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DAVID W. MULLINS
Commissioner

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Rudy Seacrist
805 Litz Drive
Charleston, WV 25311

Dear Mr. Seacrist:

Thank you for your questions concerning the requirements of plumbers licensing as it relates to propane technicians.

As we previously discussed, it is my understanding that these technicians install and service propane tanks, connect them to existing buildings and do some minor piping that is incidental to the installation.

I refer you to the following WV Codes:

§ 21-14-3 (c) (3)... "This article does not apply to a person who performs plumbing work while employed by an employer who engages in the business of selling appliances at retail, so long as such plumbing work is performed incidental to the installation or repair of appliances sold by the employer."

§ 21-14-3 (c) (5)... "A person who performs plumbing work while engaging in the business of installing, altering or repairing water distribution or drainage lines outside the foundation wall of a building, public or private sewage treatment or water treatment systems including all associated structures or buildings, sewers or underground utility services"

Pursuant to the above referenced codes, and based on the information you have supplied, these technicians would not be required to obtain a plumbers' license.

If I can be of further assistance, or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 304-558-7890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Mullins".

David W. Mullins
Commissioner