

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 31, 2017

To: Electrical Inspectors (Authority Having Jurisdiction)
Building Code Authorities
Distributors
Contractors
Building Owners and Residents

Subject: Water-Damaged Electrical Distribution and Control products

Electrical distribution and control equipment, such as panelboards, load centers, metering equipment, circuit breakers, enclosed switches, switchboards, busway, motor control and other similar devices, which have been submerged in floodwaters or otherwise water soaked, should be removed from service permanently.

Although the equipment may appear to be undamaged, contamination and deterioration of parts and materials may have occurred. Such damage could result in a fire or shock hazard, leading to property damage, serious personal injury, or death.

Unfortunately, water-damaged equipment cannot be properly restored to safe working order in the field. Neither is it economically feasible to factory-recondition these products. Water-damaged equipment must be removed from service. Water-damaged equipment is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty and should therefore be scrapped.