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To: Nursing Homes  
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From: Susan Schroeder, Director  
Bureau of Quality Assurance

### **Recall of Fire Protection System Sprinklers**

Attached is a copy of the Mealane Corporation voluntary recall program to replace "Star" brand fire protection sprinklers. The Mealane Corporation, formerly known as Star Sprinkler Corporation, in cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, is recalling "dry-type" sprinkler models: D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1, and ME-1. These sprinklers were manufactured from 1961 to 1976, installed in health care facilities nationally, and today many may not operate properly in a fire. We ask that you share this information with your staff, taking whatever action is appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call David R. Soens, P.E., Quality Assurance Engineer, Provider Regulation & Quality Improvement Section at (608) 261-5993.

Attachments