

Safety Advisory

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Possible Hazard: Potential fire hazard from overheating of relocatable power taps or “power strips.”

Name of Product(s): Leviton 5100PS and 5300 series power strips.

Description of Product: 120 volt, 15 amp surge protected, 6 outlet power strip with switch; item listed as general duty with 6 foot 14-3 American wire gauge (AWG) power cord; items are beige in color. This item has circuit breaker protection & internal fusing, and has Underwriter’s Laboratory (UL) standard certifications.

Manufacturer: Leviton Mfg. Company Inc., 201 North Service Rd., Melville, NY 11747, Phone: 800.323.8920, Fax: 800.832.9538.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: During a quarterly safety review of office spaces by HSS staff members, several Leviton model 5100PS power strips were found with brown discoloration on the bottom of the outlet housing which may indicate that the unit is overheating. This could present a fire hazard and the items should be taken out of service. In addition, the Leviton model 5300 series of surge protectors have been involved in overheating incidents on DOE’s Hanford Site. (see <http://vpp.pnl.gov/docs/pp/pp0407.pdf>)

Required Action: If you find the identified product(s) in your office space, it should be removed from service and replaced with an approved power strip (which can be obtained through the GTN and FORS Supply Stores). If you cannot verify that such items are not in use in your offices, you will need to resurvey your workspaces. Do not place in equipment recycling areas. These items should not be used in any manner at DOE.

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