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*** NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE ***

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Dear Valued Customer,

This letter is to notify you of upcoming changes in the classification and labeling of the Fluorine (F2) mix cylinders you receive from Spectra Gases Inc.

Spectra Gases recently commissioned third party testing to determine the threshold at which fluorine is oxidizing. As a result of those tests, we have confirmed that our 1% F2 mixes are properly classified as non-oxidizing. We are however going to make the following change to a small portion of our F2 mix products:

Classification change for F2 above 1%, up to and including 5%: Since testing was not performed on these mixes, Spectra will follow the conservative guidance of ISO 10156-2 and classify these mixes to include an oxidizing subsidiary hazard. Changes are as follows:

- ⤵ Greater than 1% F2, to less than 3.7% F2 will be reclassified as:
UN 3156 Compressed gas, oxidizing, n.o.s. Class 2.2 (5.1)
- ⤵ 3.7% up to (and including) 5% F2 will be reclassified as:
UN 3306 Compressed gas, toxic, oxidizing, corrosive, n.o.s. Class 2.3(5.1)(8)

No change: Again, the testing confirmed that F2 mixes up to and including 1% are not more oxidizing than air. These mixes will continue to be labeled as UN 1956 for non-toxic, non-flammable, non-oxidizing gas mixtures. Mixes above 5% F2 will continue to be UN 3306.

How might the new "oxidizing" classification impact your handling practice?

- Storage: oxidizers must be separated from flammables by at least 20 ft (or fire wall)
- Shipping: air transport within or from the USA is prohibited [see 49 CFR 173.302(f)]

The reclassification and associated re-labeling is part of our ongoing continuous improvement process and in no way indicates a change to the quality or safety of the products addressed here. MSDS updates are available for your review and use at www.spectragases.com. Implementation of the classification changes will begin with orders shipping in May.

If you have any questions, please contact your customer service representative at 1-800-932-0624.

Regards,
Spectra Gases' EHS/Regulatory Affairs Dept