



## May 1 — You Won't Always See It

**Had propane leak in hose worker was working by the hose smelled propane stopped work and notified supervisor.**

**Supervision contacted the company responsible for the line. He shut the line off and had the wine repaired.**

A worker noticed the smell before anything else.

No alarm. No visible sign. Just something that didn't feel right.

It would've been easy to keep going. The task was already in motion. Nothing obvious was happening. No flame, no smoke, no urgency. But that's the part that matters most.

Not all hazards show themselves clearly. Some don't make noise. Some don't give you a second warning.

Propane doesn't need much. A small leak, the right mixture, and a source of ignition and the situation changes fast.

The worker didn't wait to confirm it. Didn't try to work around it. He stopped. Spoke up. Got it corrected.

Because when it comes to gas, if you can smell it - it's already there.

This wasn't about reacting to an emergency. It was about recognizing a problem early enough that it never became one.

### Hazards

- Flammable gas exposure
- Fire or explosion risk
- Inhalation hazard
- Ignition from nearby sources
- Line of fire exposure to pressure and chemical energy.

### Stats

- Flammable gas incidents can escalate rapidly with little warning.
- Many gas related incidents occur during routine work tasks.
- Early detection is one of the most effective ways to prevent escalation.
- Small leaks can create large hazards if not addressed immediately.

### Words of Wisdom

- If you smell it, it's already a problem.
- Not all hazards are visible.
- Stop work before the situation decides for you.

### Pause and Think

It's easy to rely on what we can see sparks, movement, equipment. That's what usually gets our attention. But some of the most serious hazards don't show up that way. They rely on you noticing something different — a smell, a sound, a feeling that something isn't right.

That moment matters. Because once you ignore it, you've already made the decision to accept the risk.

- Would I stop work if something didn't feel right, even if I couldn't see the hazard?
- Do I trust my instincts when something seems off?
- Am I willing to pause the job before confirming the risk?
- Would I speak up, or wait for someone else to notice?