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Pursuant to the amended Executive Order 20-03, ordered by Governor Asa Hutchinson on March 17th, the LP-Gas Board is suspending the visible systems check required during the leak check tests of existing installations in the event that a permit holder is servicing the customer for the first time (pg. 79 sec Q-2a). This suspension will remain in effect for the next 30 days.

In the event that the leak check test fails, existing rule procedures must be adhered to. The leak must be repaired and the test administered again.

If one must gain entry into a home or business in order to ensure the system is leak free, the LP-Gas Board encourages all permit holders performing leak check tests as well as pressure tests to put in place procedures to protect both their employees as well as the consumer. These procedures should include practices outlined by the CDC and the Arkansas Department of Health.

************** Additional Agency Information **************

The LP-Gas Board has temporarily postponed annual safety meetings and the 40-hr school for new employees. Both of these will be re-visited with industry input at some time in the near future.

The LP-Gas Board Inspectors are currently performing annual inspections on bobtails, transports, dispensing units, and bulk storage. Until further notice, the inspectors have been given instructions to perform annual inspections on satellite bulk storage only.

Further, all requests for certification testing have been suspended. It is not the intent for this board to cause undue burden or disrupt commerce in any way. In the event that a permit holder would be unable to continue normal business because of certification testing, we will work with you to find a way to administer the test.

At this time the agency is encouraging visitors not to come to the office. However, we will continue to conduct business on a daily basis by email, phone, or fax.

If anyone has any questions please contact the agency office.