

## **Press Release**

Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) inspection teams comprising officers of the Authority, during January 19-21, 2010 conducted surprise inspections of the authorized distributors of LPG Marketing Companies. The inspections were primarily carried out in the natural gas starved areas including Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Mansehra, Abbotabad and major cities of Punjab, including Gujrat, Jhelum and Sialkot. The primary objective was to check the violations, if any, of minimum safety requirements conveyed by OGRA to LPG Marketing Companies for their authorized distributor premises and to also ensure that the sale price of LPG cylinder is not exceeding the price notified by LPG Marketing Companies and as placed on OGRA web-site. More than 45 authorized LPG distributors were inspected and it was observed that 35 were found involved in violation of conditions laid down by OGRA for the licensed LPG Marketing Companies. OGRA, taking serious notice of such activities causing inconvenience to the public and potential threat to safety, has issued Show Cause Notices to LPG Marketing Companies, whose authorized distributors were found involved in such malpractices, in accordance with the Rules and the prevailing Law.