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Important Information Regarding the Use of Furnaces for Residential Construction Heat

Enbridge Gas Distribution takes great pride in the safe and reliable distribution of natural gas. We are committed to providing our stakeholders with updates on the latest safety standards.

Please be advised that manufacturer members of the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute (HRAI) will prohibit the use of certain furnace models being used for construction heat. This applies to any of their furnace models produced after May 1, 2017.

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (Ontario's fuels safety regulator) and Enbridge, along with other stakeholders, are currently working on an alternate process for the affected furnaces. The new process will be communicated as soon as those details are finalized.

In the meantime, any appliance activated by Enbridge under the construction heat program must be installed according to the requirements of the B149.1 - Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code.

If the manufacturer's certified instructions indicate that the appliance is not to be installed or used for construction heat purposes, Enbridge will reject the installation and will not activate the natural gas service.

Builders and contractors can continue to install and use any appliance that is approved by the manufacturer for construction heat, such as a portable heater. A furnace may also be used, provided the manufacturer's installation instructions clearly indicate that it is approved for construction heat use. Enbridge will continue to inspect and activate these services through our construction heat program.

Once again, Enbridge will be providing further information regarding furnaces affected by the HRAI announcement when those details have been finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach an Enbridge representative at 1-800-924-5534.

Sincerely,

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