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SUBJECT: PER – SAFETY AND HEALTH

Purpose. To provide information on fire extinguishers submitted by Thomas Steger, District Conservationist, Goodhue Field Office.

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We are already seeing fire damages in the news as we begin another heating season. Having charged fire extinguishers in an easily accessible location is important both at home and at work.

As you are doing your building and safety reviews please keep in mind the following:

Each office should have one (1) fire extinguisher, CO2 type, which is meant for computer fires. This is the one that we should be checking and getting recharged as need be. Other building fire extinguishers would be the responsibility of your landlord.

If you have NRCS owned extinguishers that are not functioning - don't keep them around - that can be hazardous as someone may try to use them to no avail.

Fire extinguishers should be inverted and the chemical loosened up periodically regardless of what the indicator shows.

Finally, for extinguishers (CO2 or vehicle ones) that need recharging - tend to it locally and submit a voucher to AO for reimbursement.

This also would be a good time for each of us to inspect our home fire extinguishers. As at work; make sure they are charged up and easy to get at, shake them up once in a while to loosen up the chemical and don't keep any around that are not good.

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