

Background

- Use MB for escape & general work purposes - Mouth use w/o noseclip
- NIOSH approved for escape up to 10 ppm w/ noseclip.
- Concern w/ use in non approved scenarios.
- HLRs on February 18, 1981 ^{directed} that E.A., Law Dept., & Employee relations in consultation w/ the plants establish and promulgate a consistent and defensible policy for the use of the MB. Resp. Until that time, plants continued to use current use practices.
- Review of inhalation cases
 - sig. number involved use of mouthpiece resp. however invest. deficient in ^{used} resp. to identifying a
 - contributing factors of inhalation
 - if another respirator would provide better protection

Purpose
- I A

Felt we could not change out at this time, but should investigate cases better.

- Program proposed - Approved in Sept. 1981
- Not implemented yet

L. C. saying we take too much away from power.

- I'm going back & forth w/ plants in getting Investigation program implemented; they indicated that 2 things need to be resolved.

- Noseclip
- Standard procedures for MB respirator use