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## **NIOSH CBRN Agent Testing Accreditation Granted to ICS**

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**Brunswick, Ohio** - ICS Laboratories has become the first laboratory granted accreditation to perform gas service life testing (breakthrough time) of cartridges and canisters used with air purifying and self contained escape respiratory protective devices targeted for protection against CBRN (chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological) agents. The accreditation was granted by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation after two days of on-site competency validation assurance auditing. Dale Pfriem, founder and President of ICS remarked; "This addition to our scope of accreditation underlines our commitment to support both respirator manufacturers and NIOSH with proven and established competencies in analytical and physical chemistry." ICS was also the first, and remains the only laboratory which has been accredited to test gas service life (breakthrough) of respirators for industrial use gases and vapors. In addition to respiratory protection devices, ICS tests a full range of personal protective equipment including the protective properties (permeation) of protective clothing and gloves against chemical agents under ASTM, CEN and NFPA standard requirements.