

Legislation Report – November 28, 2008

Today at the Boiler Technology Committee we received an update on the Proposed Amendments to the PEBPVR Safety Regulation that the BC Safety Authority submitted last year. The TILMA changes regarding firing time requirements will be going into effect on April 1, 2009.

What will not be going ahead are nearly all the non-TILMA recommendations made in the Proposed Amendments document.

These include the Safety Authority's intention to eliminate the ceiling on special plants in Sections 55 and 56, which we are opposed to at this time.

Also, the change to Section 60 in the Proposed Amendments would have given too much power to the Safety Manager. Every effort must be made to review proposed changes to the regulation with all affected parties before they take place.

We said that deleting Sections 76 and 79 of the Regulation is not acceptable to us. For example, we believe the section on Recovery Boilers is an important regulation governing these very dangerous boilers. We feel strongly that this section must remain intact. We don't see how the BCSA can assume that owners will follow BLRBAC recommendations on their own volition. Regulations are required to ensure compliance.

We also said we do not believe that Section 86 is redundant. It requires that the Safety Officer be notified and approve a boiler repair before the repair procedure is used. Boilers are operated and maintained throughout this province with the current PEBPVR Safety Regulation close at hand. The General Regulation and Act are not consulted nearly as often.

I believe the Vancouver Branch's Legislation Committee did an excellent job of arguing for maintaining these important sections of the Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Safety Regulation.

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