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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #79-4

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL NOAA DIVERS

FROM: J. Morgan Wells
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SUBJECT: 1. Recall of U.S. Divers Calypso "J" and Calypso VI
Regulators/Replacement and Repair of Regulators
2. Chest X-Rays - NOAA Medical Evaluation Criteria
(NOAA Form 64-5, Part I)

1. RECALL OF U.S. DIVERS CALYPSO "J" AND CALYPSO IV REGULATORS/
REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF REGULATORS

Communications with representative of U.S. Divers Co., Santa Anna, California has prompted the following statement:

"We have received a report of a malfunction of a calypso regulator in the field. After extensive testing by our engineering department, we were able to duplicate the malfunction. This malfunction could be possible in the first stage of our number 1083 and number 1084 Calypso regulators. At 1:00 pm September 13th, U.S. Divers has made the decision to perform a voluntary recall. This will authorize Aqua-Lung distributors and repair stations or U.S. Divers Company."

John J. Cronin
U.S. Divers
3323 W. Warner Avenue
Santa Anna, CA 92702

It is the understanding of the NOAA Diving Office that this malfunction will result in loss of air supply to the diver.

1. Pay attention to all recalls or announcements relating to defective, potentially defective, or unsafe equipment.
2. Initiate a means of alerting all NOAA divers of hazardous Equipment or practices. The most effective means at Present is through the NOAA Diving Office.

The address and telephones of the NOAA Diving Office are:

NOAA Diving Office - NDO
6010 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20852

Commercial and FTS / (301) 443-8007
443-8008
443-4132

2. Chest X-rays - NOAA Medical Evaluation Criteria (NOAA Form 64-5, Part I)

Review of the medical criteria for chest x-rays by the NOAA Diving Medical Review Board has resulted in the following consensus of opinion.

"Chest X-Rays: Since pressure related effects are mediated through the respiratory system, and lethal consequences may ensue, a 14 by 17 chest x-ray, PA and lateral, shall be taken as a baseline on the initial physical examination. The chest x-ray should be repeated every two years until the diver has reached the age of 40, then annually with each physical examination. This x-ray shall be reported as normal and the results included with the physical examination."

This change in evaluation policy should be brought to the attention of the examining physician with respect to the criteria for examinations. (NOAA Form 64-5, Part 1, X-Ray).