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CSE Corporation imposes recall on SR-100 for evaluation

Recall to affect less than one percent of units manufactured

Monroeville, Pa. – CSE Corporation (CSE) has issued a voluntary recall and suspended production on the SR-100, a self-contained, self-rescue unit used in mining operations. The recall is specific to a small segment of recently manufactured units and is related to an issue with the oxygen starter mechanism, company officials confirmed today.

“CSE has a rigorous and thorough, continuous testing process and is committed to the safety of all miners using its products,” said Scott Shearer, CEO, CSE Corporation. “During a routine quality control test on the SR-100 units, CSE discovered an issue with the primary starter mechanism. We immediately suspended production to determine the cause and extent of the situation and reported the incidents to NIOSH and MSHA.”

The voluntary recall includes withdrawal and replacement of the entire production lot even though this issue may only affect as little as one percent of those units. Production of the units will remain suspended until NIOSH and MSHA approve resumption. CSE has submitted an action plan for review and approval to the agencies on February 23. Following plan approval, CSE representatives will visit the affected mines to replace the units and provide additional training support and outreach.

About CSE Corporation

Established in 1969, CSE Corporation produces self-contained self-rescuers (SCSRs) designed to be worn on a miner’s belt or stored in an approved area for access in emergency situations. In the early 1980s, CSE introduced the first available one-hour

oxygen self-contained self-rescuer (SCSR) when federal regulations began requiring underground miners have access to a 60-minute breathing apparatus. In 1980 CSE introduced the first belt-wearable SCSR. CSE is a world leader in SCSR development and technology, earning some of the most prestigious awards available in the industry. Today the SR-100 will provide 60 minutes of breathable air. The company is also the maker of portable and machine-mounted gas monitoring instruments for detecting, measuring and monitoring toxic or combustible gases and oxygen. The ultimate goal of all CSE products is to protect and preserve human life.

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