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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS **STORM RECOVERY INFORMATION**

Mechanical/Plumbing Guidance for Code Officials

- Gas piping in a residential structure that has been totally or partially submerged should be blown out and pressure tested with a pressure of not less than 3 psi for a period of 10 minutes.
- Gas piping in a commercial structure that has been totally or partially submerged should be blown out and pressure tested with a pressure of one and one-half times the working pressure, but not less than 3 psi for a period of 30 minutes for each 5,000 cubic feet of pipe volume.
- Where the gas piping has not been submerged, but, the appliance has been partially or completely submerged, the existing gas pipe joints should be tested to determine if leaks exist. This can be accomplished by any acceptable method including but not limited to a “soap-test”.
- Gas-fired or oil-fired appliances that have been partially or completely submerged should be repaired or replaced. Manufacturer's instructions for repairs should be followed if available.
- Electrical components that have been partially or completely submerged should be repaired or replaced prior to energizing.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact our Code Assistance Unit at (609) 292-7899 or codeassist@dca.state.nj.us.

