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BUILDING DIVISION

OMEGA SPRINKLER RECALL IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN CANADA

To all owners of buildings which contain fire sprinklers:

Several incidents of failure of Central Omega fire sprinklers have been reported in the United States. Failure of automatic fire sprinklers may result in an increased risk to life safety and property damage.

The Central Sprinkler Company (the manufacturer) recently announced a voluntary recall of all Omega fire sprinklers in Canada. The recall program includes free replacement heads and a possible reimbursement of the labour costs. The deadline for applications for reimbursement of labour costs is August 1, 1999. Even if the building owner/operator cannot answer all the questions on the application form, the application must be postmarked no later than August 1, 1999 to be eligible. Those owners/operators filing an application with the Central Sprinkler Company after August 1, 1999 but before November 1, 2001, will still qualify to receive replacement sprinkler heads at no cost but will not be eligible to receive any monetary reimbursement for the labour involved in replacing the heads.

To ensure that the correct replacement heads are used and that they are installed properly, this work must be done by qualified sprinkler contractors possessing a BC Trades Qualification Certification as a "sprinkler fitter". If the replacement heads do not have exactly the same characteristics as the original sprinklers (K-factor, pressure, etc.), a review of the system by a professional engineer will be required.

The City of Surrey will not require a Sprinkler Permit for replacing heads but requests that building owners and licensed sprinkler contractors keep a record of all sprinkler head replacements.

For more information and application forms, call the Omega Customer Service Line at 1-800-638-1531 or visit the Central Sprinkler website at www.omegarecall.com.

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