

November 1, 1976

Mr. Leonard M. Coffelt
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Dear Mr. Coffelt:

This responds to your letter dated September 21, 1976, asking that we review a previous interpretation dated October 21, 1973, regarding 49 CFR 192.357(d). You ask whether that interpretation permits "service regulators to be installed within a building without venting the diaphragm breather vent to the outside atmosphere."

Section 192.357(d) reads:

"Each regulator that might release gas in its operation must be vented to the outside atmosphere."

The October 12, 1973, interpretation essentially provides that Section 192.357(d) does not apply to a regulator which does not release gas in its operation.

That interpretation was not intended to permit installation of a regulator with a diaphragm breathe vent inside a building without placing the discharge end of the vent outside the building. Sections 192.199(e) and 192.355(b)(2) are clear that the outlet of each regulator vent must be located outside.

Sincerely,

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