

Proposed regulatory amendments to Regulation 211/01 of the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*

Adjustment #1: Template RSMP for Small Facilities (5,000 USWG or less)

The proposal would require small facilities to complete a template RSMP, which would collect information on the facility and its activities, the surrounding area, and emergency preparedness and planning.

The licence holder would complete and submit the template RSMP to the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) as part of its licence renewal process. The type of information required by the template includes, but not limited to:

1. Facility Information

- Legal business name and name(s) of licence holder and facility operator, address, contact information and hours of business.
- Year the facility was established and the year in which any significant modifications were completed at the site.
- Facility's total capacity of propane, including the maximum number of and capacity for each type and size of vessel, annual throughput and number of transfers per month.
- Name of propane supplier(s)

2. Updated Facility Site Plan

- Facility's current site plan, updated with specific information about the volume and location of propane storage, and other flammable materials, other structures on site and emergency equipment.

3. Map of Surrounding Area

- The licence holder will be required to provide a map of the facility's surrounding area which captures the location and set-backs of the single largest propane vessel on site, hazard distance and estimate of nearby population using an established formula, the location of sensitive institutions and additional property and certain municipal information.
- The map can be prepared either by the facility operator or through commercially available GIS mapping services.

4. Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan

- In cooperation with local fire services, the licence holder will provide information on the facility's emergency training plans, security procedures, water supply capabilities and emergency response contacts.
- The emergency response and preparedness plan component of the RSMP will be provided to local fire services for review and comment before the completed template is submitted to the TSSA for approvals.

In order to address certain small facilities, which may present a higher risk, as regulator, the TSSA would be provided with the authority to require a small facility to complete the current RSMP process.

Medium and large facilities, with a total capacity of greater than 5,000 U.S Water Gallons, would continue to complete the current RSMP process (see Additional Document 3 - TSSA guidelines for RSMPs).

Adjustment #2: 90-Day Timing Extension for All Propane Transfer Facilities

An additional 90 days, from the date of licence renewal, would be provided to all propane transfer facilities to file their RSMPs with the TSSA. For example, a facility with a renewal date of January 2, 2011 would be extended to April 2, 2011.

The timing relief would provide small facilities time to comply with the new RSMP process, and medium and large facilities time to work with their engineers to complete their RSMPs, secure fire service approvals and implement mitigations.

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