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Areas:

Bronx

Manhattan

Queens

Westchester

Specifications/Drawings:

G-8100, 506175, 514203,

EO-14166, EO-14158,

EO-16511-B, EO-16585.

Yellow Book

Suspending Installation of the Thermally Activated Gas Shutoff Valve (aka Fire Bag) pending investigation.

PURPOSE: To inform all installers to suspend the installation of all Thermally Activated Gas Shutoff Valves (aka Fire Bags) pending investigation.

BACKGROUND:

A “Fire Bag” is a thermal safety valve installed on medium and high-pressure services designed to automatically close and stop the flow of gas when subjected to intense heat (approximately 212° Fahrenheit). Fire Bags were introduced in 2021 as a 1” or 2” threaded fitting installed upstream of a regulator on all new residential and commercial service installations. Fire Bags are listed within the Bill of Material sections of relevant EO-drawings as a “TA-Valve” or Thermally Activated Valve.

A recent increase in reported gas leaks associated to Fire Bags have led to heightened scrutiny and a thorough re-evaluation of whether the continued installation of Fire Bags is advisable.



Effective Immediately

1. Suspend the installation of Fire Bags on new and existing medium and high-pressure services.
2. If there is a leak on a Fire Bag, the leak should be remediated as per G-11809 - Outside Gas Leak Reporting, Classification, Surveillance, Repair and Follow-Up Inspection and G-8224 Repair of Gas Distribution Mains and Services.