Join the many insurers who are alerting their underwriters and policyholders about the possible risk to homes containing improperly installed yellow CSST.

**What is CSST?**
Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) is a flexible, stainless steel piping system used to supply natural gas and propane in residential, commercial, and industrial structures. Standard CSST is coated with a yellow exterior plastic coating.

**Why am I being contacted?**
If lightning strikes on or near a structure, there is risk it can travel through the structure’s gas piping system and cause a leak, and in some cases a fire.

Since 2006, manufacturer’s instructions have required direct-bonding and grounding of yellow CSST in new installations. A bonding connection installed on a gas piping system, as with any metallic system within a house, will reduce the likelihood of electrical arcing to or from other bonded metallic systems in the structure, thus reducing the likelihood of arc induced damage.

**What should I do if I find CSST?**
1. **Inspect**
   If work has been performed on the gas piping system in your house or business since 1990, it’s possible that yellow CSST was installed but not to current installation requirements.

2. **Mitigate**
   If you find yellow CSST, it is strongly recommended that you contact a licensed electrician. The licensed electrician can make sure that your system is properly bonded.
“Please consider mailing the NASFM yellow CSST safety campaign brochure to your policy holders. It is good risk management to reduce the risk of property damage and ensure safety.”

-Jim Narva  
Executive Director  
National Association of State Fire Marshals

These companies have already notified their policyholders about proper installation of yellow CSST this year:

- Alfa Insurance Company  
- Avatar Property and Casualty  
- Georgia Farm Bureau  
- Kentucky Farm Bureau  
- Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska  
- Homeowners Choice Property and Casualty Insurance Company  
- Panhandle Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of West Virginia  
- Farmers & Mechanics Insurance Companies  
- South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association  
- Federated National Insurance  
- Safe Harbor Insurance Co.

Contact YellowCSSTSafety@firemarshals.org to learn more

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