacturers have been field proven over many years. Not all of these field proven materials have a luminous transmittance exceeding 90%. Irrespective of whether the luminous transmittance meets 90% or falls just short of this value, the assessment of their being "fit for purpose" in a CBRN respirator application should depend on them meeting the agent permeation and haze/abrasion resistance requirements specified in the standard. There is nothing special about a CBRN respirator which is different from a military or an industrial respirator regarding the luminous transmittance characteristics of the lens or visor.

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