Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 1981, Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services, 2013 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Respiratory Protection Equipment and the Correlating Committee on Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment, and was issued by the Standards Council on August 26, 2013, with an effective date of September 15, 2013.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a public input of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

1. Revise 4.1.11 and 4.1.12 to read as follows:

4.1.11 The certification organization shall not permit any manufacturer to label any SCBA as compliant with the 2007 edition of this standard on or after 28 February 2014, except when replacement labels or replacement components that bear the certification organization’s label are required.

4.1.12 The certification organization shall require manufacturers to remove all certification labels and product labels indicating compliance with the 2007 edition of this standard from all SCBA that are under the control of the manufacturer on 28 February 2014. The certification organization shall verify that this action is taken.

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