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Defective MSA Hood Stitching

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Site/Facility: Hanford T Plant

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In October 2006, T Plant personnel discovered three MSA hoods with seam problems with two that have not been fully sewn and another that about two stitches may have been pulled apart or missed. The two seams not fully sewn are about 2 inches down the left side from the top tab. The hoods have a date on the tag that reads 6/06, which means they were manufactured in June 2006. The manufacturer who makes these for MSA stated that about 2,000 of them were made in June. The hoods are being returned to the manufacturer for evaluation. At this time, we are not aware of how many of these hoods may have a problem, but evidence has shown this to be a very small number, as the manufacturer stated that less than two dozen or about 1 percent were affected.

Important Point:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of MSA hoods should be aware of the potential manufacturing problem and should always perform thorough pre-use inspections. • Special focus should be placed on inspection of seams in MSA hoods to determine if they are defective.
Contributor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing/Unknown

Below are photographs of the defective MSA hoods identified by T Plant personnel.

