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SEI Ref. No.: SBA MSA 08

Dear Ms. Witeoff:

This letter is in regard to your email message received on December 20, 2017 which notified SEI of MSA's distribution of a User Advisory regarding exhalation valve stem/seat separation on G1 SCBA facepiece(s).

It is SEI's understanding that MSA has conducted an investigation following receipt of a limited number of reports from end users stating that several G1 SCBA's exhalation valve stem(s) separated from their respective valve seat(s). As a result, SEI understands that on December 13, 2017, MSA elected to issue a User Advisory to all G1 SCBA users which advises that users conduct an inspection of the exhalation valve stem and seat using a specific inspection procedure (as outlined in the December 13, 2017 User Advisory).

SEI has noted that the User Advisory 1) clearly indicates the issue, 2) indicates the affected G1 facepiece part numbers, 3) includes an identification/inspection procedure, and 4) includes instructions on how to contact MSA to obtain service, if necessary.

Based on the information provided, SEI agrees with MSA's decision to initiate an identification/inspection procedure covering the exhalation valve stem and seat on G1 SCBA facepieces through issuance of a User Advisory.

Additionally, based upon the nature of the User Advisory, SEI understands that MSA will not be specifically tracking the activity associated with this User Advisory. If this is ***not*** the case, then respectfully requests that status reports outlining the progress of the User Advisory be provided to SEI on a periodic basis (quarterly is acceptable), in accordance with Section 18.7 of the SEI Certification Program Manual.



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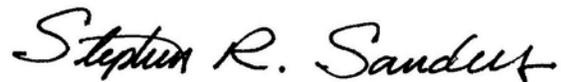


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Status reports (if necessary) generally include the number of product affected by the User Advisory as well as the number of product returned, repaired or replaced by MSA. In addition, SEI requests that all documentation containing 1) serial numbers, 2) dates, 3) owner and 4) other pertinent information be available for review by SEI's Quality Assurance Auditor during MSA's next SEI Quality Assurance audit.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen R. Sanders
Technical Director

cc: Ms. Heather Dannhardt, MSA
Mr. Paul Clarke, SEI Auditor