

Title 19

Part 7: State Fire Marshal

Chapter 16: Testing of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Piping in School Facilities

Rule 16.01 Purpose

The Mississippi Legislature’s passage of Senate Bill 2787 (2026) created a requirement that each school facility “shall perform an annual pressure test on the liquefied petroleum gas piping system in the school facility.” The terminology of “pressure test” holds a specific meaning in the liquefied compressed gas industry, meaning a testing process described in detail in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 54, Chapter 8 (2024). Senate Bill 2787 further provides a description of the requirements for the testing process, requiring that the “testing shall be sufficient to determine whether the liquefied petroleum gas piping downstream of the school facility’s liquefied petroleum gas tank holds at least normal operating pressure over a specified period determined by the applicable codes, rules and regulations,” which is a testing process commonly referred to in the liquefied compressed gas industry and NFPA codes as a “leak check”. A “pressure test” and a “leak check” are two distinct processes for use in different circumstances pursuant to the provisions of NFPA 54.

The purpose of this Regulation is to clarify the appropriate annual testing process relative to ensuring the integrity of a school system’s liquefied petroleum gas piping system in compliance with the provisions in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Liquefied Petroleum Gas Codes and Senate Bill 2787 (2026).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §75-57-105 (Supp. 2024); Mississippi Senate Bill 2787 (2026).

Rule 16.02 Authority

This Regulation is promulgated by the Liquefied Compressed Gas Board with the approval of the Commissioner of Insurance, pursuant to Senate Bill 2787 (2026), *Miss. Code Ann.* §75-57-105, as well as the provisions of Title 19 Mississippi Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 15, said Regulation being the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Mississippi Insurance Department.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 75-57-3 and §75-57-105 (Supp. 2024)

Rule 16.03 Scope

This Regulation shall apply to all liquefied petroleum gas dealers, their agents and employees, and any installer or other person who performs pressure testing and leak testing of liquefied petroleum piping systems for school facilities in the State of Mississippi.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 75-57-3 and §75-57-105 (Supp. 2024)

Rule 16.04 Requirements

- A. Testing of newly installed liquefied petroleum gas piping systems shall be conducted as a “pressure test” in compliance with the provisions of NFPA 54, Chapter 8, paragraph 8.1 and its subparagraphs (2024) (Pressure Testing and Inspection).
- B. Testing of liquefied petroleum gas piping systems that are already approved for service shall be conducted through use of the procedures for a “leak check”, which shall constitute the necessary pressure test described in Senate Bill 2787 (2026) when performed in the manner specified by NFPA 54, Chapter 8, paragraph 8.2 and its subparagraphs, as well as NFPA 54, Annex C(3)(2)(a) through (c) (2024). Leak checks must also be in compliance with the provisions of Title 19 Mississippi Administrative Code, Part 7, Chapter 14 (Leak Check Procedures and Requirements).

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §75-57-105 (Supp. 2024); Mississippi Senate Bill 2787 (2026).

Rule 16.05 Effective Date

This regulation shall become effective thirty (30) days from the filing for final adoption with the Secretary of State.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §25-4-3.113 (Rev. 2024).