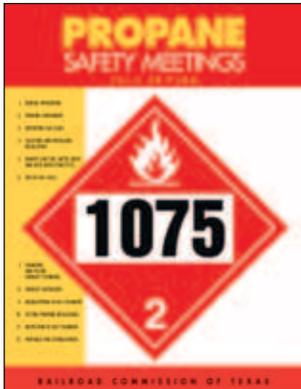


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SAFETY MEETINGS MANUAL ADDS PROCOT VIDEOS



AFRED's popular *Propane Safety Meeting* manual has been revised, expanded and improved. The manual, which is provided free to Texas propane marketers, covers 12 safety topics, each with an accompanying video.

The goal is to help make your monthly safety meetings tighter, brighter, and more interesting

to everyone in your company, from front-office staff to bobtail drivers, cylinder handlers and service technicians.

The 2013 edition features six new safety videos produced by AFRED with generous support from the Propane Council of Texas (PROCOT). The new videos cover Bobtail Operations, Monthly Meter Creep Test and Delivery Hose Inspection, Purging Containers, Reporting Gas Leaks, Selecting and Installing Regulators, and Handling Out-of-Gas Calls. The outline, handout and documentation form for each topic have also been revised.

To order your free copy, call Rudy De La Garza at 512-463-3370 or email rudy.delagarza@rrc.state.tx.us.

AFRED CONSUMER REBATES

REBATE TYPE	REBATE AMOUNT	FY 2011 THROUGH 5/15/11	FY 2012 THROUGH 5/15/12
		Number of Installations	
Water heater—new construction	\$100	1390	928
Water heater—electric replacement	\$175	165	65
Propane Star Home	\$300	240	127
Propane SuperStar Home	\$400	73	33

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WILDFIRE SAFETY

At this time of year, wildfires fanned by dry winds threaten propane storage tanks in many areas of Texas. The Railroad Commission has issued a press release that advises propane consumers what to do before and after a wildfire. You can view the release by clicking on the Public Awareness tab at the top of the Railroad Commission's home page, www.rrc.state.tx.us.



In addition, AFRED has a bill stuffer about Propane Tank Locator decals, which help local firefighters identify the location of propane tanks when they're called to the scene of an emergency. Marketers can order the decals at no charge by calling 512-463-3370 or emailing rudy.delagarza@rrc.state.tx.us.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 1

It's that time again. In August the Commission is scheduled to fill five industry-member vacancies and five consumer-member vacancies on the AFRED advisory committee. Appointees will serve two-year terms beginning September 1 and must be able to attend up to four meetings a year at their own expense.

Serving on the advisory committee is a great way for marketers to contribute their expertise and experience to benefit Texas' propane industry and propane consumers. Members not only help shape AFRED's programs, they also serve as a key communications link to and from their peers and AFRED staff.

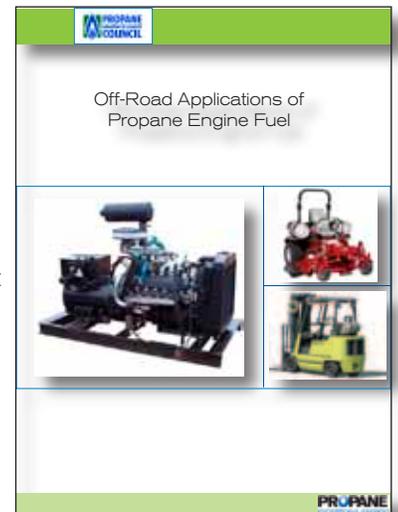
Nominations are due by close of business Wednesday, August 1. Anyone may nominate a candidate. To nominate yourself, another marketer, a supplier or a propane consumer, go online to www.propane.tx.gov, click on "Services for Marketers—AFRED Advisory Committee," and select "Online Nomination Form." Nominations may also be faxed to (512) 936-4196.

OFF-ROAD ENGINE-FUEL WEBINAR JULY 6

At 1:00 p.m. CDT Friday, July 6, AFRED's lead automotive instructor, Franz Hofmann, will present a webinar on off-road applications of propane engine fuel. Applications covered in the course manual include mowers, generators, irrigation engines and forklifts.

The webinar is part of the Propane Education and Research Council's suite of courses to train fleet operators, service technicians and trainers to convert, operate and maintain propane-fueled vehicles and off-road equipment. PERC forecasts that autogas will be the propane industry's main growth market from now until 2020.

Previous webinars in the series introduced the courses on installing autogas tanks and fuel lines, installing underhood components, installing and operating dispensers, and troubleshooting four current autogas fuel systems. The webinars are archived, and PDF copies of the complete course manuals are available for free download, at www.autogasusa.org. Click "Resources" on the gray bar at the top of the page.



PROPANE POINTERS

CYLINDERS INSTALLED IN ENGINE-FUEL SYSTEMS NFPA 58, §§11.3.1 AND 11.3.3

NFPA 58, §§11.3.1 and 11.3.3 set out the standards for containers installed on engine-fuel systems, including industrial truck cylinders.

NFPA 58, §11.3.1.1 requires engine-fuel containers to be designed, fabricated, tested and marked in accordance with all applicable DOT regulations, ASME codes or API-ASME codes. §11.3.1.7 requires cylinders to be continued in service and transported in accordance with U.S. DOT regulations. §11.3.3.1 requires containers to be removed from service if they show excessive denting, bulging, gouging or corrosion.

The pressure relief valve on an industrial truck cylinder must also have a loose-fitting cover or rain cap to prevent accumulations of moisture or contaminants. Cylinders installed horizontally on a forklift must utilize the orientation pin on the mounting bracket or another means to ensure that the pressure relief valve communicates directly with the cylinder's vapor space. If the orientation pin is missing or broken, or if a mounting bracket is defective, the forklift must not be used until these conditions are remedied.

§11.3.1.4(A) requires cylinders to be requalified by a manufacturer of that type of cylinder or by a repair facility approved by DOT.

The most commonly cited violations of §11.3.1.7 occur when a forklift cylinder is found in service with an expired qualification date. NFPA 58, §11.3.1.5 prohibits the refilling of a cylinder with an expired requalification date until it is requalified by the methods prescribed in DOT regulations. A new cylinder must be requalified within 12 years of its date of manufacture. A visual cylinder requalification certifies a cylinder for continued LP-gas service for 5 years. After the first requalification, subsequent visual requalification of a DOT cylinder is required at five-year intervals.

Marketers who have customers that fill cylinders on their premises should make them aware of the requalification requirement.

AFRED has a free DVD and safety meeting outline on DOT cylinders available for propane marketers to train their staff. Contact Pat Wilson at 512-475-2911. To view the 5½ minute video either go to www.youtube.com and search on RRC Cylinder Inspection or, if viewing this online, click on this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2jM33cs6lo.

DELIVERY FEE COLLECTIONS

Collections through Friday, June 22, 2012, totaled \$1,550,441. This total is 0.1 percent lower than at the same date in fiscal 2011.

MARKETERS MAKING NEWS



Allan Griffin, Humble ISD, leads a tour of Humble ISD's new autogas fueling station. L to R: Dan Kelly, AFRED; Allen Norman, Cy-Fair Propane; Justin Wilson, AB Gas; Cathy and Richard Sandifer, Sandifer's LP-Gas; and Danny Meyers, Bellville Butane. The station was funded through grants from AFRED. Allan says he figures fuel economy in miles per dollar, not miles per gallon. "Our diesel buses average 2.54 miles per dollar," Allan says. "They go 2.54 miles on \$1 worth of diesel fuel. Our propane buses average 3.19 miles per dollar."



Debbie Cannon of Gas Equipment Co.; Wes Welch of Welchgas; Jimmy Bain with Glo Flame; Wayland Burns and Bill Weaver with Automatic Gas; Brennan Potts with Potts Gas; and Grant Moreland with Grant Moreland LP were among the propane owners and managers attending AFRED's class for managers in Tyler. The marketers were pleased to learn that AFRED has incorporated DOT hazmat training into its courses for bobtail drivers and dispenser operators.



Lon Holloway of Northwest Propane, Sam Fox with Heritage, Steve Higginson with Gas Equipment, Billy Boulding and Jay Jones with Metroplex Service Welding and David Rodriguez with Yeree Company attended AFRED's Regulatory Compliance Update class in Arlington.



Allen Wells of Bergquist, Jim Diehl of Squibb-Taylor, and Steve Higginson of Gas Equipment Co. sponsored the lunch and snacks for AFRED's Regulatory Compliance Update Class in Arlington.



AFRED's Consumer Rebate Coordinator Rudy De La Garza and Lester Norris, Pinnacle Propane, review AFRED's Propane Source catalog to decide what to order from the many safety bill stuffers and propane residential customer packets.



P & R Propane's Justin Taylor, Melinda Christian, Raymond Shannon and Tricia Graves use AFRED's Residential Customer packet to introduce their new customers to propane's benefits and how to use propane safely.

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