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Dear Valued Customer,

As a leading manufacturer of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the North American fire services market, 3M Scott Fire & Safety strives to keep our valued customers informed of new and upcoming regulatory standard changes.

One such change that began in January 2020 is the [Emergency Response and Responder Safety Document Consolidation Plan](#), which includes, among others, NFPA 1981, Standard on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services, and NFPA 1982, Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS).

As part of the [Emergency Response and Responder Safety Document Consolidation Plan](#), the NFPA 1981 and NFPA 1982 standards (now chapters) were combined under NFPA 1970, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural and Proximity Firefighting, Work Apparel and Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services, and Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS).

The information below provides a snapshot of the current schedule and published changes for the [NFPA 1970, 2025 Edition standard, 1981 and 1982 chapters](#):

#### **NFPA 1970, 2025 Edition (1981 chapter) — Current Schedule**

- The standard is published as the 2025 Edition.
- The Issuance Date was August 29, 2024.
- 14 NITMAMs were filed and certified as amending motions (CAMs).
  - All were rescinded or defeated at the Annual Technical Meeting held in June 2024.
- The Effective Date is September 18, 2024.
- The last ship date for NFPA 1981, 2018 Edition SCBA and NFPA 1982, 2018 Edition PASS will be **March 18, 2026**.

#### **NFPA 1970, 2025 Edition (1981 chapter) — Published Changes**

- Change to EOSTI to adjust the low air alarm set point to reflect rated cylinder volume and correction factor for the incompressibility of air at high pressure.
- New requirement that all backframe soft goods must be removable.
- Allowance of alternate breathing machine for testing SCBA breathing performance.
- New requirement to include cleaning instructions in the SCBA User Instructions.
- New requirement to include disinfecting instructions in the SCBA User Instructions.
- Change to Minimum Requirements for Hazardous Location from Intrinsically Safe Class 1, Division 1 to Non-incendive Class 1, Division 2.
- If an SCBA is intended to be connected to an NFPA 1802 certified radio, a new requirement will specify a matching connector.
- The low battery alarm has been decreased from 2 hours to 1 hour for the Heads-Up Display (HUD), which now aligns with the PASS requirements.
- New wireless interface connectivity visual requirements for Bluetooth® connected devices, where applicable.

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**NFPA 1970, 2025 Edition (1982 chapter) — Current Schedule**

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**NFPA 1970, 2025 Edition (1982 Chapter) — Published Changes**

- Change to Minimum Requirements for Hazardous Location from Intrinsically Safe Class 1, Division 1 to Non-incendive Class 1, Division 2.
- Provision to allow User Information to be provided via digital link, as opposed to requiring direct attachment to the SCBA.

Regards,

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