

(f) LP-Gas facilities including producers, bulk plants and industrial plants of 10,000 gallons water capacity or more, gas utility plants, marine or pipeline terminals or tank farms shall comply with and shall be inspected in accordance with the quality control program outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.7 by R.1990 d.436, effective September 4, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1984(a), 22 N.J.R. 2744(a).

Prior N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.2 was "Purpose," which was recodified to N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.1.

New Rule, R.2003 d.200, effective May 19, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 7(a), 35 N.J.R. 2187(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.2, Existing installations, recodified to N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.1(c).

### 5:18-1.3 Compliance

(a) All liquefied petroleum gas systems shall be installed and maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with these rules.

(b) Zoning considerations shall be the responsibility of the municipality in which the system is located.

(c) All buildings or structures housing liquefied petroleum systems and foundations for containers shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23.

(d) Only a qualified person shall sell, fill, or refill liquefied petroleum gas at a dispensing or distributing point.

(e) Any person performing installation, maintenance, repair, removal, adjustment or other services to propane containers or appliances, including, but not limited to, ranges, water heaters, heaters, furnaces, and other propane fueled systems for residential and commercial applications, shall obtain a Propane Service Certification issued by the Department. Persons performing installation or service work on containers must be certified in accordance with (e)1 below, persons performing installation or service work on appliances must be certified in accordance with (e)2 below.

1. A person shall be eligible for a "Propane Service Certification – Container Service and Installation" provided he or she successfully completes book 1 "Basic Principles and Practices" and part 4.2 "Preparing and Installing Vapor Distribution System Components" of the Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) administered by the National Propane Gas Association. Should the CETP books or parts listed in this section be renumbered or renamed, this requirement shall be understood to establish a requirement for the renumbered or renamed part that has the equivalent content.

2. A person shall be eligible for a "Propane Service Certification – Appliance Installation and Service" provided he or she successfully completes book 1 "Basic Principles and Practices," part 6.0 "Appliance Installation" and part 7.0 "Appliance Service" of the Certified Employee Training Program (CETP) administered by the

National Propane Gas Association. Should the CETP books or parts listed in this section be renumbered or renamed, this requirement shall be understood to establish a requirement for the renumbered or renamed part that has the equivalent content.

3. An application for a Propane Service Certification shall consist of proof of completion of the required CETP training program and a \$50.00 application fee.

i. Propane gas marketers licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-10.1 with at least one employee who has the required CETP training shall not be required to obtain a Propane Service Certification.

4. Single-family homeowners performing work on appliances or equipment that they own shall not be required to obtain a Propane Service Certification but shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23.

(f) No propane service work as described in this section shall be undertaken without the appropriate Propane Service Certification after October 5, 2009.

(g) The Department may revoke or suspend a Propane Service Certification or may assess fines or penalties in cases where a certified individual or licensee violates the provisions of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act and/or rules.

1. A certified individual or licensee shall be entitled to an administrative hearing to contest any order imposing sanctions, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1.

(h) No person shall install, remove, connect, disconnect, fill or refill any liquefied petroleum gas container without permission of the owner of the container.

1. Exception: Containers at one or two-family residential properties may be disconnected and moved provided that the qualified person removing the container secures the fill line, gauge openings, fuel lines and pump connections against tampering and leaves the container in a safe and secure location.

(i) The owner of an LP-Gas container found to be in a hazardous condition shall remove the container from the site as soon as possible or necessary, but in no case later than five working days of written notification by the Bureau.

(j) The Commissioner may order the owner or operator of a system to meet additional requirements:

1. Where unusual conditions exist; and

2. When it is necessary for the protection of the health, safety or welfare of persons.

(k) LP-Gas systems having a product vapor pressure greater than that allowed in the referenced standards for

commercial propane, with the product measured at 100 degrees Fahrenheit, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

(l) When liquefied petroleum gas equipment is to be abandoned or temporarily placed out of service, the user/owner shall comply with the provisions of Section F-3608.0, Abandonment of Equipment, of the Fire Prevention Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-3.

(m) Any person seeking a waiver or modification of any requirement set forth in this chapter in a specific situation where strict adherence to the requirement poses a hardship, or where technological advances allow an alternative that provides equivalent protection, may submit a request for such waiver or modification to the Bureau Chief. The application shall include a statement that explains why strict adherence to the rules would be problematic, or why an alternative would be appropriate, and a statement that documents that the alternative(s) requested would be consistent with the intent of the Act and of this chapter and would not result in any increased health or safety risk. The Bureau Chief may grant any such waiver or modification only upon a finding that doing so would not result in any increased health or safety risk and would be consistent with the intent of the Act and of this chapter.

Amended by R.1990 d.436, effective September 4, 1990.  
See: 22 N.J.R. 1984(a), 22 N.J.R. 2744(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.8. Prior N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.3 was "Scope," which was recodified as N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.1.

Deleted old (j) and (k) regarding specific containers and distance requirements, recodifying old (l) as new (j) and adding new (k). In (e), deleted reference to systems utilizing containers of over 30 pounds product capacity and added "at a dispensing or distributing point."

Amended by R.1995 d.391, effective July 17, 1995.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 1950(a), 27 N.J.R. 2694(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.200, effective May 19, 2003.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 7(a), 35 N.J.R. 2187(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2003 d.455, effective December 1, 2003.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 3474(a), 35 N.J.R. 5371(b).

Added (j).

Amended by R.2008 d.288, effective October 6, 2008.  
See: 40 N.J.R. 3341(a), 40 N.J.R. 5576(a).

Added new (e) through (g); and recodified former (e) through (j) as (h) through (m).

### 5:18-1.4 Registration

(a) All existing LPG systems of greater than 2,000 gallons water capacity vapor delivery service, all liquid withdrawal systems and all fill plants shall be registered by the owner with the Bureau.

1. The submission of plans pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:18-6.1 shall be accepted as satisfying the registration requirement.

(b) When there is a change in the ownership of an existing LPG system, the new owner shall register with the Bureau within ten business days of the change in ownership.

(c) All LP-Gas facilities, including producers, bulk plants and industrial plants of 10,000 gallons water capacity or more, gas utility plants, marine or pipeline terminals or tank farms, shall be registered with the Bureau in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-9.1.

(d) Each registration shall indicate the name and address of the New Jersey office or New Jersey residence of the LPG system's owner or the owner's representative; the owner or the owner's representative must reside or have an office in the State of New Jersey to accept service of process.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the Department of any change in the identity, mailing address, office or residence address or phone number of the owner or representative. Any change shall be reported to the Department in writing within 30 days of the change.

New Rule, R.2003 d.200, effective May 19, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 7(a), 35 N.J.R. 2187(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.4, Reporting emergency situations, recodified to N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.7.

Amended by R.2006 d.95, effective March 6, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4104(a), 38 N.J.R. 1316(a).

Added (d) and (e).

### 5:18-1.5 Inspection of LPG systems by the Bureau

(a) All LPG systems of greater than 2,000 gallons water capacity vapor delivery service, all liquid withdrawal service systems and all fill plants shall be inspected annually by the Bureau, with the exception of LPG systems meeting the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:18-9, which shall be subject to a triennial audit, and those subject to local inspection, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.2(c).

(b) Upon successful completion of an initial inspection by the Bureau, a site-specific certificate of operation shall be issued.

(c) The certificate of operation shall indicate that the LPG system is in compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter and shall be posted at a conspicuous location where representatives of the Bureau and members of the public may inspect it.

(d) Failure to remove any violations found as a result of an inspection made by the Bureau shall result in issuance of a written notice to abate the violations. Correction of violations shall be done in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:18-7.3.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.10 by R.1990 d.436, effective September 4, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1984(a), 22 N.J.R. 2744(a).

Prior N.J.A.C. 12:200-1.5 was "Repeal of prior chapters."

Amended by R.1995 d.391, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1950(a), 27 N.J.R. 2694(b).

Repeal and New Rule, R.2003 d.200, effective May 19, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 7(a), 35 N.J.R. 2187(a).

Section was "Reporting of fires, explosions or accidents".