

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

#### PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

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AD # 1538

TO ALL DEALERS:

#### WARNING!!!! WARNING!!!! WARNING!!!!

UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS ARE ON GOING STATEWIDE IN REFERENCE TO FILLING OF OUT OF DATE CYLINDERS AND NOT USING SCALES WHEN FILLING CYLINDERS. BEWARE!!!!!!!!

#### ATTN: ALL PERMIT HOLDERS

Please be advised that <u>any document</u> (sketch, insurance, letter, fire and accident report etc.) submitted to the Commission from <u>all permit holders</u> must contain the <u>EXACT</u> dealer name that was approved by the Commission.

#### ATTN: ALL PERMIT HOLDERS

Please be advised that as of Tuesday, November 21, 2000, Mr. John A. Nicholas received his L. P. Gas office phone/fax number which is (318) 379-1181. If you are in his area, please make note of this number for future reference. If you need Mr. Nicholas for exams, inspections, etc., you may contact him at the above phone/fax number or the Baton Rouge office phone number.

### \*\*\*\*<u>REMINDER</u>\*\*\*\*<u>REMINDER</u>\*\*\*\*

The L. P. Gas Commission Web Home Page is now "OPERATIONAL". The Internet address is <a href="www.dps.state.la.us/lpg/home.html">www.dps.state.la.us/lpg/home.html</a>. There are a few "BUGS" to be worked out, however, it is very user-friendly. Most information can be downloaded. All information on the site is current and will be updated daily. The site contains various forms and information such as: the LA Revised Statutes (R. S. 40:1841, etc., for L. P. Gas and R. S. 3:1351, etc., for Anhydrous Ammonia), the Louisiana Administrative Code (Title 55, Chapters 1 & 2 for L. P. Gas, Title

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55, Chapter 15 for Anhydrous Ammonia); Application forms to apply for various permits (L. P. Gas, Anhydrous Ammonia, Registrations and Name Changes), Dealer Sketch Form, Installation Report Form, Fire Report Form, Accident Report Form, Monthly Sales and Purchases Form (for both Class 1 and Class 4), Transport/Delivery Truck Waiver of Inspection Form, Reciprocal Examination and Reciprocal Inspection Forms, AD letters current as well as archived. Other communication devices will be added as required. Call the office if you require assistance.

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The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission continued its regular meeting Thursday, November 16, 2000 at 1723 Dallas Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with the following members present:

Mr. James A. Hopson, Chairman

Mr. Kenneth Weber, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Donald Kiper, Commissioner

Mr. John Montecino, Commissioner

also present were the Director, Charles Fuller and various dealers.

**VIOLATIONS** 

Mr. Chad Frederick, 1817 Bud Pvt. Drive, Abbeville, LA 70510, Docket #000048

1. Did engage in the L. P. Gas business without obtaining the required permit; thus violating R. S. 40:1847 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. <u>Postponed until the December meeting.</u>

Ferrellgas LP, 3876 Industrial Dr.-ATTN:Al Lanius, Bossier City, LA 71112, Docket #000084

1. Did allow employee, Eric R. Nonette, to operate a cylinder deliver truck without the required card of competency; thus violating R. S. 40:1849 (C)(1) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$250.00.

Buddy's Quick Stop, 505 W. Oak St.-ATTN: Tiep Nguyen, Amite, LA 70422, Docket #000088

1. Did allow employee, Tiep Nguyen, to fill an out of date DOT L. P. Gas cylinder, serial #B1628035, without being requalified; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 and ordered to remain after the meeting for a safety film.

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Family Supermarket & Deli, P. O. Box 800-ATTN: Sean Vu, Tickfaw, LA 70466, Docket #000089

1. Did allow employee, Sean Vu, to fill an out of date DOT L. P. Gas cylinder, serial #B1628035, without being requalified; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 and ordered to remain after the meeting for a safety film.

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Three Stooges, 59210 Hwy 51-ATTN:Nam Nguyen, Amite, LA 70422, Docket #000090

- 1. Did allow employee, Doo W. Lee, to fill an out of date DOT L. P. Gas cylinder, serial #B1628035, without being requalified; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E) (10). Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 and ordered to remain after the meeting for a safety film.
- 2. Did allow employee, Doo W. Lee, to overfill a 20 lb. L. P. Gas cylinder, serial #B1628035, thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995, 4-4.2.1. <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 suspend \$150.00 provided there are no other violations for twelve (12) months.</u>

Robert's Hdw&Lmbr Inc-Mandevl, P. O. Box 657-ATTN:Robert Belloni, Mandeville, LA 70070, Docket #000091

1. Did allow employee, Joseph E. Chapman, to fill an out of date DOT L. P. Gas cylinder, serial #B1628035, without being requalified; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10).

Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 and ordered to remain after the meeting for a safety film.

B & B Grocery & Hardware, 3272 Hwy 1215-ATTN:Mary Labor, Zwolle, LA 71486, Docket #000092

- 1. Did allow employee, Brad Fullerton, to fill a cylinder with L. P. Gas without the required card of competency; thus violating R. S. 40:1849 (C)(1) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. <u>Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00</u>.
- 2. Did allow employee, Brad Fullerton, to overfill a 60 lb. DOT L. P. Gas cylinder; thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (A), NFPA 58-1995, 4-4.2.1. Found guilty and assessed a penalty of \$300.00 suspend \$150.00 provided there are no other violations for twelve (12) months and ordered to remain after the meeting for a safety film.

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# <u>Foster Seafood, 585 N. Foster Dr.-ATTN: James Mangiaforte, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, Docket #000093</u>

1. Did fail to submit payment for civil penalties assessed on Docket #000032 by the L. P. Gas Commission within 30 days after final assessment; thus violating R. S. 40:1848 (B) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. <u>Found guilty and permit was revoked.</u>

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

The following applicants were administratively granted a minor name change and were ratified by the Commission:

Mandeville Hardware & Garden Supply(Cl.6) T-Racks LLC(Cl.6) 1837 Florida St. 1077 Hwy. 61 Mandeville, LA 70448 Jackson, LA 70748

The following application for a Class 2 permit was dismissed:

Allen Propane Rt. 4 Box 1324P Livingston, TX 77351

The following application for a Class 4 permit was withdrawn:

Tri-State Oil Co. Inc. P. O. Box 220 Belle Chasse, LA 70037

The following applications for Class 6 permits were heard and are hereby granted by the Commission pending completion of Commission requirements:

C'est Bon Restaurant Ice House P. O. Box 266 2151 Williams Blvd. Mermentau, LA 70556 Kenner, LA 70062

DeRidder Texaco TNT Welding Sply Co Inc-Morgan City 1316 North Pine St. 7917 Hwy 182 East

DeRidder, LA 70634 Morgan City, LA 70380

Goodwood Hardware & Outdoors Wag-A-Pak VIII Inc. 6010 Jones Creek P. O. Box 326 Baton Rouge, LA 70817 Thibodaux, LA 70302

Greyhound Exxon LLC 101 East Russell Welsh, LA 70591

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The following applications for Class 6X permits were heard and are hereby ratified by the Commission:

E Z Serve Forest Gold Truck Plaza Casino LLC 880 West Commerce Rd., Suite 400 P. O. Box 936 Harahan, LA 70123 Amite, LA 70422

The following application for a Class 8 permit was heard and is hereby granted by the Commission pending completion of Commission requirements:

TNT Welding Sply Co Inc-Morgan City 7917 Hwy 182 East Morgan City, LA 70380

The following applicant for a Class R1 registration was heard and is hereby ratified by the Commission:

Henning Plumbing & Piping LLC P. O. Box 4074 Lake Charles, LA 70606

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#### FIRES AND ACCIDENTS

There are no related fires to report.

Several dealers reported five unrelated fires and two unrelated accidents. The fires destroyed three homes, damaged one home, destroyed one mobile home. The fires are believed to be caused from an

electric space heater, an extension cord getting hot, and electrical short and one is still being investigated. There was no loss of product and no injuries were reported.

Two dealers reported accidents involving their company vehicle. One accident occurred when a vehicle turned into the path of their bobtail causing an unavoidable accident. The other was the driver of the company vehicle drove off and forgot to disengage the hose from the tank. There was loss of product and no injuries were reported.

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#### **CONDEMNED TANKS**

Claiborne Butane Company, Inc. reported two L. P. Gas tanks that have been condemned they are as follows:

250 gallon - Beaird Mfg - Serial #213098-584 250 gallon - Best Mfg - Serial #62406

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The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission will meet at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2000 at 1723 Dallas Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting is for routine business transpiring during the month and will be continued at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 1723 Dallas Drive, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At the Thursday morning meeting violators will be dealt with and applications will be considered.

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## Amerigas Propane L. P., 523 Jake Creel Rd., Dodson, LA 71422, Docket #000094

- 1. Did allow a refilled out-of-date DOT L. P. Gas cylinder #6479523R to be placed in commerce and transportation at Wal-Mart Store #839(Baton Rouge); thus violating LAC 55:IX.181 (E)(10).
- 2. Did service and place into service the installation at Wal-Mart #839, Baton Rouge, before receiving final approval from the office of the Director; thus violating LAC 55:IX.159.2.

## Cordill Butane-Prop Serv Inc., 4030 Front St.- ATTN: Joe Cordill, Winnsboro, LA 71295, Docket #000095

1. Did service and place into service the installation at Winn Dixie Store #1577, Baton Rouge before receiving final approval from the office of the Director; thus violating LAC 55:IX.159.2.

Cordill Butane-Prop Serv Inc., 4030 Front St.- ATTN: Joe Cordill, Winnsboro, LA 71295, Docket #000096

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1. Did service and place into service the installation at Lowe's #461, Baton Rouge before receiving final approval from the office of the Director; thus violating LAC 55:IX.159.2.

Kurt's Quick Stop, 9814 US Hwy. 167 - ATTN: Kurt Romero, Abbeville, LA 70510, Docket #000097

1. Did continue to engage in the L. P. Gas business without paying the required permit fee; thus violating R. S. 40:1849 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Rental Service Corporation, 125 Hord St. - ATTN: Mr. Picard, Harahan, LA 70123, Docket # 000098

1. Did continue to engage in the L. P. Gas business without paying the required permit fee; thus violating R. S. 40:1849 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

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Trak Food Store, 6216 Hwy 4 - ATTN: Scott Rainwater, Winnsboro, LA 71295, Docket #000099

1. Did continue to engage in the L. P. Gas business without paying the required permit fee; thus violating R. S. 40:1849 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Amerigas Propane L. P., 523 Jake Creel Rd., Dodson, LA 71422, Docket #000100

1. Did service and place into service the installation at Ray's Grocery, Leesville, before receiving final approval from the office of the Director; thus violating LAC 55:IX.159.2.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

The following applicant has applied for a Class 4 permit:

Salathe Oil Company Inc. 2226 Peters Rd. - ATTN: Les Lowery Harvey, LA 70058

The following applicants have applied for Class 6 permits:

Tranquility Lakes RV Campground Wilda Grocery 431 Tranquility Dr.-Hwy 16 North 8715 Hwy 1200 Denham Springs, LA 70706 Boyce, LA 71409

The following applicants were administratively granted Class 6X permits pending ratification by the Commission:

Ray's Grocery Swifty Serve

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2210 Alexandria Hwy 880 West Commerce Rd.- Ste 400 Leesville, LA 71446 Harahan, LA 70123

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SPECIAL NOTICE: IT IS REQUIRED THAT ALL NEW CLASS 6 APPLICANTS ATTEND THE SAFETY MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE THURSDAY MORNING COMMISSION HEARING.

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NOTICE: ALL APPLICANTS WHETHER FOR NEW PERMITS OR CHANGE OF NAME MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE (OWNER, MANAGER OR OFFICER) AT THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2000 AT 1723 DALLAS DRIVE, SUITE A, BATON ROUGE, LA. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE CLASS 6-X AND ANHYDROUS AMMONIA WHO PRESENTLY HOLD A PERMIT WITH THIS COMMISSION.

BY ORDER OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION

CHARLES M. FULLER DIRECTOR