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RECENTLY ASKED QUESTION

SPRK 006-2006 STATUS OF CENTRAL SPRINKLER HEAD RECALL

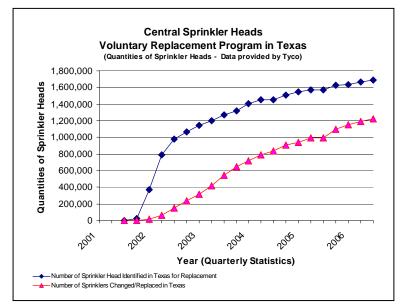
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QUESTION: How many of the Central recalled sprinklers have been replaced in Texas?

OPINION: Tyco Fire Products conscientiously provides quarterly statistics to each state fire marshal regarding the status of their voluntary recall program (VRP) indicating the quantity of Central sprinklers identified and replaced nationwide and in their state. Below is an abbreviation of the latest statistics received by the Texas SFMO ending August 2006.

_	In Texas	Program Total
Approximate quantity of GB, O-Ring seal sprinklers originally shipped:	3,200,000	
Total claims received:	2,615	53,899
Claims shipped for replacement:	1741	
Claims verified as complete:	1,573	
Sprinkler identified for replacement	1,686,762	18,796,520
Sprinklers shipped to resolve claims	1,551,165	16,107,844
Sprinkler changed/replaced	1,221,032	12,576,926
Percent of all sprinklers originally shipped that have been identified:	52%	
Percent of sprinkler identified that have been changed/replaced:	71%	70%
Percent of all sprinklers originally shipped that have been changed/replaced:	37%	

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