

# SAFETY ALERT



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## Recent Safety Notices on Deficient Harnesses and Gloves



*Defective DBI-SALA® ExoFit NEX™ Harness*



*Potentially Toxic NF11 / NF11X Series Gloves*

During April 2019, two separate safety notices were released by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to applicable companies for the inspection and replacement of particular harnesses and gloves commonly used in many industries, including offshore oil and gas operations on the Outer Continental Shelf. An overview of each safety notice is outlined below:

### 1. 3M™ Fall Protection

The dorsal d-ring used in the DBI-SALA® ExoFit NEX™ harness with the lot number code "09P1" has been identified as defective if manufactured between January 2016 and December 2018. Please note that both the manufactured date range on the harness label and the lot number code "09P1" stamped on the d-ring must be present to properly identify it as defective.

### 2. Honeywell Gloves

The red NF11 and NF11X gloves have been identified as potentially harmful if received from the manufacturer before January 1, 2019 due to the presence of trace levels of Benzidine in the red dye. This determination was made as a result of a recent certification testing and regulatory review of the product. All gloves received from the manufacturer after January 1, 2019 are free of dyes that could potentially release Benzidine.

**Based on the issuance of the two safety notices outlined above, BSEE recommends that operators consider the following:**

- Conduct a hazard hunt or search of current inventory to identify and locate any of the affected equipment either in stock or in use.
- Use proper Personal Protective Equipment (i.e., gloves and safety glasses) when removing the affected gloves to avoid potential exposure.
- Contact the relevant OEMs for additional instructions regarding the necessary course of action:
  - 3M™ Fall Protection - contact 3M Customer Service at (833) 638-2697 or at [3musfpserviceaction@mmm.com](mailto:3musfpserviceaction@mmm.com)
  - Honeywell Gloves – contact Honeywell Customer Service at (877) 841-2840. Honeywell is using a third party contractor, Stericycle, to aid in the collection of the product. Stericycle can be contacted at (888) 462-0579.

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A Safety Alert is a tool used by BSEE to inform the offshore oil and gas industry of the circumstances surrounding a potential safety issue. It also contains recommendations that could assist avoiding potential incidents on the Outer Continental Shelf.