The Propane Storage and Handling Regulation requires propane transfer operators to prepare and implement a Risk and Safety Management Plan (RSMP) as a condition of obtaining a Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) licence.

The regulation requires that the local fire service approves the fire safety components of the RSMP; however the term “fire service” is not defined.

The Regulation has been amended to add the definition of “fire service” and came into force on September 2, 2010; details as below:

Subsection 1 (1) of Ontario Regulation 211/01 is amended by adding the following definition:

“fire service”, with respect to an area, means,

(a) if the area is a municipality and the municipality has established a fire department under clause 2 (2) (b) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, that fire department,

(b) if the area is a municipality and the municipality has contracted with the fire department of another municipality to receive fire protection services under clause 2 (5) (b) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, that fire department,

(c) if the area is a municipality and neither clause (a) nor clause (b) applies, the community safety officer or community safety team appointed under clause 2 (2) (a) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, or

(d) if the area is a territory without municipal organization that has a fire department established by an agreement under clause 3 (2) (b) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, that fire department.