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TO MANUFACTURERS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL OPERATIONS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:

Testing to NFPA 1999, 2013 Edition

This Bulletin is in regard to the adoption of the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1999, *Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations*, for the SEI Certification Program covering Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations. The NFPA Standards Council issued this revised standard on November 27, 2012, with an effective date of December 17, 2012. Publication of the final document for the new edition was released by the NFPA on February 12, 2013.

Following issuance by the NFPA, SEI has balloted and received formal approval of the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1999 by the SEI Board of Directors. Effective immediately, SEI will only test to the revised edition of NFPA 1999. You were recently notified of the release of this new edition, and a transition plan has been established to initiate testing and certification to the new standard.

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.1.10 and 4.1.11 of the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1999, manufacturers may deplete their inventories of certified protective clothing items (labeled to the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1999) until June 30, 2013. On June 30, 2013, manufacturers shall remove all certification labels and product labels indicating compliance with the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1999 from all protective clothing items that are under the manufacturer's control. SEI will review and confirm this action during subsequent quality assurance audit(s) and it will be so noted in the quality audit report(s).

Final documentation covering the testing fees for NFPA 1999-2013 will be forwarded in the near future. Copies of the new standard can be obtained from NFPA at 1-800-344-3555 or 617-770-3000, or on the NFPA website (www.nfpa.org).

Thank you for your participation in the SEI Certification Program. Please contact SEI should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William A. Fithian'.

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