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Brunswick, Ohio - ICS has been re-appointed in a contract award issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NIOSH/NPPTL) to conduct on site Quality Assurance Audits of NIOSH certified respirator manufactures. ICS's ANSI/RAB Certified Quality Assurance Auditors will act on behalf of NIOSH / NPPTL performing complete quality system assessments of manufacturing sites of approval holding respirator manufactures to verify continued compliance with NIOSH regulatory requirements in accord with Federal Regulation 42 CFR 84 and ISO 9000.

ICS was appointed as the very first private sector Quality Assurance Audit Contractor to the agency (NIOSH) in 2002 in an experimental pilot program. Proving effectiveness of the program, ICS was then re-appointed again in 2003 in a subsequent contract award. The current appointment, issued in August of 2005 will run for five years through the year 2010. NIOSH / NPPTL currently monitors over 7,200 respirator approvals with 62 manufacturing sites worldwide covering a total of 16 countries.

Beyond their ANSI/RAB accreditation status, ICS auditors have the distinction of coming from the ICS Laboratories operating environment - "ICS being the only accredited testing facility for NIOSH respirator testing, our auditors bring to the audit process a unique and specialized knowledge of respirator performance assurance practice" states Dale Pfriem, ICS President and CEO.