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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, December 5, 2016) – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), has successfully prosecuted a Saint Anns man for working on fuel-fired equipment without a TSSA-issued Fuels Certificate.

In July 2014, a TSSA inspector received notice of a faulty natural gas stove at a residence in Dunnville, Ontario and upon further investigation discovered that the repair work on the tenant’s gas well and regulator had been performed by an uncertified gas technician. Mr. Peter Stroomer of Saint Anns, Ontario was identified by the TSSA inspector, issued immediate cease and desist orders, and subsequently prosecuted.

Mr. Stroomer pled guilty in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cayuga to working on a gas appliance without being the holder of a certificate for that purpose, violating the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*. The court levied a fine of \$5000, plus the mandatory 25% victim surcharge, for a total of \$6250.

“Lethal risks can be created if a fuel-fired appliance is not properly serviced,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “Anyone installing, repairing or servicing fuel-fired appliances must possess a valid TSSA certification and heed all applicable safety standards.”

If in doubt of a technician’s certification, contact TSSA toll-free at [1-877-682-8772](tel:1-877-682-8772) to confirm whether a gas technician is properly certified.

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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