



U.S. Department of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On July 1, 2014, a large propane cylinder on a mobile food truck in Philadelphia, PA, ruptured catastrophically. The ensuing fire resulted in two deaths and 11 injuries. In light of this serious incident, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is taking actions to address the hazards associated with compressed gas cylinders.

Both propane (Class 2.1, Flammable Gas) and the cylinder to which it is stored are regulated by the Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR). We have a shared responsibility in this area. Companies that fill propane cylinders play an important role in ensuring cylinders are in safe and serviceable condition. Education and awareness are critical to help achieve public safety and PHMSA asks for your support in this effort.

Often personnel who fill propane cylinders may not understand how to tell if a low pressure cylinder is in proper condition for continued use. To raise awareness, PHMSA will host two 30 minute informational webinars on Tuesday, **October 21, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (EST) or 2:00 p.m. (EST)**. These sessions will focus on:

1. The basics of how to inspect a cylinder for serviceability;
2. How to identify an out-of-test cylinder; and
3. What to do if a cylinder is found to be in poor condition or out of test.

To register for either of the two webinars, please click on the link, below. If you have questions or issues on how to register, please contact me at (202) 366-1109.

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/1100004049/Registration.aspx?pageName=hgcbc24twbpkjzpm>

Together we can raise public awareness regarding this important safety issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Schoonover".

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