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Institute of Power Engineers, Vancouver Branch
6350 Windsor Street
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Attn: Eric Steinson, Area Director

Dear Eric,

Re: BC Safety Authority Enforcement Program

As a member of the Boiler Technology Committee, you are receiving this letter because I want to share some important information with you: The BC Safety Authority (BCSA) is focusing on refining its Enforcement Program, with an emphasis on timely and consistent practices and the publication of significant enforcement actions.

As you may know, the BCSA is an independent, self-funded corporation that inspires safety excellence in British Columbia by partnering with business, industry and the general public to enhance the safety of technical systems, products, equipment and work. (These include amusement rides, boilers, electrical systems, elevators and escalators, gas systems and appliances, pressure vessels, refrigeration systems, railways, ski lifts and passenger ropeways).

Our focus has remained steadfast in protecting the safety and security of people in British Columbia as guided by the *Safety Standards Act*. In that role, we are responsible for monitoring the safety of technical systems that pose a risk to the public.

Where appropriate, action should be taken against those that continue to operate outside the system, jeopardizing the safety of workers and the public.

We believe our Enforcement Program will play an important role in developing a robust safety system, one that will bring more consistency and sustained compliance. The more people who know about the risks and consequences, the more likely we will see an enhancement in the safety of technical systems, products, equipment and work.

The BCSA seeks to improve the timeliness and transparency of enforcement actions. Processes for prioritizing these actions according to risk will be developed, and to encourage compliance, we will look at increasing sanctions on those who cut regulatory "corners". We will also share and publish enforcement actions, primarily on our website.

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We know we are moving in the right direction towards ensuring British Columbia remains a Canadian leader in developing best practices in safety compliance.

As well, we value your input and your shared commitment. Please feel free to share the information in this letter with your employees and associates – or contact Jim Allaway at jim.allaway@safetyauthority.ca for an e-copy. We will continue to keep you informed as we progress and we welcome your feedback – contact Jim or go to our website's Enforcement section: www.safetyauthority.ca, for more information and to fill out a short survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Diemer", written in a cursive style.

Harry Diemer
President & CEO