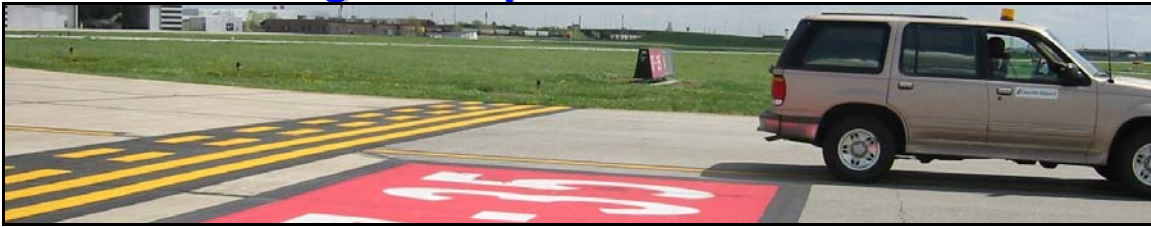


# Central Region Airport Certification Bulletin



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**Application:**

This bulletin is being sent to Part 139 Airport Managers and State Aviation Directors in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

**Background:**

Our Washington Headquarters has requested immediate distribution of this safety information concerning MSA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). A .pdf copy of an MSA User Advisory is attached with this bulletin. If the Audi-Larm coupling is not hand tight, unexpected extrusion of the O-ring could cause rapid loss of air. This situation would be a serious safety issue for firefighters.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Please distribute the **MSA User Advisory**, *Air Mask Audi-Larm Coupling Nut Tightness*, to ARFF personnel immediately.

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