



February 24, 2021

Re: Response to New Jersey State Fire Marshal Safety Alert pertaining to 3M Scott AV-3000 HT facepieces

Dear valued customer,

Thank you for your question regarding Safety Alert #21-1 mentioned above, dated February 24, 2021 issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal.

On February 11, 2021, a representative of this agency informed 3M Scott application engineering team that some fire departments in the state reported cracks in their lenses. As mentioned in the safety alert, no injuries were reported. We have been in contact with an agency sub-committee formed to address these concerns and will work closely with the departments reporting these cracks to determine the cause(s) and provide solutions to prevent them from recurring.

It was noted in our preliminary discussion with the departments that inspection and storage recommendations for the Mask-Mounted Regulator (MMR) and facepiece in our User Instructions must be observed to ensure their proper function. Of note was the practice of storing facepieces with the MMR attached when not in use. This practice is not recommended.

We are aware of other agencies reporting similar concerns over the years. In those cases, each agency involved also practiced storage procedures similar to those mentioned above. We can also confirm there are no manufacturer safety notices issued on this product and the AV-3000 HT is safe for use. We remind all users of our products to observe all inspection and storage guidance and warnings in our User Instructions to ensure the proper function of their respirator components.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us using the information below or contact your local 3M Scott sales representative.

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