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This checklist provides a concise overview of key requirements outlined in Florida Fire Prevention Code 1:50.8 for "Mobile or Temporary Cooking Operations." It covers crucial aspects such as the location of cooking operations, LP-Gas system leak detection, and comprehensive training for personnel. However, it is essential to note that this checklist is not exhaustive, and other codes and regulations may apply. Operators and stakeholders must consult the complete Florida Fire Prevention Code and any additional local or state regulations to ensure comprehensive compliance and uphold the highest standards of safety in mobile or temporary cooking operations.

50.8.2 Location of Mobile and Temporary Cooking Operations:

- 50.8.2.1 Relative to Buildings:
 - Ensure mobile or temporary cooking operations are at least 10 ft (3 m) away from entrances, exits, and other structures.
 - Maintain a clear space distance of 10 ft (3 m) from combustible materials, vehicles, and other cooking operations.
- 50.8.2.2 Relative to Other Mobile or Temporary Cooking:
 - Separate mobile or temporary cooking operations from each other by a clear distance of 10 ft (3 m).
- 50.8.2.3 Stabilization when Parked:
 - When parked, stabilize the vehicle to prevent movement.
 - Use appropriate measures such as jacking or wheel chocks.

Importance: Ensures a safe distance between cooking operations and potential hazards, minimizing the risk of fire and promoting overall safety.

50.8.7.3 LP-Gas System Leak Detection:

- 50.8.7.3.1 Propane Detector Installation:
 - Equip all mobile and temporary cooking operations with a propane detector meeting UL 1484 requirements.
 - Install the detector according to its listing.
- 50.8.7.3.2 Monthly Testing:
 - Test the LP-Gas leak detection system monthly.
- 50.8.7.3.3 Pre-Use Inspection:
 - Inspect LP-Gas systems before each use.
- 50.8.7.3.4 Testing on Connection or Cylinder Change-out:
 - Perform LP-Gas leak detection testing whenever a new LP-Gas connection is made, or a cylinder is changed out.

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- 50.8.7.3.5 Documentation:
 - Document LP-Gas leak detection testing and keep the documentation in the mobile unit.
 - Make documentation available to the Authority Having Jurisdiction upon request.

Importance: Detects and prevents potential gas leaks, minimizing the risk of explosions or fires.

50.8.10 Training:

- 50.8.10.1 Prior to performing cooking operations, one worker shall be provided with initial training in emergency response procedures, including the following:
 - (1) Using portable fire extinguishers and extinguishing systems
 - (2) Shutting off fuel sources
 - (3) Notifying the local fire department
 - (4) Refueling internal combustion engine power sources and LP-Gas container change-out
 - (5) Performing leak detection of LP-Gas
 - (6) Understanding fuel properties
- 50.8.10.2 During the time of cooking operation at least one person in the vehicle shall be trained to provide the functions listed in 50.8.10.1.
- 50.8.10.3 The provision of training shall be the responsibility of the owner, and the training program and materials shall be acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
- 50.8.10.4 Refresher training shall be provided annually.
- 50.8.10.5 Initial and refresher training shall be documented, and the documentation shall be held in the mobile unit and made available to the Authority Having Jurisdiction upon request.
- 50.8.10.6 The address of the current operational location shall be posted and accessible to all employees.

Importance: Ensures that personnel are well-trained in emergency response procedures, reducing the risk of accidents, injuries, and property damage. Regular training and documentation contribute to maintaining a safe working environment.

For any questions or clarification regarding the Florida Fire Prevention Code 1:50.8, "Mobile or Temporary Cooking Operations," vendors can contact the West Manatee Fire Rescue's Fire Prevention Bureau at 941-761-1555. The bureau is ready to provide guidance and support for compliance with the code, ensuring the safety of mobile or temporary cooking operations.