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Safety Directive Number: **00013**

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Fuel Safety – Class D & E Gas Operator Licences

Legal information

Issued pursuant to section 30 of the [Technical Safety Act](#).

Summary

In accordance with Section 30(2)(c), a directive may be issued to provide clarity on the application of specific regulated work. The subject of this directive is Section 70 of the Fuel Safety Regulations regarding scope of work for Class D (Bulk Truck Operator) and Class E (Cargo Liner Operator) Gas Operator Licence.

Currently, Class D and Class E Gas Operator Licences require the licence holder to obtain a Class B (Plant Operator) Licence in order to load or unload their vehicles at propane plants. Fuel Safety Nova Scotia recognizes that loading and unloading these vehicles is an integral part of their operation. As this requirement is unique to Nova Scotia, it creates unnecessary operational challenges for operators, including those licenced in other Canadian jurisdictions who wish to work in Nova Scotia. Therefore, the following Directive is being put into place, reducing barriers to labour mobility while maintaining safe operating practices.

Directive

Effective immediately, a person who holds a valid Class D or Class E Gas Operator Licence may operate the equipment and controls of a propane plant for the purpose of loading or unloading a vehicle, provided the activity is within the scope of authority granted by their licence.

Prior to performing these activities, the licence holder must receive site-specific orientation for the propane plant and be familiar with the plant's emergency procedures and emergency contact information.

The licence holder must be able to demonstrate knowledge of the site-specific orientation, emergency procedures, and emergency contact information to a Fuel Safety Officer upon request.

These requirements will be monitored by Fuel Safety inspectors and failure to comply with the conditions of this Directive may result in enforcement action under the Technical Safety Act and Fuel Safety Regulations, including suspension or revocation of Class D or Class E Operator Licences.

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