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**Subject:**

Chouinard Reverse Lock Carabiners

**Distribution:**

All DOI Agencies using Chouinard Carabiners.

**Discussion:**

The typical threaded locking sleeve carabiner provides the "lock" by securing the opening end of the gate to the slotted end of the frame. Only the Chouinard reverse gate locking carabiner locks in this manner.

The existence of the two types carabiners within DOI greatly increases the risk that the user may inadvertently fail to properly lock the gate and fail to recognize the visual clues associated with the type carabiner being used.

The removal of the Chouinard reverse gate locking carabiner (which is no longer manufactured) from service will significantly enhance operational safety.

**Recommendation:**

Identify and remove all Chouinard reverse lock carabiners from service inventories.

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