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SAFETY BULLETIN

Snow/Ice Loading on Propane Equipment

CSA B149.2 *Propane Storage and Handling Code* is adopted under Section 34 of the *Public Safety Act* and forms part of the *Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Compressed Gas Regulations*. Section 5.3.1 of the *Propane Storage and Handling Code* CSA B149.2-10 requires that valves, regulators, gauges, piping, tubing, hose, and other equipment shall be protected against damage.

There have been incidents in Newfoundland and Labrador of damage to propane piping due to snow and ice loads on the piping, which resulted in a release of propane. Please be advised that necessary precautions must be made to ensure that all propane piping and other propane equipment is free from significant volumes of snow and ice that can lead to damage to the piping and equipment.

Please communicate the above information to all of your propane customers to ensure they also take the necessary precautions.

**Additional Information is available from
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