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Dear Builder/Contractor Business Partner:

This letter is to inform you of some recent industry changes around using natural gas furnaces for Construction Heat.

The manufacturers of central heating furnaces have, for many years, allowed the use of certain furnaces for the purpose of heating buildings that are under construction. Ontario's fuels safety regulator - the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) - has been advised that furnace manufacturers will no longer allow the use of their furnaces for this purpose. This applies to models produced after May 1, 2017 and will be noted in their installation instructions as follows: *Gas furnaces manufactured on or after May 1, 2017 are not permitted to be used in Canada for heating of buildings or structures under construction.*

The TSSA and other stakeholders (including Enbridge) have agreed on an alternate process for the affected furnaces to enable you to continue their use during the final stages of construction of the home, prior to occupancy. This new process, called Finishing Heat, provides builders with the ability to operate a natural gas furnace during the finishing stages of construction, as long as guidelines for protection of the furnace and related components are followed. The TSSA issued an advisory ([TSSA Ref. No. FS-232-17](#)) to provide the requirements and guidelines of the new process.

Enbridge has developed a Finishing Heat Activation Form for builders and furnace installers to use with an affected furnace. This form outlines the steps that must be taken in order for the furnace to be used and the form must be kept safe on site for inspection. Enbridge also requires the following:

- Enbridge must still initially activate all new services, including meter sets used for the purpose of temporary heat (Construction Heat or Finishing Heat). Enbridge must also perform initial installation inspections of all appliances prior to homeowner occupancy.
- Enbridge requires builders and contractors to abide by all the guidelines and requirements listed within the [TSSA advisory Ref. No. FS-232-17](#), including the completion of the Finishing Heat Activation Form, its signoff and posting on site prior to activation request.
- Enbridge's Finishing Heat process is only applicable to residential furnaces used for Finishing Heat; no other natural gas appliances may be activated until they are inspected by Enbridge.

The existing Construction Heat program will still be in place for portable construction heaters or furnaces that are approved for Construction Heat (ex. Most models manufactured prior to May 1, 2017).

We've developed some process documents to help you. Please find attached the Finishing Heat Activation Form, Residential Temporary Heat FAQ and Builder Site Preparation for Temporary Heat bulletin. These documents can also be found on our website [here](#). You can continue to schedule your meter activation appointments online at [www.buildwithgas.com](http://www.buildwithgas.com).

Enbridge Gas Distribution is committed to providing you with an efficient, convenient natural gas supply to facilitate your building process. Using natural gas for temporary heat allows your project to stay on schedule and budget. Natural gas heaters are easy to install and provide significant cost savings compared to propane heaters. Whether you use an installed furnace or rent a temporary construction heater, natural gas is an efficient and cost-effective choice.



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

Sincerely,

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