NPPTL Certified Product Investigation Process (CPIP) of the NIOSH Respirator Certification Program
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NPPTL Post Approval Programs
- Manufacturer Site Audit
- Certified Product Audit
- Certified Product Investigation Process (CPIP)
- Firefighter SCBA Evaluation (joint w/ NIOSH, DSR)
- Long Term Field Evaluation

CPIP Objective
To maintain the quality of NIOSH certified respiratory protective devices used in the field by investigating and resolving reports of product nonconformance issues in a timely manner.

Overview of CPIP Process

2010 CPIP Outputs
- 3 Firefighter Reports Generated
- 26 CPIP Investigations Completed
- 7 User Notices Issued
- 10 NIOSH Approvals Rescinded
- 3 Stop-sale Requests Issued
- Major investigation resulted in expanded surveillance program

Stakeholders
- Respirator Users
- Enforcement Agencies
- Emergency Responders
- Respirator Manufacturers - worldwide
  *2004-2010, NIOSH issued 79 new manufacturer codes
  - US – 32
  - Outside US – 47

Key Partners
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- National Fire Protection Agency
- International Association of Fire Fighters
- Safety Equipment Institute
- Mine Safety and Health Administration
- Food and Drug Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency

Outcome
Assurance that NIOSH approved respirator devices continue to meet the criteria on which the approval was based.

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