



Inter-technologies Committee Meeting Aug. 13, 2009.

This Inter-technologies Committee was established to look at issues where the Gas, Electrical and Boiler Regulations overlap. This committee is made up of the Safety Managers and Chairs from each of the Technical Committees along with analysts and coordinators from the BC Safety Authority. This meeting was called specifically to deal with Sections 21 and 22 of the Boiler regulation. An ad hoc committee was formed at the Boiler Technology Committee some time ago that made recommendations for changes to these sections of the regulation for clarification. The results of the discussion on Aug. 13, 2009 are listed below:

1. Changing the wording in the regulations may be more difficult than necessary to overcome the problems of interpretation regarding electrical and gas fitting work on boilers.
2. Gas fitters are concerned that the wording suggested would give Power Engineers too much freedom to carry out installation and maintenance on gas systems.
3. Another method that might be used to overcome the misinterpretations of the regulations includes educational materials to be developed and delivered to Power Engineers within BC. This is to include training materials on what questions to ask to clarify how the regulations apply to individual plants.
4. A committee is to be struck to discuss the development of these educational materials as to topics that should be covered, content and methods of delivery. This committee may evolve into a standing committee. The committee is to include members from all stake holder groups.
5. More effort must be made to document training of Power Engineers in individual plants to ensure personnel have the skills required to carry out this work and to ensure that records are available if investigations are required by WorkSafe BC or other authorities.

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