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Rules and Regulations LP Gas at Special Events

The LP Gas Bureau provides for the protection of life and property through standards that when complied with, will result in safer installations, equipment, facilities, appliances, structures, and service. The standards are codes, such as NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code and NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, which have been adopted by the State of New Mexico. LP Gas inspectors approve work that is acceptable based on these codes.

A permit is required to use propane at each special event in New Mexico. Propane containers of 239# W.C. or less require a \$15.00 LP Gas Special Event permit. Container's larger than 239# W.C. (100# cylinder) require a \$20.00 LP Gas Special Event permit.

L.P. GAS CONTAINERS:

- A. All containers must be located outside the booth, building, or enclosure.
- B. All containers must be approved L.P. gas containers.
- C. Any D.O.T. cylinder for L.P. gas must be marked with a requalification date(s) if the container is more than twelve (12) years old.
- D. Any L.P. gas container showing excessive rust, corrosion, pitting, or denting shall not be used. The bottom of each container shall be checked for these conditions.
- E. All portable D.O.T. cylinders must have a fixed "warning" label that includes information on the potential hazards of L.P. gas.
- F. All containers must be leak-free.
- G. All containers must be secured in a position (usually in an upright position) so that vapor only will be present at the vapor service valve. The device to secure the container (such as a chain) must be able to support the weight of the container plus the container's contents.

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- H. Outlets for all unused containers shall be capped or plugged. The vapor service valve must be sealed when the container is not in use (i.e., a p.o.l. plug installed in the open vapor outlet). A quick-closing coupling approved for use on L.P. gas containers may be used in lieu of the sealing cap or plug.

REGULATORS:

- A. Regulators are required on any and all containers in use.
- B. Regulators (except appliance regulators) are to be located outside the booth, building, or enclosure unless the regulator relief valve vent is piped to the outside.
- C. Regulators must be installed above ground level.
- D. Regulators must be used as per manufacturers' specifications. Connect high pressure regulators to high pressure appliances and low pressure regulators to low pressure appliances.

HOSES:

- A. Hoses must be approved for use with L.P. gas.
- B. The hose end connectors must be installed as recommended by the hose manufacturer. The automotive screw-type clamp shall not be used.
- C. All hoses must be leak-free.
- D. All hoses must be kept out of the way of foot and vehicular traffic.

APPLIANCES:

- A. All appliances must have either a shut-off valve near each appliance or a main shut-off valve for the complete system. These shut-off valves must be readily accessible. The cylinder or container shut-off valve cannot be used as the main shut-off valve.
- B. Corn roasters are required to have a 100% burner and pilot safety shut-off valve in addition to the manual shut-off valve.
- C. Only appliances that are leak-free and approved for use with L.P. gas shall be used.

FILLING OF CONTAINERS

- A. The filling of L.P. gas containers on site shall be done in a designated area separated from the general public or at times when the visitation of the general public is minimal.
- B. Nylon jackets, cigarette lighters, strikers, and/or matches are not allowed in the filling area.

LEAK TEST

- A. A leak test shall be performed each day before opening for business, any time a cylinder is exchanged, and any time the L.P. gas system is modified.
- B. Soap (without ammonia) mixed with water or a combustion gas hand-held electronic leak detector can be used for detection of leaks.
- C. The entire gas system must be free of leaks.

In the event of a violation of any of the foregoing rules and regulations, the user and/or distributor of L.P. gas must immediately notify the L.P. Gas Bureau.

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