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## New CBRN Standard for Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirators

In March 2003, NIOSH published a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) standard for full facepiece air-purifying respirators. At this time, no manufacturer of full facepiece air-purifying respirators has a NIOSH approved CBRN respirator. The first expected CBRN approval for a full facepiece air-purifying respirator is likely to occur during the fourth quarter of 2003.

Survivair is in the process of product testing the Opti-Fit Tactical Gas Mask to obtain approval to meet the NIOSH CBRN standard. Unfortunately, the NIOSH CBRN standard has no upgrade provisions for gas masks manufactured prior to the published standard. Survivair will fully assist all existing customers with a seamless transition into CBRN approved products, which meet the NIOSH standard.

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