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Helium Supply Constraints Continue: Airgas Issues Update [1]

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Airgas has notified customers that the helium force majeure condition first declared in March 2026 remains in effect.

As part of this ongoing supply disruption, Airgas continues to experience constraints affecting helium availability and has implemented an increased temporary surcharge on helium products.

Airgas has indicated that it is unable to provide an estimated end date for the force majeure event at this time.

CU departments that utilize helium should continue to:

- Minimize all non-essential helium consumption.
- Participate in the helium demand forecasting and prioritization process in collaboration with fellow helium users through the PSC-hosted Helium Forum.
- Communicate upcoming research, laboratory, and operational needs through the monthly Helium Forum hosted by the PSC.
- Coordinate with alternative suppliers regarding helium availability where appropriate for their lab needs.

The University of Colorado Procurement Service Center (PSC) continues to work directly with Airgas to monitor supply conditions, advocate for university needs, and communicate updates as they become available. Questions regarding helium deliveries, allocations, or product availability should be directed to Alicia Braveheart at Alicia.Braveheart@cu.edu [3].

Additional updates will be shared as new information becomes available.

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