

## Kristen Benoit

---

**From:** Matthew Reid <mreid@NCLM.ORG>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:24 AM  
**To:** Kristen Benoit; Daniel Snipes  
**Cc:** Kathleen Nolan  
**Subject:** NCLM Risk Control Visit  
**Attachments:** Compressed Gases - Safety Checklist Program for Schools \_ NIOSH \_ CDC.pdf; FACT-30\_2014.pdf; Requirement and design of fire-resistant barriers for oxygen and fuel-gas cylinders. \_ Occupational Safety and Health Administration.pdf

Mr. Snipes and Ms. Benoit.

I would like to thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with me on February 15, 2023. The purpose of my visit was to introduce myself as your risk control consultant and identify any safety and or liability issues that may need to be addressed.

I want to commend you for the excellent attention to safety/housekeeping throughout the facility. Keep up the good work!

As a result of my visit, I have the following recommendations to offer:

### 1. Fleet Maintenance Shop.

Separate the oxygen and acetylene cylinders. According to OSHA 1926.350(a)(10), oxygen cylinders in storage shall be separated from fuel-gas cylinders or combustible materials (especially oil or grease), a minimum distance of 20 feet (6.1 m) or by a noncombustible barrier at least 5 feet (1.5 m) high having a fire-resistance rating of at least one-half hour.

Attached are some guidance documents concerning compressed gas safety that should be helpful.



### 2. Biofuel Operation.

Consider finding a location outside of the public works facility for the biofuel operation. Allowing the general public to enter the public works facility grounds creates potential added risks for which the Town could be held liable.

In addition, the Town may want to consider a lease agreement for the use of Town property and request a certificate of insurance from Piedmont Biofuels naming the Town as additionally insured under their insurance policy.



If you have any questions concerning these recommendations please feel free to contact me. Again I thank you for your time and assistance during my visit.

Respectfully,

Matt Reid



**MATTHEW REID**

Risk Control Consultant

**p** 919-715-2745

**m** 919-404-1857

**e** mreid@NCLM.ORG

434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900, Raleigh, NC 27601

[www.nclm.org](http://www.nclm.org)