



BOILER SAFETY INTERPRETATION/TECHNICAL LETTER
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Inservice Inspectors

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

SUBJECT: Rupture Disks

DATE: June 3, 1999

On January 1, 1999 changes to Paragraph UG-125 of Section VIII Division 1 became effective and require Users to apply National Board certified ASME "UD" Code Symbol Stamped rupture disks in new installations where allowed and replacement disks in existing installations.

Pursuant to VAC 25-50-10, Paragraph "G" of the Virginia Boiler Rules and Regulations, it is my interpretation that ASME/National Board certified rupture disks can also be used as the sole protection of a registered vessel. Non-ASME/National Board certified rupture disks may continue to be used as replacements in combination with ASME/National Board certified safety relief valves until present "on hand" supplies of non-Code rupture disks are used up.

Please advise if you have any questions.

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