California State Fire Marshal
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Kidde Smoke Alarm Recall

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc. (“Kidde”) in conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a voluntary recall to replace certain Kidde AC/DC smoke alarms and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms. A copy of the joint recall announcement can be seen by clicking here and attached is the safety notice.

Kidde has sent copies to their retail customers with instructions to post a copy of the safety notice in stores that sold these alarms.

This replacement program was initiated because the units may not perform as designed following a power outage. If a power outage occurs at the same second that a unit is performing a sensor health check, the units may go into a “latched” mode, causing them not to alert to the presence of smoke. The unit will sound if it receives a signal from an alarm in the same interconnected system. Once power is restored, a latched unit will sound an alert, regardless of the presence of smoke or carbon monoxide, until power to the alarm is completely removed.

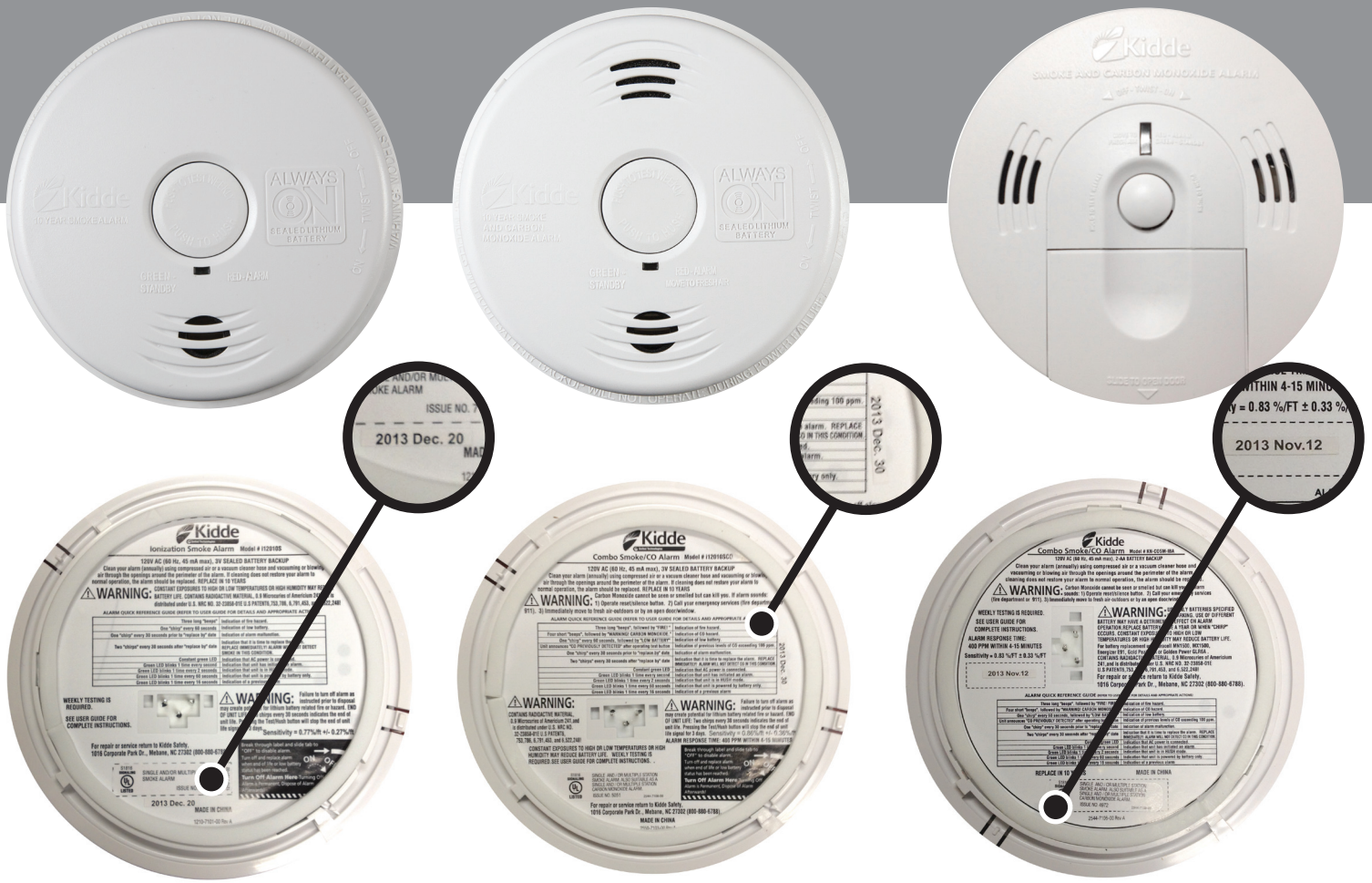
It involves Kidde residential smoke alarms with model number i12010S manufactured between Dec. 18, 2013 and May 13, 2014, and combination smoke/CO alarms with model number i12010SCO manufactured between Dec. 30, 2013 and May 13, 2014 and model number KN-COSM-IBA manufactured between Oct. 22, 2013 and May 13, 2014.

Kidde discovered the issue during an internal quality check. There have been no incidents reported, but due to their commitment to quality and safety, Kidde has taken action out of an abundance of caution.

For additional questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kidde at 1-844-553-9011 or www.Kidde.com. You can also contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission Toll-Free on their Consumer Hotline at: Phone: (800) 638-2772; TTY (301) 595-7054.

SAFETY NOTICE

i12010S **i12010SCO** **KN-COSM-IBA (900-0114A)**



Name of Products:

i12010S –10 Year Hardwired Smoke Alarm – manufactured 12/18/13 through 5/13/14

i12010SCO – 10 Year Hardwired Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm – manufactured 12/30/13 through 5/13/14

KN-COSM-IBA – Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm (front-load battery model only) – manufactured from 10/22/13 through 5/13/14

These units are AC/DC powered and capable of hardwired interconnect. They have a Kidde logo on the face of the unit. The model number is on the label on the back of the unit.

Identified Hazard: If a power outage occurs at the same second that a unit is performing a sensor health check, the unit may go into a "latched" mode, causing it not to alert to the presence of smoke. It will sound if it receives a signal from an alarm in the same interconnected system. Once power is restored, a latched unit will sound an alert, regardless of the presence of fire and/or carbon monoxide (for combination units) until power to the unit is completely removed.

Remedy: Replace Unit. Consumers should not take the alarm out of service until they receive a replacement from Kidde.

Kidde Product Support: Kidde toll-free at 1-844-553-9011 between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, except holidays, or visit our website at www.kidde.com. Calls consumers may have of a technical nature that are not related to the recall should be transferred to our toll free number.

Post until January 11, 2015 In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission