



### **3/4-INCH WYE VALVE AND SHUTOFF VALVES (NFES 0272 & 0738)**

As reported previously, we have both die-cast zinc and brass products in stock. We anticipated switching to the brass stock once the zinc products were depleted during the season. However, current zinc inventory is 7,882 of NFES 0272 and 3,746 of NFES 0738. Once the zinc items are depleted, a notice will be posted on the GSA Fire Program website ([www.gsa.gov/fireprogram](http://www.gsa.gov/fireprogram)) at the appropriate time. There will also be a price change since the brass items are significantly higher than the zinc products.

### **NEW BDU'S – Kevlar/Nomex blend**

The new Kevlar/Nomex BDU's are available for purchase. They will be listed in the 2010 GSA fire catalog (mailed late March) and can be found on the websites.

### **GLOVE MODIFICATION FOR FPI GLOVES**

We have converted to the revised design (rough-out) FPI glove for the extra-small, medium and large sizes. Stock of the old design is 2,002 pairs of small and 4,553 of extra-large sizes. Once it is depleted, these sizes will be converted to the new design (stock is already available).

### **PSYCHROMETERS AND BELT WEATHER KITS:**

All of the psychrometers and most of the belt weather kits in the GSA depots are now mercury-free; we have received 2,010 belt weather kits from the contractor (mercury-free) and currently have 1,940 in stock. However, there is a chance that some of the old style remains but an inventory surveillance has been requested.

### **NOMEX SHIRTS:**

Term contract for shirts was awarded to Weckworth. Shipments are scheduled to begin March 2010.

### **FIRE SHELTERS:**

Term contract was awarded to Weckworth and currently undergoing first article sample inspection @ MTDC.

### **BDU's:**

Solicitation for term contract to be issued later this month. Due to previous contractor difficulties, the solicitation will include technical factors with a best value selection. It will allow two parallel contracts in order to ensure adequate supply through the contract term. Award is expected July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **PORTABLE PUMPS, NFES 0148 & 0601**

Wildfire Mark 3 pump vs. Mercedes Textiles Wick 375 pump: Currently, our stock of 0601 complete pumps is Mercedes Textile's Wick 375. We will be procuring more pumps this year. The 0148 stock continues to be mixed (Wick 375 and Mark 3). Customers requesting a specific model must provide a sole-source justification.

**TYPE II FIRE HOSE:** During 2008, GSA purchased alternative Type II fire hose (Neidner Hotline Hose) on the open market. We still have 4,896 lengths of the 1-inch and 5,468 lengths of the 1-1/2 inch in stock. We will continue filling non-cache orders with the Neidner hose while shipping the spec OLB hose to the national caches.

### **GSA Fire Program Website reminder**

The GSA Fire Program website ([www.gsa.gov/fireprogram](http://www.gsa.gov/fireprogram)) will be updated periodically to include new items of interest. Please encourage people to view it on a regular basis.

### **GSA TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO**

The GSA Training Conference & Expo will be held in Orlando, Florida, May 4 – 6, 2009. It offers multiple opportunities for training and meeting rooms for agency meetings are provided at no cost. Registration is free @ [expo.gsa.gov/ggs](http://expo.gsa.gov/ggs).

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