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Dear Valued Customer,

Sherwood has produced acetylene cylinder valves for many years. These valves have an excellent track record and have successfully been in service for over 75 years. Sherwood Valve is dedicated to the health and safety of its customers and end users. Our products are designed and manufactured to meet or exceed all applicable government and industry product safety standards

There are no product recalls in place for Sherwood acetylene valves.

The Office of Health, Safety, and Security (HSS) from the Department of Energy released a Safety Advisory in January of 2010 relative to "Leaking Acetylene Cylinder Shutoff Valves." Sherwood was not contacted prior to the advisory release and has subsequently spoken with HSS resulting in the following clarifications:

- HSS stated that this was not a product alert but rather an advisory to notify and remind people to check acetylene valves for leakage.
- Even though they included photographs of a Sherwood valve and mentioned Sherwood and Superior valves associated with leaking acetylene cylinders in this incident it was not their intention to imply that these valves were defective.
- The reference to a double nut configuration is not correct. The valve shown or depicted does not have a double nut design. Sherwood does not manufacture any acetylene valves with a double nut configuration.

The incident valve has recently been evaluated. It was not a Sherwood valve. It was a Superior manufactured acetylene valve that was produced between 1969 and 1979. It was confirmed to have leakage at the stem due to excessive contamination inside the valve preventing the inside sealing mechanism from operating properly.

Sherwood's acetylene valves are not in any way being recalled or considered defective by any organization. Please contact Customer Service at 1-888-508-2583 if you have any further questions.

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