



Q2: Is there any plan for the construction of more dedicated LPG filling stations?

A2: The Government has no plan to increase the number of dedicated stations at present. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Government has a standing policy since 2000 to include LPG filling facility requirement in land sales for new petrol filling stations, subject to safety requirements being met. Moreover, the Government will continue to encourage LPG vehicle users to go for refilling during off-peak hours through the quarterly liaison meetings between the operators of dedicated stations and the LPG vehicle trades. The two new LPG filling stations to be approved in 2013 are not dedicated LPG filling stations.

Q3: What are the work and the procedures for handling construction and use approval of a proposed LPG filling station?

A3: For every application for construction approval of a proposed LPG filling station, the applicant should submit an application form with a prescribed fee to EMSD. The application should include information on the location and surrounding environment, quantitative risk assessment report, design and construction of the proposed LPG filling station for assessment by EMSD. EMSD will process the application either to approve or to disapprove the construction approval within 30 working days upon receipt of the application. Upon receipt of construction approval from EMSD, the applicant can start the site work. Upon completion of the site work, the applicant shall submit an application for use approval together with a prescribed fee to EMSD. EMSD will inspect the LPG facilities either to grant or to refuse to grant the use approval within 12 working days.

Q4: How long does it take from the application to final approval for operation of a LPG filling stations?

A4: The time may depend on the complexity and scale of the work involved. Usually, the construction period takes the longest time which may last for a year including purchase, delivery, installation and testing of LPG equipment before the station can be put into service. The performance pledges of EMSD for approval of construction and use of LPG filling station are 34 and 14 days respectively.

Q5: Is there any guideline for design and construction of LPG filling station?

A5: EMSD has published "Code of Practice for Liquefied Petroleum Gas Filling Stations in Hong Kong" to provide guidance to the trade.