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Re-qualification of DOT LP gas cylinders

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has been working with representatives of the propane gas industry to develop a plan to bring all of their DOT cylinders of 100 pounds or greater into compliance with NFPA 58, section 2.2.1.5, 2001 edition, as adopted by the State of New Hampshire Fire Code. This variance request only applies to DOT cylinders that were installed and filled at the customer location prior to September 7, 2004(effective date of the SFC). Each company shall apply for a variance to the code to receive the extension of time.

The application for this variance shall include:

- An inventory of the number of non-compliant cylinders in place at the present time
- On or before the anniversary date of the variance a summary statement certifying the percentage of non-compliant cylinders that were re-qualified in the previous year shall be submitted to this office (All cylinders installed after September 27, 2004 do not qualify for the variance and shall be in compliance)
- The companies plan may take up to ten years to complete the testing of the existing non-compliant inventory(September 27,2004 to September 27, 2014)
- Any cylinder found to be damaged or showing signs of excessive corrosion shall be removed from service immediately

This phase in of NFPA 58 section 2.2.15 will allow for an orderly transition from DOT regulation to the State Fire Code.

Gas companies that have applied for the variance/extension of time by submitting a plan to achieve compliance will be considered to be in compliance with this section of the code (NFPA 58 section 2.2.15). This variance/extension of time shall only apply to tanks in stationary service at the customer location prior to September 27, 2004.These companies should produce a copy of the approved variance letter signed by the State Fire Marshal.