

GAS SUPPLY CHECK LIST

Gas Service Meter and Serving Utility

- Available on site and reliable
- Rated for the combined loading of the facility and the generator (total BTU)
- Maintains generator minimum pressure requirements while under maximum loading

Step Down Pressure Regulators

- Selected for the pressure and flow needs of the generator
- Direct acting type with good dynamic response (no significant time lags in regulation)
- Selected for minimum no-load to full load pressure droop (< 1-2" w.c desired)
- Located near the generator (allows the long piping runs to be at higher pressure)
- Located at least 10' away from generator connection (avoids regulator oscillations)
- Dedicated to a single generator (increases system reliability)

Piping

- Sized large enough to minimize pressure drops to acceptable levels under full gas flow
- Minimize the number of elbows to avoid unwanted pressure drops
- Ensure entire gas supply system maintains acceptable generator pressure under full gas flow conditions
- Should be connected to generator with a flexible connection
- Should include a drip leg (sediment trap)

• LP

- LP tank's boil off rate (BTU capacity) needs to support rated BTU at minimum ambient
- LP liquid withdrawal systems should be considered: cold ambients, small tanks, large generators
- LP liquid systems require pressure rated piping and vaporization outside a building

• Generac Design Resources

- "Installation Guidelines for Stationary Industrial Generators" manual 046622 (detailed information)
- "Power Design Pro" software -- mechanical design tab (gas piping pressure drop calculator)

National Codes and Standards

- NFPA 37 "Installation and use of Stationary Combustion Engines"
- NFPA 54 "National Fuel Gas Code"
- NFPA 58 "LP Gas Code"