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Subject: Cylinder enclosures/recesses not addressed by the CSA B-149 code

In the past, we have allowed specific propane cylinder enclosures in areas where the property lines would not permit a code-compliant installation. These enclosures / recesses allowed the cylinders to be installed within the building envelope and, since they were not specifically addressed by the CSA B-149 codes, a special approval was required. Under Sections 27 or 28 of the Technical Safety Act, special approval is required for each separate enclosure as each area has specific safety concerns that must be addressed. Only the Chief Inspector is permitted, by regulation, to give such an approval and that approval is site specific.

Recently, we have found such installations being put in without the required special approvals. This practice, by a few, has resulted in the need to, once again, remind Fitters of the procedure to be followed in such a case.

The approval of a site or item not specifically addressed by the Code does not give blanket approval to handle all others the same way. Each specific case must be assessed individually, and be approved before the installation starts. ***Do not expect to install such an enclosure, without approval, and then be allowed to deliver fuel to it.***

If cylinders are removed from an existing recess, they may only be reinstalled with the express written consent of the Chief Inspector, as circumstances in the area may have changed. ***Installations found to be in contravention of this directive, or operating from unapproved recesses will be Red Tagged and shut off.***

Should there be any questions regarding this Bulletin, or if any of you have items that you would like addressed in a bulletin, please contact me at our Halifax office.

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