



Safety Alert

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Hurricane Helene: Cylinder Safety & DOT Update

This GAWDA Safety Alert is issued to inform GAWDA members of considerations concerning Hurricane Helene.

If there are cylinders that have been exposed to water, submerged in water/mud/other liquids or show signs of damage/debris in the valve - they should be quarantined and fully examined.

CGA has two publications to address handling cylinders that have may have been contaminated or damaged:

CGA SA-30, Handling Cylinders After Natural Disaster Exposure:
<https://portal.cganet.com/publication/sa-30/details>

CGA SA-31, Receiving Cylinders After Natural Disaster Exposure:
<https://portal.cganet.com/publication/sa-31/details>

DOT Update

[North Carolina Executive Order 315 for Tropical Storm Helene | FMCSA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Hours of service exemption applies to: vehicles transporting loads that are for use in (1) providing direct assistance supporting emergency relief efforts including transporting essential fuels, food, water, non-alcoholic beverages, medical supplies, feed for livestock and poultry, (2) transporting livestock, poultry, and crops ready to be harvested, or (3) the restoration of utility and transportation services in response to Helene in North Carolina and affected states for fourteen (14) days.

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