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BOILER TECHNICAL GRAM

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To: Deputy Boiler Inspectors
Authorized Inspectors
Authorized Inspection Agencies

From: Office of the Chief Inspector
TDLR, Compliance Division, Boiler Program

Subj: Routine Repair Stamping

Ref: Texas Boiler Law and Rules: 65.612(a). Repairs and Alterations

Rule 65.612(a) says that:

Repairs and alterations shall conform to the current edition of the National Board Inspection Code (NBIC) and shall be acceptable to the Inspector...

The current edition of the NBIC requires in Part 3, Repairs and Alterations, Section 3.3.2 relating to Routine Repairs (under 3.3, Repairs to Pressure-retaining Items) that, "Routine Repairs are repairs for which the requirements for in-process involvement by the Inspector and stamping by the "R" Certificate Holder may be waived as determined appropriate by the Jurisdiction and the Inspector." (emphasis added).

The department (or Jurisdiction) has not required a nameplate with the "R" stamp for routine repairs in the past. This policy is no longer in effect. As of November 15, 2016, all routine repairs will require nameplates stamped with the National Board "R" symbol.

The reasoning behind this decision is there is no way for an inspector to know whether an "R" certificate of authorization holder performed the welding on a routine repair if there is no nameplate. In many instances, the boiler owner does not have a copy of the report of repair (R-1 Form) even if the repair was performed by an "R" certificate holder. This new policy will eliminate any doubt as to what entity performed a repair.

On-site verification by the inspector of the nameplate stamping for routine repairs is no longer required. The inspector may opt to verify said stamping by receipt of photographs or other visual

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data that adequately displays to the inspector that the nameplate stamping was performed in accordance with requirements.

Any questions regarding this Technical Gram should be addressed to the Chief Boiler Inspector or an Inspection Specialist.

Sincerely,



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