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**SUBJECT: ADD-ON FURNACE CONTROL DEVICES**

**TO: All Accredited Inspection Authorities, Gas Utilities, Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops, Propane Gas Association of Canada (PGAC) Members and Propane Suppliers**

This bulletin has been jointly developed by Safety Services and the Gas Technical Council to inform consumers and qualified installers about an issue associated with the installation of add-on furnace control devices.

Some add-on furnace control devices (advertised as energy-savers), which interrupt the normal operating cycle of the furnace, are available in the marketplace.

Several furnace manufacturers have expressed concern that such devices may reduce the life expectancy of heat exchangers, gas valves, and other operating components of the furnace, and may void the warranty or certification of the appliance.

Consumers and qualified installers should be aware of these concerns and are advised to contact the furnace manufacturer to ensure the devices will not void the warranty or certification of the appliance, or adversely affect the safe operation of the appliance.

Consumers and qualified installers may also direct inquiries to the agency that certified the device. They should ask if the product has been evaluated and certified for the type of appliance for which they intend to use it.

Installers are also reminded that under the "**B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code**," it is the responsibility of the installer to ensure

- (a) any device installed is a type and rating approved for the specific purpose for which it is employed; and
- (b) that the appliance is in safe working order before leaving the installation.