Public Information Handout F-13

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The following information is to alert you to a potential defect in a particular model of sprinklers that may be installed in your building. The Bellevue Fire Department, in cooperation with Central Sprinkler Corporation and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), is seeking your assistance in the identification and replacement of potentially defective sprinklers.

On October 14, 1998, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Central Sprinkler Corporation announced a nationwide recall of **all** Central Omega model fire sprinkler heads which were manufactured by Central Sprinkler since 1982.

This affects approximately 8.4 million Omega sprinkler heads manufactured by Central Sprinkler. Approximately 250,000 Omega heads have been installed in occupancies throughout the state of Washington.

If you are unsure if Omega model sprinklers have been installed in your building, we encourage you to check with your architect, builder, sprinkler contractor, plumber, homeowners association or property manager. The Bellevue Fire Department will also provide some assistance in the identification of such sprinklers while conducting fire prevention inspections.

To aid in the identification of the recalled sprinklers, a pictorial handout has been included with this information sheet. Take a few moments to review the handout and compare the types shown with the sprinklers in your building.

If you still have questions or need further assistance in the identification or replacement of the Omega model sprinklers, please call the following numbers:

Omega Sprinkler Customer Service Line at 1-800-927-5291

For more information go to www.omegarecall. com.

Defective sprinklers could result in failure during a fire situation which could be fatal or at the very least allow a fire to increase in severity and cause excessive damage. Therefore, we urge you to take action today and help us prevent a tragedy. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Division at 425-452-6872. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.