

Legislation Report – September 22, 2008

The Legislation Committee of the Vancouver Branch of the IPE submitted a letter containing the IPE's main concerns with the Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Safety Regulation in April to the acting Boiler Safety Manager, Mr. Ed Ferrero. Mr. Ferrero wrote back on May 23, 2008 that the proposed amendments to the Regulation were with the province and that he would keep our comments for reference in future review of the regulation. He thanked us for our input.

Victoria is looking at implementing changes to the Regulation relating to TILMA (Trades, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) for the Spring legislative session. Full implementation of this agreement which was signed by the premiers of Alberta and B.C., without public consultation or legislative debate, occurs on April 1, 2009.

We received a response from the new Boiler Safety Manager, Mr. John Siggers, to the Business Plan we submitted for the Examination and Certification of Power Engineers. Mr. Siggers wrote, *"We, the BCSA appreciate the BC-IPE (Vancouver Branch) business case "Business Plan for Power Engineering Certification" presented and a decision has been made to continue our internal Power Engineering Certification program. We are pleased to inform you of our new redesigned power engineering certification process that will better serve power engineers in the future. We are in the process of designing and implementing this new program that will lead to electronic testing at our examination centers and applicants will be able to apply on line. We are targeting to launch our pilot project early in 2009."*

The regular meeting of the Boiler Technology Committee will take place this week on Friday and a second Cross Technologies Committee meeting is being set up for next week. The Cross Technologies Committee allows the Chairs of each of the Technology Committees to get together and discuss issues where the Regulations overlap. At the first meeting, the issue of regulated work by Power Engineers (gas and electrical) was discussed.