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Recall Notice CBRN Gas Mask Canister

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MSA is voluntarily recalling a limited number of CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) Gas Mask Canisters – MSA part number 10046570. This recall is due to a manufacturing condition that MSA discovered through internal quality testing that can affect the strength of the seal between the two halves of the canister. There have been no field incidents or reports of any type related to this condition. It is important that you review this notice entirely, properly identify any affected canisters in your possession, and contact MSA to obtain no-charge replacement canisters as soon as possible.

Our internal quality evaluation indicates that if affected canisters are sharply impacted or dropped, the seal may be compromised and result in leakage. Although affected canisters will maintain a seal if not impacted or dropped, MSA recommends that all canisters that meet the identification criteria described below be returned to MSA for replacement.

Affected canisters can be identified by examining any of three product markings. These include the marking on the box of 20 canisters, the individual canister box label, or the individual canister bag label. Do not open a canister bag to identify an affected canister. The canisters being recalled have an expiration date of '0509' or '0609' (May or June 2009); however, certain canisters having these expiration dates may be acceptable for use. **Please review the attached chart. It identifies the canisters being recalled as well as those that are acceptable.**

This *Recall Notice* is being issued to those customers that may have purchased affected canisters. Please determine the quantity of unused canisters in your possession that are subject to this recall and contact MSA Customer Service at 1-888-421-8324 to order replacement canisters and make arrangements to return the recalled canisters to MSA.

We apologize for any inconvenience this condition may cause; however, any potential problem with this life-saving equipment is not acceptable and not in keeping with MSA values. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-888-421-8324.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Seibel, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

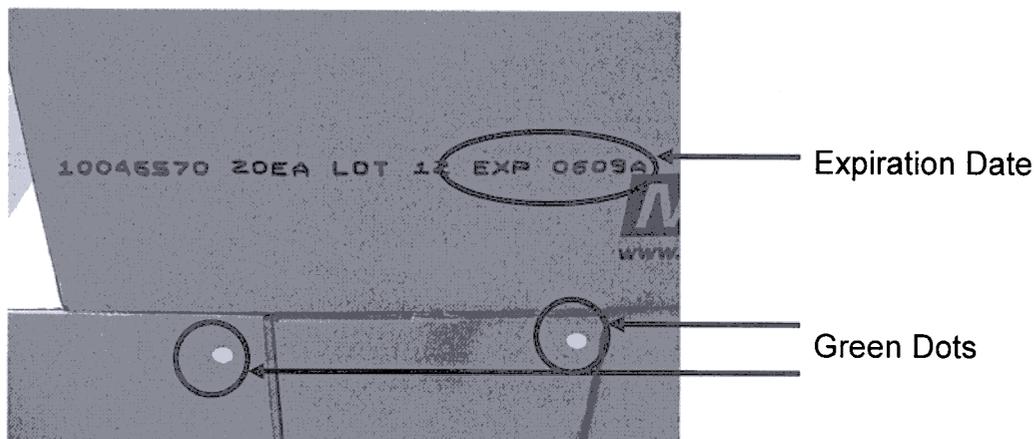
Charles J. Seibel, Jr.
Manager of Product Safety

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LOCATION: RIDC Industrial Park • 121 Gamma Drive • Pittsburgh, PA 15238

CBRN Canister Identification

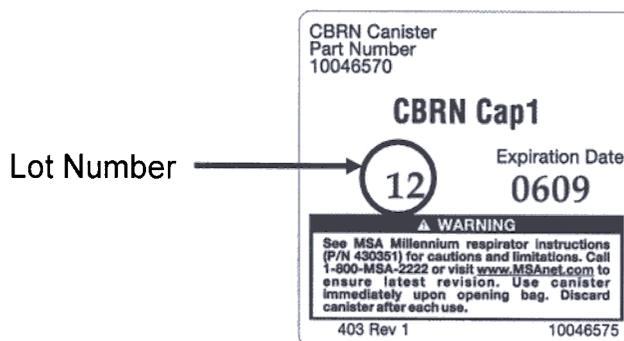
	RECALLED	ACCEPTABLE
Marking on box of 20 canisters:	Expiration date of '0509' or '0609' AND no green sticker on box.	Expiration date other than '0509' or '0609' or Expiration date of '0509' or '0609' AND green sticker on box – Example (1) below.
Marking on individual canister box or bag label:	Expiration date of '0509' or '0609' AND no lot number – Example (2) below.	Expiration date other than '0509' or '0609' or Expiration date of '0509' or '0609' AND lot number – Example (3) below.



Example 1 (For clearer photo, refer to this Recall Notice on MSA's website - <http://www.msanet.com/msanorthamerica/msaunitedstates/USnoticeindex.html>.)



Example 2



Example 3