



BOILER SAFETY INTERPRETATION/TECHNICAL LETTER
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Inspection Agency Supervisors, Inspectors and
National Board "R" Stamp holders

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

SUBJECT: Repairs and Alterations
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DATE: March 2, 1999

As of January 1, 1999 the Commonwealth has adopted the 1998 Edition of the National Board Inspection Code as its standard for all repairs and alterations to boilers or pressure vessels that come under Virginia Code. Repair companies were given until April 1, 1999 to obtain an "R" Stamp. Effective April 1, 1999 only companies holding an "R" Stamp can perform welded repairs to said boilers or pressure vessels.

The National Board Welded Repair forms are now the preferred forms to use. However, Owner/Users still have the option to decide whether or not their equipment is to be "R" Stamped upon completion of an acceptable repair. When the Owner decides not to "R" Stamp the repair, the Virginia Form R-1 shall be used to document the Repair. (Routine repairs are excluded and shall be on National Board R-1 Form). Enclosed find a revised Virginia Form R-1 with the "certification" blocks changed to account for the changes effective April 1, 1999.

Routine repairs are now limited to those defined in the 1998 Edition of the NBIC. The Inspector must be informed of all repairs and alterations and concurrence must be obtained prior to commencement. Be very, very careful on what you agree to be considered as a routine repair. Copies of all routine repairs documented on a National Board R-1 Form no longer need to be sent to this office.

The submission of the applicable form for other welded repairs or alterations which are not signed-off by an Inspector, as required, will result in the rejection of the repaired boiler or pressure vessel for use in the Commonwealth.

By separate correspondence we have communicated with Inspection companies regarding the requirements for the "R" endorsement on the Virginia Work card.

Effective April 1, 1999 only Inspectors with an "R" endorsement on the Virginia Work card may sign the appropriate Form to document a repair or alteration in any boiler or pressure vessel under the Virginia Code. That endorsement designation "R" shall be included in the commissions space of the appropriate Form when signing the Form.

If you have any questions, Email me at fpb@doli.state.va.us or call me at (804) 786-3262.

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