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Beginning Monday April 2, 2007, Andover Fire Rescue will allow the installation of underground LP Gas storage containers for new and existing applications providing the installation meets or exceeds all 527 CMR 6.07 requirements. The requests will still be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The change in policy is a result of careful consideration with regard to public safety and the needs of the business and construction communities.

A copy of the regulation is below.

All underground storage containers shall meet all the following requirements of 527 CMR 6.07: Installation Standards and Procedures.

(4) Underground Installation of Storage Containers

(a) ASME container assemblies listed for underground installation shall be installed as outlined in NFPA 58-1998 3-2.4.8 and as follows:

1. Precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to the container and the protective coating during handling. Any damage to the coating shall be repaired before backfilling.
2. Containers shall be set substantially level on a firm foundation (firm earth may be used) and surrounded by earth or sand firmly tamped in place. Backfill shall be free of rock or similar abrasives.
3. No underground container may be abandoned in place and any abandoned underground container must be removed by the tank owner under the direction of the Head of the Fire Department within a reasonable time.