



ISI's Viking SCBA Gets NIOSH Approval for CBRN Use, Adding Value to The Market's Most Advanced Respiratory Protection Device For Firefighters

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LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga/EWORLDWIRE/March 4, 2004 --- - The ISI Viking, the most advanced self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) available for firefighters, has been approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for use in the presence of potential chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) agents.

The ISI Viking DX and the ISI Viking DXL, two versions of an SCBA manufactured for firefighters by International Safety Instruments Inc. (ISI), are now approved by NIOSH for CBRN use. The ISI Viking ST for law enforcement also received approval. All of these units meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1981, 2002 Edition requirements as well.

The CBRN test exposed the Viking SCBA to Sarin and mustard agents, demonstrating that these agents did not penetrate the ISI Viking's facemask or pneumatic assemblies. ISI tested numerous materials to build a product that meets the rigors of the NFPA burn tests but also is able to protect users against agents that may be used in a terrorist attack. "ISI is known for its unmatched commitment to research that ensures the highest product quality," said Mike Vezmar, Director of Sales & Marketing, "which is why our Viking SCBAs passed the NIOSH tests on the first submittal attempt."

The Viking SCBA with CBRN approval is available with 4500-psi cylinders. Options include Voice Amplification, PASS and radio interface. ISI's Viking SCBA with 2216 rated cylinders is now being submitted for CBRN testing, with approval expected by mid-year. At that time, both high-pressure and low-pressure models will be available with additional options, including an airline attachment and buddy breather. In late 2004, a CBRN retrofit kit will be available to upgrade existing Viking DX or DXL devices that are NFPA 2002 compliant.

ISI is known to firefighters as a manufacturer of the highest quality respiratory protection equipment and thermal imaging systems featuring advanced, time-saving technology. ISI provides training, service and repair for all of its products. More information on the ISI Viking for firefighters is available by calling toll free: 888-474-7233, or by visiting www.intsafety.com.

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