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Temple University Hospital requests this item and all similar items (listed below) named in survey report for building license number 200701-dated 3-27-2008 be removed from the list of deficiencies based on the following code reference and explanation. The code reference is attached as exhibit "A."

NFPA 99 Chapter 5 Gas and vacuum systems 2005 edition, page 99-37, section 5.1.3.3.4 Storage

5.1.3.3.4.1 Full or empty medical gas cylinders when not connected shall be stored in locations complying with 5.1.3.3.2 through 5.1.3.3.3 and shall be permitted to be in the same rooms or enclosures as their respective central supply systems.

All of the soiled utility rooms within the Temple University Hospital (TUH) are constructed and maintained as hazardous locations. At no time are there more than six empty oxygen tanks stored in a TUH soiled utility room. The transportation department makes frequent rounds (3 or more times a week) to remove empty O₂ tanks from soiled utility rooms. The soiled utility rooms within TUH are air-conditioned and meet the intent of section 5.1.3.3.2 as adequately ventilated to prevent the accumulation of heat (130 degrees). Section 5.1.3.3.2 does not apply. Therefore, we request that empty oxygen tanks be permitted for storage in soiled utility rooms until they are removed by the transportation department and relocated for pickup by the medical gas cylinder supplier.