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INFORMATION LETTER

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TO: All owners and operators of Model 429 helicopters

SUBJECT: ENGINE FIRE EXTINGUISHER DISCHARGE NOZZLE PROTECTIVE CAPS

Bell is issuing this Information Letter (IL) to inform owners and operators of the possibility of accidentally removing the protective cap SC.500-24 from the engine fire extinguisher nozzle assemblies 429-069-350-105 and -106 when performing maintenance tasks on or around the engine.

The absence of this cap may allow engine wash detergent, water or other contaminants to enter the engine fire extinguisher discharge lines. This can result in corrosion of the discharge tubes and/or the fire extinguisher bottle(s), preventing the proper function of the engine fire extinguishing system.

There is a scheduled maintenance task every 12 months in [DMC-429-A-26-00-00-00A-310A-A](#) to verify the condition of the discharge lines and nozzles. Nevertheless, Bell encourages maintenance personnel to ensure that the caps are present after each accomplishment of a powerplant related maintenance task.

The relevant 429 Maintenance Manual data modules will be updated in a future revision to add a caution before the beginning of each maintenance procedure which will reflect the intent of this letter.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact:

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