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Unsafe and Illegal Generator Installations at Gasoline Stations Issued November, 2012

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy the Division of Fire Safety has received information that some gas station operators are using portable generators to power the pumps or using make shift pumps to deliver fuel.

This is perfectly acceptable as long as the generator is installed in compliance with UCC and UFC requirements and appropriate permits have been obtained.

However, there are several instances where generators have been jury rigged and installed in ways that are both unsafe and contrary to code requirements.

Fire Officials/Inspectors should make inspections at all service stations within their jurisdictions to ensure any generators being utilized are installed in compliance with applicable codes and permits have been obtained. If any unsafe/illegal installations are found, Fire Officials/Inspectors should have them shut down immediately through an imminent hazard notice and then make notification to the local Construction Code Office.

The Division of Fire Safety understands that the demands on your time are enormous during this emergency, but unsafe/illegal installations of generators in gasoline service stations pose an extreme risk of explosion and fire. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



These photos show examples of unsafe/illegal generator installations that have been discovered by a local Fire Official and these conditions may be in various areas of the state.

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