

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2016 MEETING OF THE LIQUEFIED
PETROLEUM GAS EDUCATION AND SAFETY BOARD
WILLIAM ASHBY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUILDING**

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Curcio at 1:34 PM.

Board members present: William P. Curcio (Chairman), Louis Kilmer, Thomas Leahy, Charles Feinberg, Michael Merrill, Gerald Stocker, Robert Zander

Department staff present: Bureau Chief Michael Baier, John Tomasone,

Member of the public present: None

Agenda: The agenda was approved with no additions

Public comments: None

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Thomas Leahy seconded by Louis Kilmer to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Old Business

1. **Natural Gas Disconnects** - Mr. Curcio reported that some natural gas companies are disconnecting the LP-Gas from the structure when a conversion from LP-Gas to natural gas is made. He stated that the NJPGA would be submitting a letter outlining their concerns with this practice.
2. **LP-Gas Training** – Mr. Curcio stated that the NJPGA was interested in starting a number of training initiatives possibly through funding from the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC). The training will be held somewhere in central NJ.

New Business

1. **Cylinder stickers** – There is a new uniform label that the industry is using for cylinders that are 40 pounds or less. While the label has the language about not bringing cylinders indoors it is really too small to be effective and is only in English; not English and Spanish as the rule requires. The new label meets a Federal requirement that becomes effective on June 30, 2016. The Board questioned whether a graphic showing that cylinders should not be brought into buildings would be more effective for the consumer. The graphic has the advantage of being understood across languages. The Department stated that they thought that such a graphic met the intent of the rules but that the actual language of the rule would need to be amended. Chairman Curcio will investigate what graphics are available. Staff will draft a rule change for the next meeting assuming that an adequate graphic can be found.

2. **HVACR/Propane service work** – The Board was concerned about whether HVACR contractors can perform propane service work under their law. The Board was not convinced that the exception that is provided for plumbers should be extended to HVACR contractors. The Board asked staff to check the law and will decide to reach out to the HVACR board based on what the law says.

3. **Thrifty Propane** – A board member asked whether Thrifty Propane was licensed as a propane marketer in New Jersey. Staff reported that they are not currently licensed but that we issued them a letter recently advising them that if they were selling LP-Gas in New Jersey that they would be required to obtain a marketers license. There were additional questions about the enforcement of the CETP requirements for out of State marketers. The Board recommended that the Department require a list of employees and their CETP certifications on at least an annual basis. The Department responded that it could do this.

Information

Some of the CETP training numbers have changed. In March the New Jersey Propane Gas Association will be offering Basic Principles and Practices and Delivery training.

Board Comments – Chuck Feinberg reported that the alternate fuel garbage truck fire that occurred in Hamilton township in Mercer County was CNG not LPG.

Next Meeting – the next Board meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 1:30 pm

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Leahy, seconded by Mr. Kilmer to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.