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To all Distributors and Field Sales

The new NFPA 2001 LP-Gas Handbook for NFPA 58 has been released and we are getting some calls relating to the filling of propane fuel cylinders that do not have over filling prevention devices (OPD). Some have said the fuel vendors are refusing to fill cylinders with out the OPD based on NFPA **A.2.3.1.5 (a) (c)** *Effective April 1, 2002, no cylinder shall be filled unless it is equipped with an overfilling prevention device and a fixed maximum liquid level gauge.*

Exception No. 1: All cylinders used in industrial truck service, including forklift truck cylinders and cylinders used for industrial welding and cutting gases.

This "exception does not include floor maintenance machines .

But NFPA 58 2.3.3.2 (3) says

"An overfilling prevention device shall not be required for engine fuel cylinders used on industrial trucks (and forklift) trucks powered by LP-Gas or for engine fuel cylinders used on vehicles having LP-Gas-powered engines mounted on them (including floor maintenance machines).

If you have any inquiries from our mutual customers on this issue these NFPA standards are the ones to quote.

If a LP-Gas vendor refuses to fill fuel cylinders for floor machines please send me a note by Fax or e-mail with their name and address and I will send them a copy of the standard with our comments.

Eagle Solutions endorses the use of fuel cylinders with OPD valves. They are standard equipment for all machines manufactured by us. But there are still many DOT 4E240 cylinders being used that do not have the OPD valve installed and these cylinders are safe and approved for use.

Thank you for your part in making Eagle Solutions *"A Legend in Customer Service"*.

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