

Board of Boiler Rules Minutes
September 5, 2012

The Illinois Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules meeting was held at the Candlewood Suites in Springfield, IL September 5, 2012. Mr. Hoveke, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ITEM 1 – INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made at the start of the meeting.

Board Members Present: Ed Hoveke
Donald Partney, Jr
George Galanes
Harold Hacker
Chuck Hickman
John Skermont
Larry Skalnik

OSFM Staff Present: Clayton Novak, Chief Boiler Inspector, Boiler Division
Tom Andryk, Technical Advisor III, OSFM
Rosa Velez, OSFM, Boiler Division

Guests Present: Robert Boiko, Commissioner, Northbrook, IL
Dave Weber, Dynegey
Bill Potmesil, Marathon Petroleum Company
Ron Roush, Citgo Petroleum
Rich Scheerer, FM Global
Ron Weiss, FM Global
Robert Aslin, FM Global
Randy Holland, Cincinnati Insurance
Andrea Fort, Abbott Laboratories
Richard Glodowski, Abbott Laboratories
Jason Burns, Chubb Insurance
Dwayne Dierksen, Cincinnati Insurance
Mike Hammond, Citgo Petroleum

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Partney, seconded by Mr. Skermont and passed.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Galanes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Partney and passed.

ITEM 4 – DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Novak presented the Divisional Reports for the month of July.

The State completed 904 low pressure boiler inspections, 104 high pressure inspections and 729 pressure vessel inspections for a total of 1,737. Insurance inspections were 478 low pressure boilers, 165 high pressure boilers and 440 pressure vessels totaling 1,083. Combined total was 2,820.

Past due inspections over 90 days for both the State and insurance companies totaled 150.

State active objects were 21,488 low pressure, 904 high pressure and 11,077 pressure vessels. Insurance active objects were 31,447 low pressure boilers, 2,816 high pressure boilers and Total active objects combined are 98,033.

178 violations were recorded in July, 126 were resolved.

Two reviews were conducted by the Division over 3 days.

There were no convictions in July.

Mr. Novak stated in July 2011 470 pressure vessel inspections were completed and in July 2012 the number was up to 729. The difference since May 2012 is due to 920 CO2 tanks being registered. These tanks are from soda distribution counters.

ITEM 5 – HISTORICAL BOILER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

An updated version of Subpart G, Section 120.1400 was distributed to the Board. Mr. Galanes stated the committee has completed the assigned task. The version presented was adopted by unanimous consent of the committee.

Mr. Hoveke thanked the committee and noted the committee will remain in force until the proposed rule change completes the JCAR process.

Mr. Andryk noted the Board had presented rules changes in September 2011 that adopted more current versions of the code. He suggested those rules changes and the proposed Subpart G be submitted to JCAR together.

Mr. Skalnik noted one of the potential issues was the code changes from September 2011 adopted the 2011 version of the NBIC and the proposed Subpart G referred to the 2011 NBIC code. If one or the other was not accepted by JCAR, the entire package could be delayed. Mr. Andryk clarified the proposed rules will go through a pre-review by JCAR.

On a motion by Mr. Galanes, seconded by Mr. Skermont and passed, the proposed Subpart G will be presented to JCAR.

On a motion by Mr. Galanes, seconded by Mr. Hacker and passed, both the rules changes from September 2011 and the proposed Subpart G will be presented as one package.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

There were no items under old business.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

Solar Boilers

Mr. Skalnik reported on the potential impact of solar boilers as noted at the General Meeting of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. There are no current plans in Illinois for these boilers. One of the issues is whether these boilers are direct fired or not. In California, the reflected mirrors producing the heat for the boilers are considered solar 'flux' and the boilers are considered fired boilers. Some of the other issues are for proper inspection and controls for these boilers.

Division Fees

The review of Division Fees will be placed on the December agenda.

Hearing Officer

The Office of the State Fire Marshall has entered an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to use their hearing officers for State Fire Marshall related cases.

Mr. Andryk indicated the Board was asked to adopt the same. He indicated Mr. Barnes noted the intent of the State Fire Marshalls office was to include the Boiler Division in the agreement.

Mr. Skalnik voiced a concern about the hearing officer not understanding the Boiler Division rules and regulations and a potential impact to the safety of the public.

Mr. Hickman suggested the opinion of the Attorney General be obtained regarding guidance of the powers of the Hearing Officer in consideration of the need for Boiler Division expertise.

Mr. Hoveke agreed it was an important item and, as there is no immediate pending need for a Hearing Officer, the item should be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Andryk will compile facts for the Board.

Mr. Novak noted there have been increases in suspension notices.

Presentation by Mr. Boiko, Commissioner, Northbrook, Illinois

Mr. Boiko gave a presentation on water heaters and what he felt was the need for better training and communication between state and local inspectors on water heaters. He presented multiple examples of violations of in-service water heater safety devices.

Mr. Hoveke indicated the proper forum for training would possibly be the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

Mr. Skalnik indicated it could be a topic at the next joint meeting of State and Insurance Inspectors.

ITEM 8 - NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be December 5, 2012 in Springfield IL.

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Galanes, seconded by Mr. Skermont and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence Skalnik
Secretary