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ALERT
Fisher Safety Relief Valves Model H732 and H832

Emerson Process Management Regulator Technologies, Inc (Fisher Controls), has issued a voluntary recall of Fisher Relief Valves Model H732 and H832 as indicated in the attached news release from the company. These safety relief valves are used in cargo vessels transporting liquid petroleum products and ammonia.

Vibration, such as caused by rumble strips on the highways, may cause bending stress fatigue in the valve stem which over time can lead to a stem fracture. A stem fracture would result in the separation of the upper stem portion from the valve and ejecting it from the tank. This would result in the uncontrolled release of pressurized gas into the atmosphere and may cause a road hazard, personal injury, or fire.

Owners of pressure equipment who may have Fisher Model H732 and/or H832 valves are asked to contact Emerson Process Management Regulator Technologies, Inc (Fisher Controls) immediately for further details.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

ST. LOUIS, MO – April 11, 2013 – Emerson Process Management Regulator Technologies, Inc (Fisher Controls), issued a voluntary Safety Recall Notice on April 8, 2013 requesting the return of H732 and H832 pressure relief valves manufactured between January 2003 and January 2013 used in the highway transportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP) gas, anhydrous ammonia and other pressurized gases.

Vibration studies conducted by Fisher on transports in-service on actual routes suggest that roadway rumble strips, which have been used more extensively in certain areas, exert significantly greater force than normal road conditions on the valve. This additional force may cause bending stress fatigue in the valve stem over time that can lead to a stem fracture separating the upper stem portion from the valve and ejecting it from the tank. This may result in the uncontrolled release of pressurized gas into the atmosphere and may cause a road hazard, personal injury, or fire.

Fisher encourages owners of equipment with installed H732 and H832 pressure relief valves to contact their current Fisher LP distributor to request a newly developed replacement Fisher model H732A or H832A pressure relief valve which will be provided to them free of charge. Additional information related to this recall is available from Fisher distributors or by calling (888) 237-1751.

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