

Attention Airgas Customers Affected by Hurricane Katrina

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OPERATIONS MANAGER
STOLT OFFSHORE INC.
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Dear Operations Manager:

Hurricane Katrina may have damaged or contaminated compressed gas cylinders, bulk tanks and related equipment at your location. Damaged cylinders, equipment and contaminated gas may be dangerous to you, your employees and the general public.

Contaminated oxygen (or any oxidizing gas) in cylinders or bulk tanks may be dangerous and can explode if not properly handled. Flood waters may have introduced fuel oil, gasoline or other hydrocarbons, creating a dangerous mixture.

IF YOU HAVE OXIDIZING GAS (OXYGEN, NITROUS OXIDE, ETC) OR UNLABELED CYLINDERS AT YOUR LOCATION THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED, DO NOT OPERATE ANY VALVES OR ATTACHED EQUIPMENT - LEAVE THEM IN THEIR CURRENT STATE AND CALL AIRGAS.

Immediately take inventory of all cylinders and related equipment and contact Airgas Gulf States at (866) 436-6168 and then dial 0 to obtain advice on handling, to arrange for pickup, or to notify Airgas of any missing cylinders. Also, report any damaged or missing cylinders to your insurance company.

Submerged regulators and other equipment should be considered contaminated and unserviceable. All equipment should be replaced or cleaned by a certified technician. If you have medical or food service gas cylinders, keep in mind that contamination may be microbiological and therefore invisible to the naked eye.

AIRGAS CARES ABOUT YOUR SAFETY. Please contact Airgas so we can help safely retrieve and repair the cylinders.

Sincerely,
Rusty Coker
President
Airgas Gulf States

