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Comments

I firmly believe that the low air end of service time indicator should be changed from the current 25% requirement to 50%. The fire service has the unique position of using these devices in atmospheres that have no forgiveness. We cannot see or breath in these environments and often the route in and out of the structures is very confusing and dangerous. We need to have as much time to get out of the structure as it took to get into the structure and perform our operations. Also, usually the job is so intensive that by the time we are ready to come out we are using air at a much higher rate than when we entered. If NIOSH does not want to regulate the low air alarm at 50% I would suggest that we allow the purchasing agency to choose thier own settings above 25%. Any 5% increments above the 25% should be allowed.