Propane Branch Standard No. 9

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REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCATION OF PROPANE FILLING PLANTS, CONTAINER REFILL CENTRES AND VECHICLE CONVERSION CENTRES (VCC) IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS

SCOPE

In the Propane Storage, Handling and Utilization Code, the enforcing authority may set restrictions where a filling plant is located in a heavily populated or congested area. This Standard provides a method to determine if a facility is in a heavily populated and congested area.

REQUIREMENT

A propane filling plant, container refill centre and a vehicle conversion centre may only be located in accordance with these requirements. These requirements only apply to new installations and to alterations of existing facilities.

Floor Areas and Distance Measurements

1. From drawings and field measurements, determine the total floor areas* in square feet of :

Area A — all industrial occupancy** buildings (or part thereof) within a 75 feet horizontal radius of a tank or VCC;

Area B — all buildings, other than industrial occupancy buildings (or part thereof), within a 75 feet horizontal radius of a tank or VCC;

Area C — all industrial occupancy buildings (or part thereof) within an area bounded by horizontal radii of 75 feet and 300 feet from a tank or VCC; and

Area D — all buildings, other than industrial occupancy buildings (or part thereof), within an area bounded by horizontal radii of 75 feet and 300 feet from a tank or VCC.

* Use outside building measurement. For multi-storey buildings, include the floor area of every floor level. Exclude below grade floor area.
** Industrial occupancies as defined in the Ontario Building Code.

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2. From the areas determined in 1., calculate

   i. area E as the sum of area A plus twice area B; and

   ii. area F as the sum of area C plus twice area D.

3. Record the distance between a tank or VCC and the nearest school and residential occupancy building.

Aboveground Tanks

An aboveground propane tank shall not be located where;

a) any part of a school building is within 300 feet of the tank;
b) any part of a residential occupancy building is within 25 feet of the tank; or
c) the sum of area E plus 0.1 times area F is greater than 15000.

Buried Tanks

A Buried propane tank shall not be located where

a) any part of a school building is within 100 feet of the tank;
b) any part of a residential building is within 25 feet of a tank; or
c) the sum of area E plus 0.001 timesarea F is greater than 15000.

Vehicle Conversion Centres

A vehicle conversion centre shall not be located where;

a) any part of a school building is located within 300 feet of the VCC; or
b) the sum of area E plus 0.001 times area F is greater than 15000.

Note:

1. For the purposes of this Standard, “school building” shall only include school buildings that have day-time attendance exceeding 50 students between the ages of 5 to 23 years.
2. Where only part of a building is within the 75 or 300 foot horizontal radii, only that part of the building within the radii shall be considered in the determination of floor area.

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