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NATIONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT SYSTEM CACHE MEMORANDUM NO. 07-3

To: NFES National Incident Support Caches
From: Paul Naman, NFES Representative
Subject: Blue Fireline Pack Seam Defect (NFES 0678, 0674) Pack Return Protocol

Cache Memorandum 07-2 provided information on a seam defect found in early production models of the blue fireline pack (NFES 0678, 0674) and also described inspection, shipping and repair information. The original manufacturer, Paraclete Armor and Equipment Inc. (contract # GS-07F-P0003) has been performing repairs on returned blue packs. They have requested that additional direction be provided to pack owners planning on sending in stock for repair in order to correct several problems that have been encountered.

Paraclete Armor and Equipment Inc. has requested that pack owners ensure that all contents have been removed from the packs prior to shipping for repair. Paraclete Armor and Equipment Inc. can assume no responsibility for items or materials inadvertently left inside the packs shipped to their repair facility.

Only blue packs that are otherwise in good condition should be returned for main vertical seam repairs. Blue packs that are worn out or severely damaged should not be returned if vertical seam repairs will not return the pack to a fully serviceable condition.

If you have questions or comments on this information please contact Bill Hicks, GSA Fire Program Coordinator at (817) 574-2533 or Dennis Davis, USFS Missoula Technology and Development Center at (406) 329-3929.

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