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Comments

I have noticed that your Draft Subpart J "Supplied air Respirators, does not address the subject matter "Supplied air Suits", whereby the suit is the respirator. At present various process industries, along with DOE sites, as well as commercial nuclear power plants use these type of suit systems. Both DOE and the NRC use their own evaluation methods to determine which suits meet with their requirements. At present, there are many process industries which require "whole body" protection, requiring suit systems that offer respiratory protection, and also address full body cooling and skin protection. In addition, certain biological labs require air fed suits as the minimum protection requirement. With that said, I strongly suggest that NIOSH consider in their development process to add the subsection for "Supplied Air suits". This is a growing requirement area, especially in the development of highly potent active ingredients in the pharmaceutical/bio industry.

Please do not hesitate to call me, if you have any questions.