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SUBJECT:

Auto-inflate Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs)

DISTRIBUTION:

All DOI Agencies using Auto-inflate PFDs

DISCUSSION:

Halkey-Roberts Corporation has announced a "recall" of bobbins produced prior to September 1997. These bobbins are used in certain PFDs equipped with automatic inflation devices.

An auto-inflate system is designed to automatically inflate PFDs should wearer become unable to do so by hand. Manually inflatable PFDs (those not equipped with an auto-inflate system) are not affected by this recall. Replacement bobbin kits are available free of charge from PFD manufacturers or call Halkey-Roberts at (800) 303-4384.

RECOMMENDATION:

All PFDs should be inspected to determine if any of the following models are on hand. The affected models should be replaced or repaired.

- Lifesaving Systems/Pro-Lite -- models 481-AO, 481-AN. Call (813) 645-2748 for information.

- Sporting Lives/SOSpenders – models 120A, 120AH, 123A. Call (800) 858-5876 for information.

- Stearns/Secumar -- models 1140, 1150. Call (800) 783-2767 for information.

- Survival Technologies/Techvest and Techfloat – models BO1322, BO1325, BO1615. Call (800) 525-2747 for information.

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