

CHAPTER 6A  
OIL DISTRIBUTION

Authority

Unless otherwise expressly noted, all provisions of this chapter were adopted pursuant to authority of N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 et seq. and were filed and became effective on June 16, 1977, as R.1977 d.210. See: 8 N.J.R. 532(c), 9 N.J.R. 346(b).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. PLANT

14:6A-1.1 Plant construction

The construction and installation of plant facilities must be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-2.1 and in addition must be in accordance with applicable provisions of the standards established by the United States Department of Transportation (49 CFR 195), New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry (N.J.A.C. 12:133), American National Standard Institute (ANSI-B 31.4), American Petroleum Institute (API 5L), National Board of Fire Underwriters (NBFU-31) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA-31) in effect at the times of construction. When and if any controversy arises as to necessity for adopting specifications calling for construction of a higher standard, the matter may be referred to the board for determination.

14:6A-1.2 Inspection of property

(a) Each oil distribution utility shall inspect its system periodically to assure no leaks are present and to maintain adequate safety and service.

(b) Each oil distribution utility shall maintain permanent written records of any unsafe conditions discovered during inspections and the steps taken to correct the hazards.

SUBCHAPTER 2. SERVICE

14:6A-2.1 Adequacy of service

Each oil distribution utility shall deliver home heating oil which conforms to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards.

14:6A-2.2 Pressure and volume of oil distribution service

Each oil distribution utility shall provide oil distribution service at adequate pressure and volume to insure sufficient fuel to the customer's oil burner.

14:6A-2.3 Heating value

(a) In January of each year, all oil distribution utilities shall report to the board the heating value of the oil delivered during the previous year. The heating value shall not fall below the lower limit set by the American Society for Testing and Materials for the type oil being delivered, either No. 1 or No. 2.

(b) If the heating value for the year falls below the above standards, customer bills for that year shall be adjusted the percentage by which the heating value was below the standard.

SUBCHAPTER 3. METERS

14:6A-3.1 Approved oil meters

All oil meters shall comply with regulations of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, Office of Weights and Measures.

14:6A-3.2 Testing of oil meters

Each oil distribution utility shall provide itself with equipment necessary for testing meters, such equipment shall be in accordance with the standards established by the United States Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards handbook 44, "Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices". No equipment shall be used in testing meters unless it shall have been examined, calibrated and sealed by the appropriate State, county or municipal agency having jurisdiction over weight and measures. Appropriate evidence of such examination, calibration and sealing shall be affixed to the equipment.

**14:6A-3.3 Periodic testing of oil meters**

Unless it has been otherwise authorized by the board, no oil distribution utility shall allow an oil meter to remain in service for a period longer than six years without checking it for accuracy and readjusting it if found to be incorrect beyond the limits established by section 4 of this subchapter.

**14:6A-3.4 Determination of oil meter accuracy**

An oil meter shall be considered correct if when tested at the maximum discharge rate it shows an error which is not greater than two per cent. Whenever a meter is found to be registering fast, the customer shall be reimbursed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-4.7.