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TO: BOIS Building and Boiler Managers

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RE: LPG Permitting and Inspections

This is to inform you of clarification related to LPG permitting and inspections across the Commonwealth. The department fully expects building code officials to permit, inspect, and regulate as needed all aspects of LPG appliances and related tubing inside structures in the same manner as any other appliance such as natural gas or electric as required by municipality or political subdivision ordinance. To further clarify, any appliance, heater, generator, etc. which would normally require a permit or inspection from a BCO does not become exempt simply because the fuel source is LPG.

Under the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act and regulations, the Commonwealth specifically reserves the sole right and ability to regulate any and all matters related to the operation of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Industry. This **industry** is the storage and distribution of LPG. Specifically, the LPG Act states that no municipality or any other political subdivision shall adopt or enforce any ordinance or regulation which differs from or conflicts in whole or in part with the provisions of the Act or with the regulations promulgated under the Act with regard to permits, licensing standards, fees, construction, installation, maintenance, operation, inspection, location or placement of **LPG containers or LPG facilities or any other matters related to this industry** within the Commonwealth, provided, further, that a municipality may not prohibit placement of any LPG container in any existing yard setback area except to establish an absolute setback of ten feet from a residential property line. The emphasis on the "Industry" and "LPG facilities and containers" is intended to point out the extent of the limitations imposed on municipalities and political subdivisions by the act. No other limitations are imposed by the Act or regulations.