



Placer County Health and Human Services Department

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Subject: Filling propane tanks in the Soda Springs and Serene Lakes area

To Propane Providers to the Soda Springs and Serene Lakes area:

The County had previously asked to restrict propane deliveries in the Soda Springs and Serene Lakes area due to various propane leaks. Placer County agrees that deliveries can commence if needed on an emergency basis. Due to the continuing discovery of new releases, it would be best to restrict new deliveries unless levels are low enough to necessitate a delivery.

As of April 18, 2011, propane tanks in the Serene Lake area can be refilled if the following criteria have been met:

- The tank, piping and both the regulator at the tank and the regulator at the house must be cleared of snow and ice to the ground.
- Overhead hazards must be removed that could impact the tank, piping or regulators, typically snow movement off of roofs.
- If asked, the Truckee Fire Protection District (TFPD) will confirm that the areas around the tanks, piping and regulators do not indicate releases.

Conditions are continuing to change and propane risks will continue over time. If new snow occurs, the clearance of the tank, piping, and regulators must be maintained.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the safe access to tank(s), piping and regulators. Propane vendors should only deliver propane to sites that are safely maintained as bulleted above. However, filling of propane tanks are subject to change depending on the conditions of the emergency in the Serene Lakes area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Vickie Sandoval at (530)581-6240.

Sincerely,

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