



BOILER SAFETY INTERPRETATION/TECHNICAL LETTER
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Inspectors and Supervisors

FROM: Fred P. Barton, Chief Inspector
Boiler Safety Compliance Program

SUBJECT: Issues for 2001

DATE: January 17, 2001

The year 2001 should be an exciting year for Department of Labor and Industry. The clerical staff is finally getting more desk space. The department is upgrading its website. Almost all forms will be available soon to be printed from the Department website. Electronic transmission of reports will happen sometime this year.

Following is a summary of other issues that you should be aware of:

- a. We plan to have another meeting in the Spring of 2001 with representatives of all inspection agencies. The theme will be a continuation of last year's – "Back to Basics". We need input from you as to what subjects(s) should be discussed. Please let me know what your issue is.
- b. Reporting Accidents – Last year only two (2) accidents were reported to DOLI by owner/users and no Inservice Inspectors submitted reports. The first sentence of Section 16 VAC 25-50-140 states: "When an accident occurs which renders a boiler or pressure vessel inoperative, the owner or user shall immediately notify the Chief Inspector and the Authorized Inspector shall submit a detailed report of the accident".

Each Inspector is reminded that it is very important that we receive, review and analyze these reports so we can evaluate the effectiveness of the inspection program. Enclosed is the National Board Incident Report for the Inservice Inspector to use or the BPV-6 Report of Inspection can be used.

- c. Tracking Violations – There has been an increase in the number of nonconformances reported to us over the past year. However, there still are

some inspectors working in Virginia that have the mistaken impression that only "clean" reports should be sent to us.

Others may feel our new citation and penalty process is too strict. Please review Sections 16 VAC 25-50-90 (D) and 25-50-110 for the very clear instructions to each Inspector to report any unsafe or hazardous condition. Previous memos have clarified the point that Inspectors may resolve nonconformances within five (5) business days and recommend issuance of a certificate provided both the nonconformance and resolution are reported to this office. Please heed our reminder.

- d. Lastly Boiler's dedicated staff has finally been recognized on their accomplishments. I am extremely pleased to announce that Boiler Safety received "The Coveted Commissioner's Cup for Excellence" for its work in the Third Quarter of 2000.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in processing the daily work to make our efforts successful and recognized.

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