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DuPont™ Tychem® CPF 3 Receives Certification to NFPA 1994 Class 3

WILMINGTON, Del., April 3, 2003 – DuPont Personal Protection announced today that the DuPont™ Tychem® CPF 3 protective ensemble has been issued the first certification letter from the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) for NFPA 1994, Class 3 ensembles. NFPA 1994 is a new standard that sets performance requirements for protective clothing used by first responders at chemical and biological terrorism incidents.

NFPA 1994 ensembles are a combination of garment, gloves and footwear that are tested against the specific requirements of the standard. NFPA 1994 ensembles are intended for first responders exposed to victims or materials and, depending on the situation, might be worn during assessment, extrication, rescue, decontamination, triage and treatment operations at a chemical or biological terrorism incident. The requirements for Class 3 are aimed at situations where the victims are ambulatory and symptomatic, and the threat is liquid contamination.

“Since 9/11, there has been a tremendous increase in the preparation and training of first responders,” said Rick Blocker, DuPont Personal Protection, Marketing Manager for Emergency Response. “An important part of these efforts is ensuring that first responders have the appropriate personal protective equipment they need to face a variety of terrorist threats. Standards such as the new NFPA 1994 for chemical and biological terrorism incidents and the more rigorous NFPA 1991 for hazardous materials emergencies help make the task of selecting proper protection much easier. First responders include: firefighters, HazMat personnel, law enforcement officials, emergency medical service technicians, emergency management team members and hospital emergency room personnel.

“In addition to the Tychem® CPF 3 NFPA 1994, Class 3 protective ensemble, DuPont Personal Protection offers three ensembles –Tychem® Reflector®, Tychem® TK and Tychem®

Responder® -- that are certified to the chemical/biological option in NFPA 1991,” said Blocker. “And, we have two level A ensembles that just received certification to NFPA 1994 Class 1. ”

Detailed information about protective garments from DuPont Personal Protection, including a comprehensive chemical permeation guide, can be obtained by visiting the website (www.PersonalProtection.DuPont.com).

SEI is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1981 to administer the first non-governmental, third-party certification programs to test and certify a broad range of safety equipment products. The purpose of SEI’s certification programs is to assist government agencies, as well as users and manufacturers of safety equipment in meeting their mutual goal of protecting those who use safety equipment on or off the job.

DuPont is a science company. Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by solving problems and creating solutions that make people’s lives better, safer and easier. Operating in more than 70 countries, the company offers a wide range of products and services to markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel.

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