



BOILER SAFETY INTERPRETATION/TECHNICAL LETTER  
BSI06

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Inspection Companies

FROM: Fred P. Barton  
Director/Chief Inspector

DATE: October 20, 2000

SUBJECT: New Certification Process

In October 1999, Boiler Safety mandated that many larger inspection companies be involved in our New Certification Process that allowed certain companies to issue Decals for satisfactory renewal inspections and arrange for payment of the Certificate/Decal fees.

The New Certification Process, for the most part, has been successful. There were 5600 Decals issued in the first year. More frequent meetings among inspectors, supervisors and the Boiler Safety staff will be needed to improve the process.

Recent developments have caused us to re-evaluate our approach. Governor Gilmore has mandated all state agencies to provide communications in a Web-enabled system by 2002.

Consequently, we have decided to eliminate the mandatory participation of inspection companies over the 3% market share and make participation optional for all inspection companies.

Effective immediately all inspection companies will have a choice of the following procedures:

- a) Mail inspection reports to Richmond and Boiler Safety staff will invoice the owner/user and mail Certificates of Inspection upon receipt of certificate fees.
- b) Mail inspection reports with other documents (as presented in May, 1999). Issue Decals for renewals. Arrange for any certificate fees.

Attached is a new written policy on handling of inspection reports. This policy is also effective immediately.

Please choose (a) or (b) and respond in writing by November 15, 2000. All requests for change will be made by January, 2001.

If you have any questions contact me at (804) 786-3262 or E-mail me at [fpb@doli.state.va.us](mailto:fpb@doli.state.va.us)

Thanks.

Attachment

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### POLICIES ENFORCED

Some Inspection Companies may elect not to issue decals and collect Certificate fees. These companies' decisions will adversely affect our ability to meet the mandated goal of certificate delivery within 28 days.

In order to provide the Certificate promptly based on accurate, timely information from the Inspector of record, the following policies apply:

#### I. For Inspection Companies not in the New Certification Process

- a) Inspection reports shall be submitted to the Department of Labor and Industry within 30 days from date of inspection per 16 VAC 25-50-90 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules and Regulations. Any report received after 30 days will not be accepted. Another inspection will have to be made.

Exception – reports on internal inspections of high pressure boilers last up to one year from inspection date.

- b) Acceptance Notices – per VAC 16-25-50-100 Inspection reports from the Inspection Company of record will be given highest priority. Inspection reports without acceptance notices on file may be returned.

#### II. For Inspection Companies Participating in the New Certification Process

- a) Inspection reports shall be submitted to the Inspection Company Coordinator within 30 days from date of inspection per 16 VAC 25-50-90 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules and Regulations. The Coordinator shall send the reports with other documentation every 2-3 weeks to the Department of Labor and Industry.

#### III. All Inspection Companies

- a) Per 16 VAC 25-50-110 Inspectors must notify the Chief Inspector of any unsafe or hazardous conditions that cannot be resolved within five (5) business days. Failure to notify the Chief Inspector of the initial findings may result in a disciplinary action.

- b) Reports are reviewed to ensure accuracy and completeness. Any report deemed unacceptable will be returned. No copies of the returned report will be maintained in this office. The Department of Labor and Industry may retain a copy of the written documentation sent to the Inspection Company explaining the discrepancy.