



May 16, 2005

I attended the first meeting of the B.C. Safety Authority's Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Technology Committee this afternoon. It was a good meeting. After getting initial introductions out of the way, the group got right to work on a plan to review the Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Safety Regulation.

It was interesting to me that today's meeting took place exactly one year to the day after the IPE's Legislation Committee completed our review of the same regulation. We held two meetings last year with 9 members of the IPE Legislation Committee - one on April 18 and the other May 16 to go over the regulation and document all of our concerns. I gave that list of concerns to Malcolm Bishop, the Provincial Safety Manager at our May IPE meeting and posted the list on the "Legislation" page of our website.

The plan we developed today involves forming five ad hoc committees to deal with five different sections of the regulation over the next eighteen months. I will chair the committee to deal with regulated work done by Power Engineers. There are many members of the IPE involved in this effort, including the newly elected Chair of the Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Technology Committee, Mr. Garry White.

The next meeting for the Technology Committee is June 20, 2005. I will be asking Dave Paulin, Bill Sutherland and Jim Young to join me on the ad hoc committee on regulated work and hope to report to the larger committee on June 20th that we've met at least once.

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