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## **User Advisory** **FiveStar® Alarm**

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**To: All users of FiveStar Alarms used in non-mining applications where Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) approval is not required.**

On April 1, 2003, MSHA issued a Program Information Bulletin (PIB) [No. P03-06]. The PIB directed Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) enforcement personnel, coal and metal and nonmetal mine operators, miners' representatives and repair shops to discontinue use of the FiveStar Alarm. Over the past several months, MSA has thoroughly investigated the issue raised by MSHA and determined that a specific change is required to all FiveStar Alarms not used in mining applications, therefore, not requiring an MSHA approval. Please review this *User Advisory* and take the action specified even if you have discontinued use of your instrument.

For instruments used in non-mining applications whereby the MSHA approval is not required, MSA will send to you a label to affix to the instrument, obscuring the MSHA approval markings. The FiveStar Alarm continues to maintain all other agency certifications.

**It is required that users add the above label to all FiveStar Alarms.**

Please contact MSA Customer Service toll free at 1-866-MSA-0005 to obtain your new label or if you have any questions. If you receive this *User Advisory* and you use the FiveStar Alarm in mining applications requiring MSHA approval, contact MSA Customer Service for additional instructions.

Very truly yours

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

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