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To: Users of Mersorb® Chemical Cartridges P/N 466204

MSA recently learned that the attached NIOSH approval insert, containing applicable NIOSH approval information, was inadvertently omitted from certain shipments of Mersorb Chemical Cartridges P/N 466204. This notice is directed to users that may not have received the insert.

Please note that due to low sales volume MSA will be discontinuing the Mersorb Chemical Cartridges P/N 466204. A suitable replacement is the Mersorb P-100 Combination Cartridges P/N 815185. The Mersorb P-100 Cartridges exceed the protection and approval configurations of the Mersorb Chemical Cartridges. They are NIOSH approved for respiratory protection against metallic mercury vapors, chlorine and also all particulate aerosols at a 99.97% filter efficiency level. The Mersorb P-100 Cartridges are approved for use on more facepiece assemblies than the Mersorb Chemical Cartridges.

MSA regrets any inconvenience that this may have caused. If you have any questions, please contact MSA Customer Service at 1-800-MSA-2222 (U.S. and Canada) or 412-967-3000 (Mexico).

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Seibel, Jr.
Manager of Product Safety

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LOCATION: RIDC Industrial Park • 121 Gamma Drive • Pittsburgh, PA 15238
PERMISSIBLE
CHEMICAL CARTRIDGE FOR METALLIC MERCURY VAPOR AND CHLORINE

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH

APPROVAL NO. TC-23C-629

ISSUED TO
MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

LIMITATIONS
Approved for respiratory protection against metallic mercury vapor and chlorine. Do not exceed maximum use concentrations established by regulatory standards.

Not for use in atmospheres containing less than 19.5 percent oxygen.

Not for use in atmospheres immediately dangerous to life or health.

CAUTION
In making renewals or repairs, parts identical with those furnished by the manufacturer under the pertinent approval shall be maintained.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for changing cartridges.

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Issued to Mine Safety Appliances Company
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The approved respirators utilize 463532 (TC-23C-629) cartridges, and as a minimum, the following MSA parts:


2. Ultravuc - 7-203-1, 7-203-2, or 7-203-3 facepiece; and 801132 cartridge holder assembly.