

2011-2012 Interruptible (Dual Fuel) Reminder

Agencies with facilities that have interruptible (natural gas) heating:
it is time to prepare burners, fuel supply, and switching equipment.

Checklist:

- Check dual fuel burners to ensure ability to switch to the alternate fuel when the temperature drops, or when the utility company requests a switch.
- Fill your facility's oil tanks before the cold weather arrives. A minimum 10 day supply of alternate fuel is required.
- Submit any information requested by the utility company. (For certain accounts, Con Edison requires an affidavit attesting that there is adequate supply of alternate fuel for that location, adequate storage for the alternate fuel, that the equipment for using the alternate fuel is operable and will be maintained, that the customer has read and understands the customer obligations, and understands the consequences of failing to meet alternate fuel requirements.)
- Participate in any and all tests. ***A test failure is counted as a violation.***
 - Con Edison test date (limited to accounts that switch by notification) is late October, with 4-6 hours notification.
 - NGrid test date (applies to all accounts) is early December; exact day to be announced.
- Be sure that facility personnel have the necessary utility contact information, and, **in the event of a failure to interrupt, notify the utility company and DCAS Energy Management immediately.** The utility must be notified of this failure within one hour of its occurrence, and repairs must be made within 48 hours. (The utility *may* grant an extension of up to seven days if a necessary part is not available.) **A financial penalty (9 times the cost of gas) can be charged until the violation is corrected.**

Other information:

- **“Two strikes and you're out”:** If two violations occur in the heating season, the customer will be transferred to firm service **at higher rates** for the remainder of the heating season and the next 12 months.
- Only one exception will be allowed, and only for a documented mechanical failure; there is no exception for a lack of alternative fuel.
- Utility contact information
 - Con Edison: Gas interruption hotline, 212 460-3459
 - National Grid: 718-403-3134 (800-930-5003 for facilities in the Far Rockaways)