Good Morning,

We want to make you aware that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published a Federal Register Notice requesting information on the needs and challenges in personal protective equipment (PPE) use for underserved user populations. According to the notice, underserved PPE user populations may include, but are not limited to, workers who are of an atypical size; who are members of a gender, racial, ethnic, or linguistic minority group; who conduct non-traditional worker activities; or who are members of sub-disciplines that are not the primary focus of the current PPE activities within their larger field.

NIOSH seeks information from the public, including individuals/organizations who:

• Advocate for these worker populations
• Actively conduct PPE research, services, or policymaking for these worker populations
• Plan to conduct PPE research, services, or policymaking for these worker populations
• Have direct knowledge about research, service, or policy gaps affecting these worker populations

Experienced PPE use, availability, accessibility, acceptability, or knowledge issues as a current or former PPE user

Comments must be received by August 23, 2021. To view the Federal Register Notice and submit comments, please visit Federal Register: Needs and Challenges in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use for Underserved User Populations.

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Good Afternoon,

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has issued an updated Federal Register Notice extending the public comment period on its request for information on the needs and challenges in personal protective equipment (PPE) use for underserved user populations. The comment period will end on October 15, 2021.

Please share this information with your members and stakeholders, as appropriate.

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