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**Are you aware your Family and Home are in**  
***DANGER***  
**If your gas lines are CSST**

**PLEASE READ this Vital information, we can help you at minimal charge  
This information could save your life and also a lot of money.**

We will inspect your gas lines, prepare the documents for you along with photos, and file the claim for you. All it takes from you is an order for inspection.

The charge per home is \$75 for 3000 sq. ft or under and \$90 for over 3000 sq. ft.. If you have gas lines in your house, and we find no CSST, we need not complete the forms and photos and file the claim, there is a minimal trip charge of \$40.

Please take note, we are presenting this to you out of primarily safety concerns, and not financial gain. It is inevitable that soon, CSST in the home will be detrimental to a sale or insurance acquisition if it's hazards not corrected. CSST was commonly used from around 1980 till Feb. 2007, it is still in use but with warning labels now incorporated. This case is similar to the Polybutylene plumbing pipe issues years ago that you might perhaps be familiar with.

We are presently scheduling inspections for May and it is filling up fast. Please go to our website for scheduling. [www.countywideinspect.com](http://www.countywideinspect.com)

**The CSST Settlement has been finally approved.**

This settlement has been approved in the Clark County Circuit Court of Arkansas. This settlement is effective throughout the USA. The Defendants in the case, Titeflex Corporation, Ward Manufacturing, Inc., OmegaFlex, Inc. and Parker Hannifin Corp., are referred to throughout as "Settling Defendants." The persons who filed the lawsuit are called "Plaintiffs." The Effective Date of the Settlement is March 5, 2007.

The Settlement is final. As such, the Settlement Administrator anticipates mailing Payment Vouchers to eligible claimants beginning in early to mid April along with instructions on how to proceed. If you have filed a complete Claim, your Payment Voucher and detailed information regarding the remainder of the process will be sent. If your claim is incomplete, a letter requesting additional information will be sent. If the Settlement Administrator does not receive the required Claim information, you will not be able to receive any benefits from this Settlement.

**Reminder:** If you have not filed a claim yet, claims may be filed until September 5, 2007. The sooner you file the sooner you are approved.

### **What is CSST?**

CSST is used to transmit gas in residential, commercial and industrial structures. CSST consists of a continuous, flexible, stainless steel pipe, and typically is covered with a yellow exterior plastic coating.

### **What is the Class Action about?**

The lawsuit claims that CSST poses an “unreasonable” risk of fire due to lightning strikes. Plaintiffs allege that the CSST tubing is not thick enough to prevent damage to the CSST in the event of a lightning strike and that Defendants failed to warn consumers about these alleged dangers.

### **Who is covered by the Proposed Settlement?**

The Settlement Class consists of any and all persons and/or entities who own structures in the United States in which CSST manufactured by Settling Defendants was installed as of September 5, 2006 (“Settlement Class Members”).

### **What does the Proposed Settlement provide?**

The Proposed Settlement provides Payment Vouchers for Settlement Class Members who qualify for relief. These Vouchers defray the costs of buying and installing a lightning protection system or completing the bonding and grounding of certain systems in a structure.

### **If I have a valid claim, what will determine the amount of the voucher I receive?**

The amount of the voucher, per claim, will be determined by criteria that are described in the “Payment Voucher Schedule,” that takes into account the remedy that you choose, the square footage of your property, as well as established data regarding the number of lightning flashes per square kilometer, each year, in your particular zone.

Settlement Class Members who have CSST manufactured by Settling Defendants will be entitled to a Payment Voucher that can be used either toward the installation of a Lightning Protection System or for the completion of Bonding and Grounding. Payment Voucher values from \$1000 to \$2,000 for the installation of a Lightning Protection System and \$160 for the completion of Bonding and Grounding.

- These are Specific amounts for Charlotte, Sarasota, Desoto and Lee Counties in Florida which is Zone 1. This is an area with more than 8.0 flashes per square kilometer per year, the Settlement would provide a voucher of \$1,000 towards the purchase and installation of a Lightning Protection System on property of less than 3,000 sq. ft. For property more than 3,000 sq. ft., the voucher would be \$2,000. For those who choose the Bonding and Grounding Option, the voucher would be \$160 towards the completion of the Bonding and Grounding.

#### How do I make a claim?

Settlement Class Members who wish to make a claim must submit a Claim Form by **September 5, 2007**. The Claim Form, attached to the notice and available to be completed online, requests certain information, including the following:

- The address and county of the property, as well as a clear photograph of the main structure;
- Photographic or otherwise sufficient proof that the CSST installed on your property was manufactured by one of the Settling Defendants;
- The estimated square footage of the interior heated/air-conditioned portion of the property incorporating CSST;
- A sworn verification that the Settling Class Member owns the property or otherwise has authority to install a Lightning Protection System or Bonding and Grounding; and
- A sworn verification that CSST was installed before September 5, 2006.

A Settlement Class Member who submits a proper Claim Form on time will be sent the following information and materials: one numbered Payment Voucher for a Lightning Protection system and one voucher for Bonding and Grounding. Vouchers will be pre-printed with the Settlement Class Member's name, property address, and Payment Voucher amounts. The claimants will also receive additional information regarding how to use the Payment Voucher. Please note that payment vouchers cannot be sent until after the Settlement becomes final. Please check the website or toll-free number periodically for updates regarding the status of the Settlement.

**Will I be required to submit that proof that CSST is installed on my property?**

The Claim Form provides that you submit a photograph or otherwise sufficient proof that CSST installed by one of the Settling Defendants is installed on the property. The TPV responsible for the installation of the LPS or Bonding and Grounding will confirm that you have an eligible product and submit proof in connection with the claim verification process.

**Is there a time limit for exercising the vouchers?**

Vouchers must be used within 24 months of the Effective Date. We will update the toll-free number and the website to include this information once we know the date the Settlement approval becomes final.

For further information you may go to: [www.CSSTsettlement.com](http://www.CSSTsettlement.com)

Time is at an essence, the sooner you file the sooner you will be compensated.  
Act now and schedule our services.

Sincerely

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