3M Personal Safety Division is notifying our distributors and end users of the following information related to certain self-contained breathing apparatuses (“SCBA”) and related components, that were sold in California in the January 2022 to November 2022 timeframe, depending on the product.

Please carefully review (i) the below “Product Advisory Notice,” (ii) the attached list of products covered by this Product Advisory Notice (Attachment 1); (iii) the attached Notice regarding “3M Scott SCBA - Fluorinated Organic Chemicals” (Attachment 2); and (iv) the attached Notice regarding “3M Personal Safety Products that may be used by Fire Service in the United States – Notice regarding Fluorinated Organic Compounds” (Attachment 3).

This Product Advisory Notice concerns California Health and Safety Code, Section 13029, which states:

(1) Commencing January 1, 2022, any person, including a manufacturer, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person shall provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals. The written notice shall include a statement that the firefighter personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals and the reason that PFAS chemicals are added to the equipment.

(2) The person selling firefighter personal protective equipment and the purchaser of the equipment shall retain a copy of the written notice on file for at least three years from the date of the transaction. Within 60 days of a request by the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney, the seller or purchaser of firefighter personal protective equipment shall furnish to the requesting entity the written notice, or a copy of the written notice, and associated sales documentation.

See Cal. Health & Safety § 13029(b).

3M has identified certain products that may be subject to this notice requirement but were sold without this notice until November 17, 2022. This includes certain SCBA products and replacement parts listed in Attachment 1.

Effective November 17, 2022, 3M began including a notice (“SCBA Notice”) with its SCBA products. Out of an abundance of caution, 3M also began including the SCBA Notice with certain generic replacement parts that may be used with both SCBA and non-SCBA products. A copy of the SCBA Notice is attached as Attachment 2 and available on 3M’s website.
Starting April 24, 2023 the Notice that is attached as Attachment 3 has been provided on 3M-controlled sales channels.

3M requests that distributors forward this notice to all customers who may have purchased or received the impacted products listed on Attachment 1 from January 2022 to November 2022.

3M continues to review and assess the potential applicability of this notice statute to the products that are subject of this notice.

For additional information about PFAS use in our products, please visit www.3M.com/PFAS.