

# California NanoSystems Institute

## *Compressed Gas Policy*

### *Purpose:*

Provide guidelines to control the administration and use of compressed gases ordered from the California NanoSystems Institute, Elings Hall, University of California Santa Barbara.

### *Policy Statement:*

1. The CNSI Building Manager is responsible for the safe use and administration of compressed gases in Elings Hall.
2. All compressed gases used in Elings Hall must be ordered through the CNSI gas cage. All such cylinders must be returned to the same gas cage when empty or no longer needed. ONLY bottles ordered through the CNSI gas cage may be returned to the CNSI gas cage. Building manager permission is required prior to bringing any non-CNSI-ordered cylinder into Elings Hall.
3. The Tag ID placed on the bottle upon delivery, must ALWAYS remain with the cylinder. Users must sign out their bottles when taking receipt, and log the bottles back into the cage when returning them. A log is provided.
4. The PI overseeing the research group ordering the bottle is responsible for the cylinder and all associated charges until that cylinder is returned to the cage. Expiration of the original account used to purchase the gas, or the separation from the University of the researcher who originally ordered the gas, has no bearing on accrued cylinder rental (demurrage) and / or lost cylinder fees.
5. The gas bunker is a transfer facility, not a storage facility. Gas not claimed within two weeks of delivery will become available to any user within the building. Gas not claimed within four weeks of delivery will be returned to the vendor. In either case, the original account will be charged for the gas.

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