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Dear Mr. Rametes:

This is in response to your letter of February 12, 1999, requesting our review of the sample written respiratory protection program you had developed. Please accept our apologies for the delay in our response.

Usually, in reviewing written programs, we can only evaluate them in general. The written respiratory protection program that you have asked us to review seems to meet the requirements of the 1910.134 Respiratory Protection Standard. Although your program meets the minimum requirements it appears that much of the text appears to have been taken straight from the standard, which employees may not necessarily understand. We would suggest that the written program be written in terms that employees can easily understand. I have enclosed a copy of our new publication, *Breath Right* to help you.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Rodney Boast in our Technical Section at (503) 378-3272.

Sincerely,

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