



TSSA Fuels Regulations Regulatory Changes and Amendments

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) participates in ongoing review of its regulatory framework, in conjunction with industry members through its advisory councils and under the approval authority of the Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services – formerly the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. As such, TSSA pursues regulatory improvements, enacting Director’s Orders as up-to-date regulations under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000* as well as new amendments to further improve public safety throughout the province.

TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program provides fuel-related safety services to ensure the safe transportation, storage, handling and use of fuels for residential, industrial and commercial use through a combination of risk-informed decision making, public education and outreach, industry and stakeholder partnerships, and ongoing regulatory improvement.

“In partnership with advisory council members and industry experts who play a significant role within our risk reduction groups,” says John Marshall, TSSA’s Director of the Fuels Safety Program, “we’re continually creating greater ways to serve public safety, and gain the greatest positive impact on safety in the province of Ontario.”

For a review of the regulatory changes that affect your profession and/or operation as of August 1, 2008, please refer to the summary below.

Summary of Regulation Amendments

- **gas utility technician** created to accommodate work conducted by employees of natural gas distributors;
- amendment and clarification of **failure of qualification** requirements;
- amendment of **OBT-1 requirements**, addressing a qualification training gap;
- amendment and clarification of **OBT-3 requirements**, permitting comprehensive inspections with documented ability to perform such skills;
- amendment and clarification of **IMT requirements**, limiting certificate holders to on-site work;
- amendment of **PTO requirements**, permitting reactivation of equipment;
- amendment and clarification of minimum **PM requirements**, and **scope of PM4 and PMH work**; and
- amendment to **CDT requirements**, requiring certificate holders to a minimum of one-year experience before safely activating equipment.

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