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## Nationally-recognized electrical expert says danger may loom in residential breaker boxes

*Says thousands of Oklahoma homes at risk from defective electrical breakers, panels made by manufacturer*

An engineer expert, nationally known for his work in residential electrical fire safety problems arising from Federal Pacific Electric circuit breakers, warns that thousands of Oklahoma homes may be at risk of fire from faulty circuit breakers installed under the Federal Pacific, FPE Stab-lok, Federal Pioneer and Federal brands. These panels and breakers bear a fraudulent UL label, according to court findings in a New Jersey class action lawsuit.

Dr. Jesse Aronstein, Ph.D., has studied the defective breakers since 1980. Since that time, he has continued to test samples of FPE circuit breakers from homes and has authored papers on the test results and fire risk. His finding recently resulted in the Consumer Products Safety Commission adjusting their public information on the FPE investigation.

“The fraud has left homeowners and occupants with an increased risk of fire and

injury,” Aronstein says. He warns that the breakers and panels do not comply with the NEC or any other electrical safety code. Because of the fraudulent UL testing and label, the breakers and panels have escaped notice by many electricians and code enforcers.

First hearing about the potential injury and destruction from the Federal Pacific breakers and panels at a workshop conducted by Dr. Aronstein in 2004, Jack L. Werner, Ph.D., who owns A to Z Inspections has worked tirelessly to get the word out about these risks. “Dr. Aronstein’s presentation is a most valuable opportunity for the public, electricians, code inspectors, fire department officers, landlords, and real estate agents to learn about these dangerous devices,” says Werner, “Just as important, I hope Dr. Aronstein’s visit to Oklahoma helps make homeowners aware of these dangerous electrical panels and breakers so they can check their homes for them,” Werner adds, “and have them replaced immediately.”

Please contact Jack Werner, Ph.D., A to Z Inspections, at 405.412.7861 for more information. Werner is well known for his knowledge on national and local information of importance affecting homeowners, particularly compliance, safety and historic residence issues.

