



Media Alert

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**Propane Industry Racing to Secure Propane Tanks
in Flood Waters and Ensure Consumer Safety**

Epson, NH (August 29, 2011) – The [Propane Gas Association of New England](http://www.pgane.org) is working closely with State Fire Marshals, State Police, and propane suppliers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont to locate and secure any propane tanks that have been dislodged from service lines and are floating in flood waters. The primary concern is ensuring public safety, as tanks may have valves open and may be leaking.

“Public safety is of paramount concern. Consumers should take special care not to handle loose propane tanks that may have become disconnected from their source,” said Joe Rose, CEO and President of PGANE. “Propane suppliers will bring any loose tanks to high ground, then inspect and secure the tanks and valves. Then, they will seek to identify and return tanks to proper owners once the situation is contained. We plan to identify and return tanks to proper owners once the situation is contained. Our members have a strong sense of community responsibility and are taking this issue very seriously.”

**If you see a propane tank floating in water, or
if you find a propane tank on your property that is not yours,
call the Propane Gas Association of New England at 888.445.1075
or your local fire department by dialing 911.**

If your propane tank has become dislodged or is missing, or if you suspect you may have a propane leak, immediately shut down the affected equipment (furnace, boiler, stove, gas grill, etc.), turn off the propane tank, leave the area, and contact your propane dealer and local fire department by calling 911.

Consumers can find more information about handling propane safely during floods at www.usepropane.com/consumer-preparedness-center/propane-safety-and-floods, or by contacting their local propane supplier.

About the Propane Gas Association of New England (PGANE)

The Propane Gas Association of New England serves more than 540 members of the propane industry by promoting safety, education, and public awareness of the uses of propane.

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