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STAPLERS, SWINGLINE MODEL 67 ELECTRIC STAPLERS

THIS NOTICE SUPERSEDES ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE ON THIS SUBJECT!!

On July 11, 1996, while the unit was not in use, an employee received a shock upon picking up an electric Swingline stapler and turning it on its side. The direct cause of this incident was loose staples down in the unit's base falling against an internal electric contact after the unit was moved, and the fact that the unit was still plugged in.

Further discussion with the ORNL program manager for electrical safety and the AHJ for electrical code compliance determined concurrence for PERMANENTLY removing this equipment from service. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL SWINGLINE MODEL

67 ELECTRIC STAPLERS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM SERVICE. TO SAFELY DO THIS, DO NOT TOUCH, HOLD, OR ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE UNIT UNTIL THE UNIT'S ELECTRICAL PLUG HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE RECEPTACLE PROVIDING POWER TO THE UNIT.

A Yellow Alert will also be issued concerning this equipment. If you have further questions, please call J. Doug Miller, Office of Safety & Health Protection, at 574-6680, or Sandra Kennedy, Physics Division ES&H Officer, at 576-0204.

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