

U.S. Fire Administration / National Fire Academy

## *Warning: Hot Coffee!*

### Topic: Jockey Pump Safety Recall

**Learning objective:** The student shall be able to identify manufacturer and model number information on fire service jockey pumps that have been recalled for performance failures.

Jockey pumps are installed on fire protection systems to maintain system pressure so the main fire pump does not start until it is needed.

One jockey pump manufacturer recently had some of its products recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Some jockey pumps manufactured by a New York firm have been recalled for potential failures.

A mechanical part on these pumps was not fully tightened, which can lead to the pump failing during use. If pumps sold with fire suppression systems fail, the risk of fire damage increases. The pump itself does not pose a fire hazard. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

According to the recall notice, about 18,300 of the pumps were manufactured by Water Technology, Inc., of Auburn, N.Y. The company has received one report of a pump failing to start during a system test. No injuries have been reported.

The pumps were sold under the Goulds Pumps<sup>®</sup>, Bell & Gossett<sup>®</sup>, and Red Jacket Water Products brands. The pumps can be identified by having Model NPE, NPO, MCC, MCS, SM, or Series 3530 on their nameplate.



Recalled pumps were manufactured between December 2005 and July 26, 2006. They have date code M05, A06, B06, C06, D06, E06, F06, or G06. The date code is the first three digits of the serial number on the pump nameplate. The pumps were sold at pump distributors nationwide from December 2005 through July 2006 for about \$800.

Installers of fire suppression systems will be contacted by ITT Water Technology, Inc., to schedule an inspection and replacement. For more information, call ITT Water Technology, Inc., at (800) 984-

9199 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at [www.goulds.com](http://www.goulds.com) or [www.bellgossett.com](http://www.bellgossett.com)

To see this recall on CPSC's Web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml06/06244.html>