

Fuel Safety Regulations

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SUBJECT: New Fuel Safety Staff/Permits/Green Tags

The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify the requirements of the Fuel Safety Regulations with respect to permits and to welcome new staff to Fuel Safety.

During the month of July the Fuel Safety Section held interviews for the position of Fuel Safety Inspector, the successful candidate was Tom Holley who joined us on August 15, 2016. Tom has been involved in the fuel gas industry in Nova Scotia for 17 years and is certified as both a Gasfitter 1LP and Oil Heat System Technician. Tom brings a wealth of experience and knowledge and we are excited to welcome him to the Fuel Safety team. He is based at our Garland Ave., Dartmouth office and can be reached at Tom.Holley@novascotia.ca.

Recently we have been finding installations completed or in progress without the installation permit required by Section 18 of the Fuel Safety Regulations. Please note that Section 21 of the Regulations requires that the permit for an installation or alteration must be displayed at the location where the work is being performed. Starting an installation without the required permit can result in work stoppage in addition to fines or license suspension /revocation for the technician or company responsible. Please ensure that you have the required permit before starting an installation/alteration. In the event that the required work is an emergency and must be performed before a permit can be obtained, such as the failure of a heating appliance on the weekend, the work may be completed provided that;

1/ an inspector is notified by phone or email of the location and nature of the emergency work before the work starts

2/ the required permit is applied for on the next business day after the emergency work is completed

We have also been finding some installations that have been completed and commissioned with only a single signature on the green tag. Section 31 of the Fuel Safety Regulations requires that a completed tag must be posted before commissioning of the system. In addition, in accordance with Section 32, the gas supplier may not provide gas to any installation that does not bear a fully completed green tag. Commissioning or supplying gas to

an installation without a fully completed tag can result in fines and/or license suspension/revocation for the technician(s) or company responsible.

In accordance with Section 31(3) of the Regulations, those installations which are completed under a registration by a company holding a Class 2A license may be commissioned with a single signature green tag.

For any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact me at our Dartmouth offices.

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