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Breathing Air Safety

Two local contractors connected breathing air to Argon Supplies in the South Louisiana Region last week after modifying the regulator and gauge.

While using a high pressure regulator allows a welder to purge large bore pipe efficiently and is a practice recognized throughout the industry, these high pressure regulators look exactly like an oxygen gauge.



Argon Gas Regulator

DESIGNED TO PUT OUT 100 PSI
MAXIMUM PRESSURE.



Breathing Air Regulator

DESIGNED TO PUT OUT 200 PSI
MAXIMUM PRESSURE.

GIS would like all supervisors and project managers to please:

- Confirm that there are currently no situations on your project where a breathing air hose could accidentally be connected to Argon or another inert gas.
- Check any breathing air bottles that may be on the jobsite to confirm it is breathing air and not solely oxygen.
- At **NO** time should any GIS employee modify regulators or gauges.

In addition, if possible, please label inert gas regulators as shown:



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