



## P•T•I CELEBRATES ITS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Introduction of Enhanced Student and Trainer Materials Primary Focus in 2008



The Propane Training Institute (P•T•I) is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2008. It was back in 1998 that the brand name Propane Training Institute came to life, all PGAC training materials and activities were converted and centralized under a new, formal PGAC division and a Code of Practice was established for P•T•I certified Trainers and Examiners.

"Before this year is out, we will have certified close to a quarter of a million students in our ten years" says P•T•I *General Manager* **Bill Egbert**. "We have a full slate of enhancements and new marketing efforts to mark our anniversary."

The following are some highlights of the enhancements:

- A new layout for exams including *fewer signatures* required and improvements to the practical hands-on exam;
- New marketing materials to

help your customers understand their requirements for training;

- Transition from overhead transparencies to PowerPoint;
- Transition from marking templates to Examination Handbooks.

#### NEW VERSION OF P•T•I'S 100-03 TDG PROPANE-SPECIFIC COURSE

As many of you are aware, Amendment 6 to Transportation of Dangerous Goods regulations was recently adopted. As a result, P•T•I is introducing an updated version of this program to satisfy the regulatory changes. The new version of the course will be shipping as of May 5, 2008. Due to the multiple changes to regulations as a result of Amendment 6, the older version of this course will no longer be acceptable for use.

#### OTHER TRAINING COURSES TO GET A FACE LIFT

Trainers and Examiners will notice a new look for our student course manuals and exams. We are depleting our current stock of materials during the month of May and replacing with updated materials which include many new features.

#### NEW FEATURES OF COURSES & EXAMS

**Layout:** New 8 ½ x 11 printing format with easier fonts for increased readability.

**Colour:** Where appropriate, we have used coloured pictures to enhance the learning experience.

**Pictures:** In some cases, we have updated the pictures used in the training manuals.

**Enhanced Practical:** Trainers will appreciate the no-nonsense approach to marking the practical. Either the student can demonstrate the skill or they cannot. In some cases, we have expanded the level of detail on the practical exam.

**Optional Topics:** The Trainer will have discretion to identify some topics as being optional (such as purging) and the resulting certificate will indicate those exclusions.

In addition to updated course manuals and exams, Trainers will receive new Examination Handbooks for each course.

We are also replacing overhead transparencies for Trainers with generic PowerPoint presentations.

Each course will also have a detailed PowerPoint presentation starting with 100-01 and 400-01 in May with other courses to be released during the rest of 2008.



## NEW MARKETING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

P·T·I is introducing new marketing materials to assist in the promotion of training.

### Detailed Course Descriptions

We have developed detailed description documents for each P·T·I course offered to help students and their employers learn more about our training programs and the regulatory requirements that the courses satisfy. These are available in PDF format that can be downloaded from our website.



The course descriptions provide:

- **Course Overview** including what job functions the course is designed for;
- **Key Learning Objectives** of the course;
- **Regulatory References** including the regulations, codes or standards the course covers and the provincial Record of Training codes covered;
- **Certification Requirements** including what is expected of the student to successfully complete the course;
- **Course Duration** including the

time it will take for instruction and to complete both the written and practical hands-on exams;

- **Costs** for course materials and resulting certificates and wallet cards provided to the students.

### New Brochure

One of the most common questions we receive at P·T·I is "Why do I need to take training?"

Our new brochure answers that question as well as provides information on the regulatory requirements of training; why the P·T·I training system is a leader in the field of technical training; how to access P·T·I training and pertinent contact information.



This brochure is available in PDF format on the PGAC website at [www.propanegas.ca/PTI](http://www.propanegas.ca/PTI). The brochure has been designed to be printed as a tri-fold brochure, however, P·T·I also carries a supply of brochures available to Trainers upon request.

### Customize Your Brochure

We know you will want to distribute this brochure to your customers that require training, so we have left a space for you to include your own company information on the brochure.

P·T·I can also make arrangements to print larger quantities with your corporate logo. If you are interested in this service, please contact Bill Egbert at P·T·I to make arrangements.

## REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

The Propane Training Institute has a national network of Regional Business Partners to assist with delivery of training to your employees, your customers and your customer's employees.



Our Regional Business Partners can develop customized training solutions or work with individuals who wish to become P·T·I certified Trainers and Examiners to deliver training within their own organization.

For more information about our Regional Business Partners, please visit us at the PGAC website [www.propanegas.ca](http://www.propanegas.ca).

