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Guard Requirements for Replacement of Existing Rooftop Gas Appliances

Code: 2002 Fuel Gas Code
Section: 306.6

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Question:

Are new guards required to be installed when replacing an existing rooftop gas appliance in the same location with a new appliance and no guards are present and were not required when the existing appliance was originally installed?

Answer:

No, the requirements for guards for an existing gas appliance location is governed by the code that was in effect at the time of the initial installation of the existing gas appliance. If an existing gas appliance is replaced with a new appliance in the same location, the location is unchanged and the requirement for guards continue to be dictated by the requirements of the prior code. If the new appliance is relocated to a different location, then the requirements for guards shall be as required by the current 2002 NC Fuel Gas Code section 306.6.