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USER ADVISORY NOTICE

3M™ Rugged Comfort Quick Latch Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator 650XQL, combined with 3M™ Filter Adapters 603, 3M™ 95 Class Filters 5N11 or 5P71, and 3M™ Filter Retainers 501

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Dear Valued Customer,

3M has recently become aware of a potential issue associated with the 3M™ Rugged Comfort Quick Latch Half Facepiece Reusable Respirator 650XQL (models 6501QL/49488(AAD), 6502QL/49490(AAD) or 6503QL/49492(AAD)) when used in combination with 3M™ Filter Adapters 603/56055(AAD), 3M™ 95 Class Filters 5N11/46464(AAD) or 5P71/07194(AAD), and 3M™ Filter Retainers 501/17668(AAD). Customers have reported that when using the Quick Latch feature with this specific filter configuration on the facepiece, the 501 Filter Retainers could become fully or partially dislodged—resulting in a potential reduction in filtration performance.

This does not affect the 3M 6500 Series respirators without the Quick Latch mechanism, nor any other 3M respirator facepiece or filter combination.

3M intends to obsolete the NIOSH approval for this particular facepiece and filter combination: 650XQL Facepiece / 603 Adapters/ 5N11 or 5P71 Particulate Filter and 501 Retainers. If you must continue use of this filter combination while acquiring alternate filters, 3M reiterates that the drop-down feature of the facepiece may **not** be used when in a contaminated environment. If the drop-down feature is used with the respirator configured as listed above outside of the contaminated environment, the respirator and filter assembly must be re-inspected to ensure the 501 Filter Retainers are securely fastened **before** re-entering the contaminated area.

3M recommends using the 650XQL facepiece with alternative filters, such as one of the 3M 2000 Series filters, i.e. 3M™ Particulate Filter 2071/54356(AAD), P95.

If you have further questions, please contact 3M Technical Service at 1-800-243-4630 or contact your local 3M representative.

Best regards,

Personal Safety Division