

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

To protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Oklahoma by promulgation of standards for the storage, handling, and installation of liquefied petroleum gases as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in 1969 and published in its Pamphlet No. 58 and No. 54 including subsequent changes and/or additions to these standards adopted by NFPA.

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GOVERNANCE:

The Agency is headed by the Administrator who is appointed by the Governor. The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board does have a Rules Committee for Statutes and Rules changes.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board meets quarterly and holds special or emergency board meetings as necessary.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

With the addition of laptop computers the agency has been able to hold more safety training and in turn the enforcement of safety codes resulting in less injuries and fewer deaths of Oklahomans and savings in insurance premiums for the propane industry in our State. In accordance with authorized statutory changes we have developed a website and are currently working with OMES to update our computer system for the convenience of permit holders. We also have converted our fleet vehicles used by our Safety Code Enforcement Officers to propane, currently 100% of our vehicles have been converted. This in turn is resulting in a fuel cost savings and promoting our industry in the State. Our agency has also been able to reduce paperwork and stored files resulting in an effort to save rental space.

CORE MISSION:

No, there are no services that we provide that are duplicated or replicated by another agency. No there are no services which are core to our mission which we are unable to perform because of requirements to perform non-core services elsewhere.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

No, there are no services which are performed by the agency performed in the private sector in Oklahoma or other states. No, our agency has not been approached by any foundation or corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency.