



## **MSA Assists Flood Victims in Southeastern Michigan With Respiratory Protective Equipment Donation**

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PITTSBURGH, June 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MSA (Amex: MSA), the world's leading manufacturer of safety equipment, today said it is shipping approximately 3,000 air-purifying respirators to assist flood victims in Southeastern Michigan. Flood waters have saturated much of Southeastern Michigan, leaving thousands of home owners in 40 counties faced with the task of dealing with damaged and destroyed properties.

Responding to a request from Mold Relief, Inc., a nonprofit organization, MSA is providing the respirators to help protect residents involved in flood clean-up from exposure to non-toxic mold and mold spores generated from excess water. If not properly protected, exposure to mold can result in eye irritation, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, nasal and sinus congestion, coughing, wheezing, breathing difficulty, rhinitis, asthmatic episodes, headaches and fatigue.

During clean up efforts, many flood victims are susceptible to mold. Infants, children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are most susceptible. When faced with non-toxic mold, MSA recommends using disposable rubber gloves, goggles and a respirator during cleaning efforts, all which can be found in local home center retail outlets.

Mold Relief, Inc. will be distributing the MSA respirators throughout the area to those in need. For information on how to obtain the respirators, residents are asked to contact Mold Relief, Inc. at 1-877-442-0803. For more information regarding water damage and mold clean up, visit Mold Relief's website at <http://moldrelief.org/> , or locally in Michigan at <http://moldrelief.info> .

Established in 1914, MSA is the world's leading provider of quality products and services that protect people's health and safety and the environment. The company has annual sales of approximately \$700 million, with manufacturing operations throughout the United States and 28 international affiliates.

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