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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

The referenced rule requires 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 department 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 This policy is no longer in effect.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.

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

Sincerely,

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