August 3, 2015

Q: Can full and empty O2 tanks be stored together? Do empty O2 tanks need to be handled/stored the same as full O2 tanks?

A: Storage of full and/or empty O2 containers in the same area is permitted. If stored separately, the same requirements must be met for both rooms/areas. The O2 storage room(s) shall be designed for that purpose and all containers must be secured to prevent falling. O2 storage locations shall not be used for storage purposes other than for the containers, the room must be vented and must meet the other requirements noted in NFPA 99 (1999). The O2 storage room/area shall also have a sign readable from a distance of 5 feet that shall include the following wording as a minimum:

CAUTION
OXIDIZING GAS(ES) STORED WITHIN
NO SMOKING