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## FROM THE DIRECTOR .....

A Technical Workshop has been scheduled for August 9-11, in the LP-Gas Division Training Room, Travis Bldg., 7-158. The workshop will be a "hands-on approach" on regulators, pipe sizing, and other helpful issues. The fee will be \$100.00 per person (does not include lodging), and space is limited to thirty (30) people. If interested, please contact Susan Puckett, Seminar Coordinator, at (512) 463-7278. Lodging reservations may be made directly with the Sheraton Crest Hotel, 111 East First St., Austin, (512) 478-9611.

## NEW SAFETY RULES .....

New rule books can be purchased for \$4.00 for the softbound version, or \$15.75 for the loose-leaf notebook (designed to accomodate rule updates). Anyone who has purchased a loose-leaf notebook since November 1, 1987, will automatically receive a copy of the new rules. Other loose-leaf subscription holders who wish to receive rule updates may do so by paying the \$5.40 annual charge.

**As a LP-gas dealer, it is your responsibility to know, understand, and comply with Railroad Commission rules and regulations. You only need to read over the LP-Gas Division's monthly accident report to realize that accidents do happen.**

## OPEN BOOK EXAMINATIONS .....

The division is now administering an open book type examination. Licensees are reminded that they are charged with the knowledge of the LP-Gas Safety Rules and the Natural Resources Code. It has been determined that the open book method will allow licensees and their employees to become more knowledgeable about the safety rules.

## SECTION 9.29-LP-GAS SAFETY RULES .....

Construction involving installation of any LP-gas container or system is not permitted at any site requiring submission of LPG Form No. 500 until after tentative approval has been granted by the division. When tentative approval is granted, such installation must be constructed in accordance with both the approved plans and specifications and the LP-Gas Safety Rules. If you have questions, call the Office of Plan Reviews at (512) 463-6845 for assistance.

An installation for which tentative approval has been granted cannot be placed into LP-gas operation until it is inspected by the division. Please contact the Office of Field Operations (512) 463-6942 after the installation is 100% completed to arrange a final inspection.



**COMPLETION REPORT (LPG FORM NO. 501).....**

How does one define **tank status** information on the new Completion Report?

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|-------------------------|---|
| <b>NEW TANK</b>         | Does not refer to a container's age, but to the location of a new container site where LP-gas has not previously been used. |
| <b>TANK ADDITION</b>    | When the LP-gas supply at an existing site has been increased by the addition of an LP-gas container next to it.            |
| <b>TANK RELOCATION</b>  | Refers to an existing tank relocated on the same premises, not to a tank moved from an entirely different location.         |
| <b>TANK REPLACEMENT</b> | An LP-gas tank which is installed to replace an existing tank at the exact same location irrespective of container size.    |

**EQUIPMENT APPROVALS .....**

The following have been approved by the division for LP-gas service in the State of Texas:

Gyser Pumps—Hotwater/steam cleaner.

SIHI Pumps, Inc.—Models CEH 3100 and CEH 3600 LPG pumps.

Sherwood—Float Gauges FG 2281-001, FG 2281-002, FG 2281-003, FG 2281-004.

Giacomini—Ball Valves Sizes 1/4 in. thru 3 in. Marketed by John M. Frey, Co., Moline, IL  
1-800-447-6730.

Hansen Coupling Division—UL-702 Quick Connective Coupling for propane torches.

Scientific Technology, Inc.—Explofoil-equipped 33 pound DOT forklift cylinders.

Gull Inc.—Gull truck transaction computer system for propane service with temperature compensator.



## LP-GAS SAFETY RULE VIOLATIONS .....

Listed below are safety rules which are frequently violated. Don't let your company violate these rules!

- 9.106 Painting aboveground storage containers
- 9.231b Appliances not tagged by licensee after being converted
- 9.239e Shutoff valves needed for appliances being converted
- 9.40 Nameplate becoming illegible-needs to be preserved
- 9.63 Tanks and transfer equipment needs to be protected
- 9.64 Combustible materials too close to container
- 9.65 Distances
- 9.70 Damaged, leaking, broken, inoperable valves, accessories, piping, and transfer equipment

## SAFETY SCHOOLS .....

DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
9-87	Texas LP-Gas Association	Dallas
9-87	RRC-Big 4 Seminar	San Antonio
11-87	Texas LP-Gas Association	Beaumont
11-87	Dallas Fire Department	Dallas
1-88	Texas Department of Highways	Austin
1-88	Superior Energy Group	Seguin
3-88	Texas LP-Gas Association	Conroe, Mt. Pleasant, Jacksonville, Austin, Victoria
3-88	Liquigas, Inc.	Lufkin
5-88	Muleshoe Fire Dept.	Muleshoe
5-88	Lamar University	Beaumont

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