

SAFETY BULLETIN

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Title: Always Inspect GSI Materials

Standards has been made aware of a guy strain insulator (GSI) in Mississippi in which a lineman was able to spin and remove an end fitting off the fiberglass rod prior to installation. The 96 inch GSI is approved at Entergy as stock number EN009803. The specific insulator that had the end fitting pull off was manufactured by McLean Power Systems. The failed sample will be sent to McLean Power for a root cause analysis. This has been the only reported failure however; employees should:

- Continue to inspect materials prior to installation. For GSI's, this would include checking the end fittings by hand to insure they are properly secured to the fiberglass rod.
- Notify Standards if a GSI has loose end fittings that can easily be turned or removed by hand. Should this occur, please retain the complete GSI and contact Ed Haslauer by email or by phone (8-576-7221) to process with the manufacturer.