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Subject: NIOSH Respirator Approvals To Be Revoked

NIOSH RESPIRATOR USER NOTICE

Subject: Global Secure Safety Products, Inc. (formerly CairnsAir Inc.) Respirators will be listed on CEL as Obsolete and Certificates of Approval will be Revoked

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is issuing this notice to inform respirator users that Global Secure Safety Products., Inc. is no longer producing NIOSH-approved respirators or replacement parts and is not planning to resume production in the future. Global Secure Safety Products, Inc. stopped production of respirators in April 2008 and has ceased doing business.

NIOSH intends to revoke Global Secure Safety Products., Inc. certificates of approvals on December 31, 2009. These approvals are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: APPROVAL # and RESPIRATOR. Rows include TC-13F-0262, TC-13F-0263, TC-13F-0264, TC-13F-0265, TC-13F-0318, TC-13F-0351, TC-13F-0357, and TC-19C-0312.

Until December 31, 2009, these respirators will be listed on the NIOSH Certified Equipment List (CEL) as being obsolete, meaning that the Global Secure Safety Products., Inc. is not presently producing these respirators and there are no plans for production to resume. Respirators listed as obsolete on the CEL can be used by the consumer where approved respirators are required as long as they can be maintained in original condition. Maintaining the respirator in original condition requires the use of original replacement parts and factory service as specified by the approval holder. Respirators which cannot be properly serviced or maintained are no longer in an approved configuration and cease to be approved. As a result of the dissolution of Global Secure Safety Products, Inc. there are no authorized service facilities or sources of new parts for these respirators.

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NIOSH will revoke the approvals of these respirators on December 31, 2009. Revoked status means that the respirators in question will no longer be listed as NIOSH-approved respirators. Once revoked, respirators bearing these approval numbers may no longer be manufactured, assembled, sold, or distributed as NIOSH-approved respirators. Furthermore, they may not be used where NIOSH-approved respirators are required regardless of the current state of maintenance.

For more information, please call the Technology Evaluation Branch at 412-386-4000.