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**TO: City and County Building Officials
Manufactured Home Manufacturers
Factory-Built Housing Manufacturers
Interested Parties (SHL, MH, FBH)
Division Staff**

SUBJECT: RECALL OF WATER HEATER GAS CONTROL VALVES

This Information Bulletin provides important information concerning gas valves manufactured for use in residential water heaters. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Robertshaw Controls Company, of Long Beach, California, announced a voluntary recall of approximately 178,000 gas control valves installed on water heaters manufactured between July 25, 2005, and August 14, 2005, under several brand names. The gas control valves subject to this recall will show production date codes 5-31 through and including 5-33.

The CPSC reports that screws on the water heater gas control valve could break. If this happens, gas could escape from the valve, posing a risk of gas explosion and fire. The R110 Gas Control Valves being recalled are installed on both natural and liquid propane (LP) gas water heaters. The CPSC explains in its notice, however, that not all valves with these date codes are affected, and that this recall does not include electric water heaters.

A copy of the September 16, 2005, CPSC notice is attached which contains specific information regarding the affected devices. Please review the notice carefully as it provides, among other information, contact information and instructions for the return of the devices. The notice also contains a listing of the water heater brands affected by this recall.

Manufactured home manufacturers with questions regarding their responsibilities in this matter should contact Lane Pethel in the Manufactured Housing Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by telephone at 202-708-6423, extension 5600. Any questions from consumers, local building officials, factory-built housing manufacturers or Department staff concerning the R110 Gas Control Valve recall should be directed to Robertshaw Controls Company, toll-free at (888) 225-1071 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Saturday. Questions also may be answered by visiting the firm's website at www.robertshaw.com.

Questions concerning this Information Bulletin may be directed to HCD's State Housing Law Program staff at (916) 445-9471.

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Attachment