

June 1, 2004

To: Heads of Executive Branch Agencies and Institutions

From: James T. Roberts, Director
Department of General Services

Subject: *Executive Order 80 (01) – Fire Safety Sprinklers*

On July 19, 2001, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a voluntary recall of fire sprinkler heads containing O-rings, sold by Central Sprinkler Company (Central), an affiliate of Tyco Fire Products LP, Gem Sprinkler Company, and Star Sprinkler, Inc. The CPSC and Central indicate that the voluntary recall was initiated because the performance of the O-ring seals in various models of "wet" or "dry" sprinklers can degrade over time. The seals in these sprinkler heads may corrode or react with materials in the water supply to affect their performance adversely, potentially causing them to fail to activate in a fire.

After a couple of incomplete attempts over the past couple of years we have developed a strategy that we believe will help bring this effort to a successful conclusion. **To facilitate collection of the required data and reporting on agency sprinklers, DGS has constructed a website solely for the purposes of updating Facility and sprinkler information.**

The website is now populated with data that must be updated and reviewed in order for your agency to meet the requirement of EO 80(01). **The purpose of this memorandum is to ask that you assure that the existing data is verified and corrected as needed.** Specific details on accessing the website will be sent under separate cover to designated operations and facility managers.

If your agency has started or completed the recall for your buildings, a certification letter and any accompanying documentation should be submitted to:

Bureau of Capital Outlay
Attention: Brian Hudnall
805 East Broad Street
8th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

If there are any questions in the interim concerning the status of your agency's sprinkler information please contact Mr. Jamaa Bickley-King 804-371-7919 or E-mail: sprinkler@dgs.state.va.us

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

cc: Cabinet Secretaries