

Fuel Safety Bulletin

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Subject: Construction sites

CSST

We are presently noting an alarming situation on construction sites. CSST (Corrugated Stainless Steel Tube) tubing is being run as the gas supply method for construction heaters, sometimes even replacing the connector hose.

This thin-walled stainless tubing is neither designed, nor intended, to be used in the harsh environment of the construction site. It is relatively fragile, and will take no abuse at all. To us it is to invite an incident.

The use of CSST on construction sites shall cease immediately. Only steel piping and the code-compliant connector hoses shall be used.

Construction Heaters

Please remember that construction heaters are uniquely designed to withstand the rigors of a construction site while other types of heaters and furnaces are not.

Clause 4.2.1 of the CSA B149.1 code states: ***An appliance, accessory, component, equipment, or material used in an installation shall be of a type and rating approved for the specific purpose for which it is employed.***

With this in mind, such units as domestic furnaces and other heating appliances are not designed, intended, nor approved for use as construction heaters.

Permits

Please also remember that permits are required for ALL construction heat jobs. There is no such thing as a “temporary” installation.

For any questions or concerns regarding this Bulletin, please contact me at our Halifax offices.

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