

Firestone

INTROFFICE

DATE June 24, 1975

TO DR R S BROOKMAN

FROM SAFETY & TRAINING-PLASTICS CO

REFERENCE

SUBJECT

SURVIVAIR RESPIRATORS

As you know, the Survivair respirators that were received were not of the same design as those we ordered. The difference in design in those received is that there is no quick disconnect between the face piece and line and the single stage regulator on the auxiliary air tank.

The significance of this is that we will be required to wear the auxiliary air tank any time the face piece is required. As you know, our original intent was to wear the mask between 25 and 100 ppm VCM and the auxiliary air in combination with the mask from 100 to 3,600 ppm VCM.

Mr. Short from Survivair was contacted regarding this problem. Mr. Short advised that he was unaware of this design change until we notified General Scientific of this problem on June 20, 1975. Since he was not aware of this change, he was unable to notify us of this change. He apologized for Survivair's lack of communication in this respect and added that it probably could not be made or difference since our order and Survivair's approval to sell these units was contingent upon NIOSH approval.

Evidently the first unit we purchased with a quick disconnect feature was rejected by NIOSH and Survivair was instructed by NIOSH to remove the quick disconnect. The current approval on this unit includes the direct tie-in of the face piece with the regulator. I requested Mr. Short to see if he could resolve this problem with NIOSH and if he could not, he was to send us data on the parts we would need to adapt the unit with the quick disconnect.

I assume that our procedure will be to wear the combination unit at levels above 25 ppm until such time as we can resolve the problem. This, of course, will not be consistent with the data given our employees in our training program and may have to notify them through a general notice.


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