

NIOSH Conformity Assessment Letter to Manufacturers

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**Issue Affecting Chemical Warfare Agent (CWA) Testing for NIOSH CBRN
Respirator Approvals**



**Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention**
National Institute for Occupational
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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) employs the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC), Chemical Biological Center (CBC) to conduct Chemical Warfare Agent (CWA) testing. These services support the NIOSH Respirator Approval Program by completing CWA testing for chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) respiratory protection conformance.

On June 18, 2019, CBC formally notified NIOSH that as of June 10, 2019 the CBC Simulant Agent Resistant Test Manikin (SMARTMAN) Laboratory is placed on safety stand-down to correct fume hood airflow issues. All SMARTMAN operations are postponed until ventilation/HVAC experts correct this matter. CCDC-CBC will address the operational safety concern, and is committed to resuming testing as rapidly as possible. NIOSH will inform stakeholders when the laboratory becomes operational.