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TO: All Facility Safety Heads  
All Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering Branch,  
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SUBJECT: Electrical Plug-in Power Strips - Possible Hazard

A recent Safe-Alert from the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program has identified a potential problem with a certain plug-in power strip. The units are most commonly used with computers to provide surge protection. They are provided with 15 ampere breakers that are designed to trip and afford protection to the connected equipment. Some of these units have been reported to have defective circuit breakers and could possibly be a fire or human shock hazard. Further testing of units is underway and the manufacturer has been contacted. Please survey your facility for the subject devices listed below. This office will provide additional information as it is received.

Product - Circuit Protection, Suppressor, Surge Protection

Manufacturer - Zenith Data Systems (Computer Accessories Corporation), Hilltop Road,  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

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