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PROPANE GAS TANKS FISHED OUT OF FLOODED EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY

Safety Recommendations for Eagle Lake Residents with Gas Appliances Damaged by Recent Flooding

Jackson, Miss. – Anyone who has been affected by the flooding in Eagle Lake should make safety their number one priority when dealing with Liquefied Compressed Gas (“LC-Gas”) appliances or LC-Gas systems that may have been damaged.

“Last week, two of our LC-Gas Division Inspectors with the State Fire Marshal’s Office were able to help safely recover floating LC-Gas tanks that were affected by recent flooding at Eagle Lake. I commend these two Inspectors for their efforts and courage in completing this task,” said State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney. “Our Office is now receiving questions about what to do with LC-Gas appliances or LC-Gas systems as a whole that were submerged under water or somehow damaged by the flooding.”

Using damaged appliances could lead to a fire, serious injuries or worse.

“This is a safety issue and Individuals affected by the flooding need to contact their LC-Gas Dealer and have an inspection performed by a licensed professional before their appliances and system are placed back into operation,” said Chaney.

In general, owner’s and installation manuals provide that appliances must be replaced if they have been under water. Even gas pressure regulators might need to be replaced if damaged by flooding in order to ensure effective gas pressure regulation.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends the following appliance and installation procedures:

- Inspect the appliances for signs that the appliance may have been damaged by flooding.
- Signs of flooding include a visible water submerge line on the appliance housing, excessive surface or component rust, deposited debris on internal components, and mildew – like odor.
- All flood-damaged plumbing, heating, cooling, and electrical appliances should be replaced.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the LC-Gas Division of the State Fire Marshal’s Office at 601-359-1061.

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