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## INTRODUCTION

### History

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety program in Utah has been evolving since 1967. The first milestone occurred on July 1, 1967, when the Utah Legislature enacted the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act and authorized the Industrial Commission to administer the Act's provisions. Then, in May 1978, the Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules and Regulations implemented the requirement that all boilers and pressure vessels installed after that date to be registered with the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (National Board) and bear a National Board number. Finally, on July 1, 1997, the Industrial Commission was replaced by the new Utah Labor Commission. Through its Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety, the Utah Labor Commission now enforces the provisions of the Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.

### Relationship of Utah Code, Labor Commission Rules and Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance Manual

The Utah Code consists of all statutes enacted by the Legislature, including the Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act. The Act, found in Title 34A Chapter 7, establishes the minimum standards for installation and operation of boilers and pressure vessels in Utah. The Act also authorizes the Labor Commission to adopt rules to enforce the Act. The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules clarify boiler and pressure vessel requirements. Like the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act itself, these rules also have the force of law. The Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance Manual (previously the Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Regulations) provides details as to how the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety has implemented the Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act.

The Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance Manual was developed to provide architects, engineers, building officials, boiler/pressure vessel installation contractors and boiler/pressure vessel owners and users with an easy to use guide for compliance with Utah's boiler and pressure vessel laws.

### National Standards Adopted

Utah has adopted the following Codes and Standards to provide guidance for the regulation of boilers and pressure vessels in Utah:

*Note: Utah Code Title 34A - Chapter 7 - Part 1 and Rule R616-2-3 should be consulted for the latest code edition formally adopted through the rule making process.*

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Sections I, IV, VIII Div 1., ASME B31.1  
Power Piping Code

Incorporated by Reference:

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Sections II, III (1), III (2),  
III (3), V, VI, VII, VIII (2), VIII (3), IX, X, XI, XII

National Board Inspection Code NB-23

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Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers, CSD-1 (heat input greater than 400,000 BTU but less than 12,500,000 BTU)

NFPA 85 Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code

Recommended Administrative Boiler and Pressure Safety Rules and Regulations, NB-132

ANSI/API 510

The Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance Manual is largely a reproduction of NB-132 with various editorial changes designed to clarify the application of NB-132 in the State of Utah.

### Public Participation

The Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety of the Labor Commission uses a Boiler and Pressure Vessel Review Board for consultation on safety, technical and economic issues associated with the regulation of boilers and pressure vessels in Utah. Members of this board represent boiler and pressure vessel users, insurers and repairers. Additional personnel will be added to the Board if it is determined that a specific interest should be represented. Members of this board and the interests they represent include:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Val Oman	EP Energy	Oil and Gas
Coy D Porter	State Fire Marshal	Fire Marshals
Michael Shaw	Hartford Steam Boiler	Insurance Companies
Dean Wood	Intermountain Power Plant	Utilities
Greg Mason	Holly Frontier Refining	Refineries
Wyatt Peterson	U of U	Central Heating Plants
Mark D Callister	LDS Church	Boiler/Pressure Vessel Owners
Ronald Wyman	R & L Boiler	Installation and Repair
Senator Scott Jenkins		Legislative Liaison

In addition to consultation provided by the Review Board, the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety welcomes comments and suggestions from others in the boiler and pressure vessel industry or other interested members of the public.

## PART I - DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

1. **ACT** - the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act which was enacted as Title 34A Chapter 7 Utah Code Annotated.
2. **ALTERATION** - any change in the item described on the original Manufacturer's Data Report which affects the pressure containing capability of the boiler or pressure vessel. Nonphysical changes such as an increase in the maximum allowable working pressure (internal or external) or design temperature of a boiler or pressure vessel shall be considered an alteration. A reduction in minimum temperature such that additional mechanical tests are required shall also be considered an alteration. See NBIC/NB-23 for complete list.
3. **API Certified Inspector** - an inspector who is certified by the American Petroleum Institute to perform functions specified in API-510.
4. **API-510, Pressure Vessel Inspection Code** - the code for maintenance inspection, repair, alteration, and re-rating procedures for pressure vessels used by the petroleum and chemical process industries. API-510 is published by the American Petroleum Institute and is an approved ANSI standard.
5. **API/ASME CODE** - the American Petroleum Institute (API) in conjunction with the ASME Code as used in this manual shall mean the Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels for Petroleum Liquids and Gases, that existed from 1934-1956, and is no longer in use.
6. **APPROVED** - approved by the Labor Commission.
7. **ASME** - the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), 345 E. 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.
8. **ASME CODE** - The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, including addenda and code cases approved by the council of that Society.
9. **AUTHORIZED INSPECTION ORGANIZATION** - one of the following:
  - A. a department or division established by a jurisdiction which has adopted and does administer as legal requirement, one or more sections of the ASME Code, one of which shall be Section 1, and whose inspectors hold valid commissions issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors;
  - B. an insurance company which has been licensed or registered by the appropriate authority of a state of the United States or a province of Canada to write and does write boiler and pressure vessel insurance, and to provide inspection service of boilers and pressure vessels in such state

or province and whose inspectors hold valid commissions issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

- C. an owner-user inspection organization which has been approved by the appropriate authority of a state of the United States or province of Canada to provide inspection service of boilers and/or pressure vessels in such state or province and whose inspectors hold valid commissions issued by The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, or whose inspectors are certified by the American Petroleum Institute.
10. **BOILER** - a closed vessel in which water or other liquid is heated, steam or vapor is generated, steam or vapor is superheated, or any combination of these, under pressure or vacuum by the direct application of energy. The term boiler includes fired units for heating or vaporizing liquids other than water, but does not include fired process tubular heaters and systems.
- A. Power Boiler - a boiler in which steam or other vapor is generated at a pressure of more than 15 psig except jacketed kettles. (Also known as a high pressure boiler in Utah.)
  - B. High-Temperature Boiler- a boiler in which water or other liquid is heated and intended for operation at pressures in excess of 160 psig and/or temperatures in excess of 250°F. (Also known as a high pressure boiler in Utah.)
  - C. Heating Boiler - a steam or vapor boiler operating at a pressure not exceeding 15 psig or a boiler in which water or other liquid is heated and intended for operation at pressures not exceeding 160 psig or temperatures not exceeding 250°F.
  - D. Electric Boiler - a boiler which uses electricity as the source of heat.
  - E. Miniature Boiler - a power boiler or high-temperature boiler which does not exceed the following limits:
    - 1) 16 inch inside diameter of shell;
    - 2) 20 square feet heating surface (not applicable to electric boilers);
    - 3) 5 cubic feet gross volume exclusive of casing and insulation;
    - 4) 100 psig maximum allowable working pressure.
  - F. Unfired Boiler - an unfired steam or other vapor generating system or liquid heating system using heat from the operation of a processing system or other indirect heat source.

- G. Hot Water Supply Boiler - a boiler completely filled with water that furnishes hot water for external usage at pressures not exceeding 160 psig or at temperatures not exceeding 250°F at or near the boiler outlet.
  - H. Low Pressure Boiler - a boiler of any type that does not meet the pressure and temperature requirements of a power boiler or a high temperature boiler.
  - I. Portable Boiler - a boiler whose construction and usage permits it to be readily moved from one location to another.
  - J. Water Heater - a boiler used to supply potable hot water which is heated by the combustion of fuels, electricity or any other source and withdrawn for use external to the system at pressures not exceeding 160 psig, and shall include all controls and devices necessary to prevent water temperatures from exceeding 210°F and does not exceed 200,000 BTU/hr.
  - K. Modular Boiler - a steam or hot water heating assembly consisting of a grouping of individual boilers called modules intended to be installed as a unit with no intervening stop valves. Modules may be under one jacket or may be individually jacketed. The individual modules shall be limited to a maximum input of 400,000 BTU/hr (117,228 W) (gas), 3 gph (11.4 liter/hr) (oil), or 115 kW (electric).
  - L. Autoclave Package Unit - a single unit containing a fired steam generator supplying steam to an autoclave which is within the same casing.
11. **CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY** - a certificate issued to a person who has passed the examinations prescribed by the Commission.
- A. In Service Certificate of Competency-required for all inspectors that inspect boilers/pressure vessels in operation in order for a Certificate of inspection and Permit To Operate to be issued.
  - B. Shop Only Certificate of Competency- required for all inspectors that perform inspections related to the acceptance of boiler/pressure vessel construction, repairs or alterations.
  - C. Owner/User Certificate of Competency-required for all inspectors that perform inspections under an approved Owner/User program.
12. **CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION** - a certificate issued by the Labor Commission for the operation of a boiler or pressure vessel as required by the Act.
13. **CERTIFICATE INSPECTION** - an inspection, the report of which is used by the Labor Commission as justification for issuing, withholding or revoking the

Certificate of Inspection. This certificate inspection can be an internal inspection when required; otherwise, it shall be as complete an inspection as possible.

- A. **INTERNAL INSPECTION** - as complete an examination as can reasonably be made of the internal and external surfaces of a boiler or pressure vessel while it is shut down and manhole plates, handhole plates or other inspection opening closures are removed as required by the inspector.
  - B. **EXTERNAL INSPECTION** - an inspection made when a boiler or pressure vessel is in operation. This inspection shall include the testing of all safety apparatuses and shall be witnessed by the inspector
- 14. **COMMISSION** - the Labor Commission of the State of Utah.
  - 15. **COMMISSIONER** - the Commissioner of the Labor Commission.
  - 16. **CONDEMNED BOILER, PRESSURE VESSEL** - a boiler or pressure vessel that has been inspected and declared unsafe or disqualified by legal requirements by an inspector, and a stamping or marking has been applied by the inspector designating its condemnation.
  - 17. **DIVISION** - the Utah Labor Commission Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety
  - 18. **EXISTING INSTALLATION** - includes any boiler or pressure vessel constructed, installed, and placed in operation which has completed its initial inspection by a State inspector.
  - 19. **HOT WATER STORAGE TANK** - a closed vessel connected to a water heater used exclusively to contain potable water.
  - 20. **INSPECTOR** - the Chief Boiler Inspector, State inspector, any deputy inspector, owner-user inspector or authorized inspector.
  - 21. **JURISDICTION** - a state, commonwealth, county or municipality of the United States or a province of Canada which has adopted one or more sections of the ASME Code, or other codes and standards accepted by the National Board, and maintains a department, bureau or division for the purpose of enforcement of a Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act.
  - 22. **LINED POTABLE WATER HEATER** - a water heater with a corrosion resistant lining used to supply potable hot water.
  - 23. **MODIFICATION** - the process of changing an item that requires revision of the existing design requirements and may also require a revision to the design specification.



- 24. **NATIONAL BOARD** - The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors, (NB) 1055 Crupper Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229, whose membership is composed of the Chief Boiler Inspectors of jurisdictions who are charged with the enforcement of the provisions of a Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act.
  
- 25. **NATIONAL BOARD INSPECTION CODE (NBIC/NB-23)** - the Code for jurisdictional authorities, inspectors, users, and organizations performing repairs and alterations to pressure retaining items. It is published by the National Board and is developed under procedures accredited as meeting the criteria for American National Standards.
  
- 26. **NATIONAL BOARD COMMISSION** - a certificate issued by the National Board to an individual who has passed the National Board examination, who holds a valid certificate of competency and who is regularly employed by an Authorized Inspection Organization.
  
- 27. **NATIONAL BOARD COMMISSIONED INSPECTOR** - an individual who: holds a valid Certificate of Competency to perform in-service, repair and/or alteration inspections as defined by the National Board Inspection Code; holds a National Board Commission, and; is regularly employed as an inspector by an Authorized Inspection organization.
  
- 28. **NEW BOILER/PRESSURE VESSEL INSTALLATION** - includes all boilers or pressure vessels until the initial State of Utah inspection has been completed.
  
- 29. **NONSTANDARD BOILER or PRESSURE VESSEL** - a boiler or pressure vessel that does not bear a stamp acceptable to the jurisdiction or otherwise does not comply with the Act or stated rules and regulations of Utah.
  
- 30. **OIL FIELD BOILER** – a fired boiler which is located at isolated oil/gas wells located in designated oil/gas fields. See H-5
  
- 31. **ORIGINAL CODE OF CONSTRUCTION** - documents promulgated by recognized national standards writing bodies that contain technical requirements for construction of pressure retaining items or equivalent to which the pressure retaining item was certified by the original manufacturer.
  
- 32. **OWNER OR USER** - any person, firm or corporation legally responsible for the safe installation, operation and maintenance of any boiler or pressure vessel within Utah.
  
- 33. **OWNER-USER INSPECTION ORGANIZATION** - an owner or user of pressure vessels who maintains a regularly established inspection department, whose organization and inspection procedures meet the requirements of the National Board rules or API-510, as applicable and are acceptable to the Division.

- 34. **PORTABLE** - capable of being carried or moved about without the use of special lifting equipment.
- 35. **POTABLE WATER** - fit to drink.
- 36. **PRESSURE VESSEL** - a vessel in which the pressure is obtained from an external source or by the application of heat from an indirect source, or from a direct source other than those boilers as previously defined.
- 37. **PSIG** - pounds per square inch gauge.
- 38. **REINSTALLED BOILER or PRESSURE VESSEL** - a boiler or pressure vessel removed from its original setting and reinstalled at the same location or at a new location without change of ownership. In the State of Utah each move is considered a new installation.
- 39. **RELIEF VALVE** - a pressure relief valve actuated by inlet static pressure having a gradual lift generally proportional to the increase in pressure over opening pressure. It may be provided with an enclosed spring housing suitable for closed discharge system application and is primarily used for liquid service.
- 40. **REPAIR** - the work necessary to restore a pressure retaining item to a safe and satisfactory operating condition.
- 41. **REPAIR/PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE** - the replacement, re-machining or cleaning of any critical part, lapping of seat and disk or any other operation which may affect the flow passage, capacity function or pressure retaining ability of the valve. Disassembly, reassembly and/or adjustments which affect the pressure relief valve function are also considered a repair.
- 42. **REPLACEMENT**- the installation of renewal components, appurtenances and subassemblies or parts of a component or system not affecting existing design requirements.
- 43. **SAFETY RELIEF VALVE** - a pressure relief valve characterized by rapid opening or pop action or by opening in proportion to the increase in pressure over opening pressure, depending on application.
- 44. **SAFETY VALVE** - a pressure relief valve actuated by inlet static pressure and characterized by rapid opening or pop action.
- 45. **SECONDHAND BOILER or PRESSURE VESSEL** - a boiler or pressure vessel which has changed both location and ownership since primary use.
- 46. **STANDARD BOILER or PRESSURE VESSEL** - a boiler or pressure vessel which bears the stamp of Utah, the ASME stamp, the API/ASME stamp, both the ASME and National Board stamp, or the stamp of another jurisdiction which has adopted a standard of construction equivalent to that required by the Division.

- 47. **UTAH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** - also known as Rules, requirements promulgated by the Labor Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Rules Act of Utah Code. When promulgated, Rules have the force of law.
- 48. **UTAH CODE** - legislation enacted by the Utah Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

## **PART II - ADMINISTRATION**

### **A-1 Minimum Construction Standards**

All new boilers, pressure vessels, water heaters and storage tanks, unless otherwise exempt, to be operated in Utah shall be designed, constructed, inspected, stamped and installed in accordance with the applicable ASME Code Section and the latest edition or other codes and standards accepted by the National Board, Utah Code and Utah Administrative Code. Water heaters shall comply with ASME Code Section IV, HLW, unless exempt under HLW-101.

Boilers and pressure vessels installed in Utah after May 1, 1978, which require an ASME (or other codes and standards accepted by the National Board) Manufacturer's Data Report shall bear the manufacturer's "NB" number as registered with the National Board except "UM" pressure vessels and cast iron boilers. A copy of the Manufacturer's Data Report signed by the manufacturer's representative and the National Board authorized inspector shall be filed with the National Board and, when requested, with the Chief Boiler Inspector of Utah.

All high pressure piping, installed in Utah after May 1, 1978, which is external (from the boiler to the first stop valve for a single boiler and to the second stop valve in a battery of two or more boilers having manhole openings) to power boilers shall comply with ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section I, ASME Code B31.1 Power Piping, and this manual.

All boiler and pressure vessel installations, including reinstalled and secondhand boilers and pressure vessels, shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the adopted safety codes and this manual. Boiler installations shall also comply with the Controls and Safety Devices for Automatically Fired Boilers (ASME CSD-1) when the boiler heat input is greater than 400,000 BTU, but less than 12,500,000 BTU. This includes tube type boilers that bear the stamping HLW. Boiler installations with heat input greater than 12,500,000 BTU shall comply with NFPA 85 Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code as applicable.

State Special - If, due to a valid impediment to compliance with the original code of construction, a boiler or pressure vessel cannot bear the required construction code and/or National Board stamping, details of the proposed construction, material specifications and calculations shall be submitted to the Chief Boiler Inspector by the owner or user. This information should be approved by a registered professional engineer experienced in boiler or pressure vessel design prior to submission to the Chief Boiler Inspector. Approval as a "State Special" must be obtained from the Division before construction or repair is started.

A coded repair or alteration to a non-standard boiler/pressure vessel is considered a State special.

**A-2 Exemptions**

The following boilers and pressure vessels shall be exempt from the Act.

- A. Boilers and pressure vessels under federal control or regulation.
- B. A boiler or a pressure vessel that is excluded from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.
- C. Pressure vessels used for transportation and storage of compressed gases when constructed in compliance with specifications of the U.S. Department of Transportation and when charged with gas marked, maintained, and periodically re-qualified for use, as required by appropriate regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- D. Pressure vessels located on vehicles operating under the rules of other state authorities and used for carrying passengers or freight.
- E. Pressure vessels containing liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) under the scope of Utah Code Annotated, Title 53 Chapter 7 Part 3 "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act". These vessels fall under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal's office.
- F. Pressure vessels installed on the right-of-way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains.
- G. Pressure vessels having an internal or external operating pressure not exceeding 15 psig with no limit on size.
- H. Pressure vessels having an inside diameter, width, height or cross section diagonal not exceeding 6 inches with no limitation on length of the vessel or pressure.
- I. Pressure vessels for containing water under pressure, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only as a cushion, when none of following limitations are exceeded:
  - 1. a design pressure of 300 psig;
  - 2. a design temperature of 210°F
- J. Pressure vessels containing water heated by steam or any other indirect means when none of the following limitations are exceeded:
  - 1. a heat input of 200,000 BTU per hour;
  - 2. a water temperature of 210°F

provided such pressure vessels are equipped with an ASME/NB stamped safety relief valve;

- K. Hot water supply boilers used exclusively for supplying hot water which are heated by oil, gas or electricity, when none of the following limitations are exceeded:

1. a heat input of 200,000 BTU (58.6kW) per hour;
2. a water temperature of 210°F;
3. a nominal water capacity of 120 gallons.

- L. Potable water heaters and hot water storage tanks for operations at a pressure not exceeding 160 psig where none of the following limitations are exceeded:

1. a heat input of 200,000 BTU per hour;
2. a water temperature of 210°F;
3. a nominal water capacity of 120 gallons;

except that they shall be equipped with safety devices in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section IV HLW.

- M. Pressure vessels which may be classified as pressure containers which are integral parts or components of rotating or reciprocating mechanical devices such as pumps, compressors, turbines, generators, engines and hydraulic or pneumatic cylinders where the primary design considerations and stresses are derived from the functional requirements of the device.

- N. Continuous coil-type hot water boilers used only for “steam vapor” cleaning of such things as machinery and buildings when none of the following limitations are exceeded:

1. one (1) inch diameter tubing or pipe size with no drums or headers attached;
2. nominal water containing capacity does not exceed six (6) gallons;
3. water temperature does not exceed 350°F;
4. steam is not generated within the coil, except that they shall be provided with one or more relief valves meeting the requirements of B-5.

- O. Boilers or pressure vessels which are located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than five family units.

In any circumstance, the owner or user may confer with the Chief Boiler Inspector regarding exemption or non-exemption.

### **A-3 National Board Commission**

Utah requires that all boiler and pressure vessel inspectors in the State be commissioned by the National Board except those API certified inspectors conducting owner-user pressure vessel inspections.

### **A-4 Examination Fees**

A fee will be charged for each applicant taking the examination for a Certificate of Competency. This fee is charged each time an applicant takes the respective exam.

### **A-5 Certificate of Competency**

A Utah certificate of competency and an identification card may be issued by the Division to:

- A. an inspector employed by the State of Utah;
- B. an inspector who is employed by an insurance company which is authorized to insure and does insure against loss from explosions of boilers and pressure vessels in Utah;
- C. an inspector employed as described in either (A) or (B) above who conducts shop or field inspections of new boilers, pressure vessels, or nuclear components in accordance with the applicable ASME Code requirements;
- D. an inspector who is continuously employed by a company which operates pressure vessels in Utah and has a valid owner-user inspection organization agreement provided that the applicant has satisfactorily passed the National Board commissioning or API examination.

### **A-6 Conflict of Interest**

An inspector shall not engage in the sale of any services, article, or device relating to boilers, pressure vessels, or their appurtenances.

### **A-7 Inspections**

Except as permitted below, power boilers and high-temperature water boilers (high pressure boilers) shall receive an internal and external inspection annually.

Either inspection may be the certificate inspection. The inspection period for power boilers, high temperature water boilers and high pressure water boilers may be extended by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety upon written application of the owner/user, with the recommendation of an inspector. Such extensions will be granted in writing by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety.

Jacketed kettles, regardless of operating pressure, are inspected biennially (every 2 years).

Low pressure boilers and water heaters covered by this manual shall receive a certificate inspection biennially.

- A. For steel steam boilers, this inspection shall include an internal and an external inspection. The external inspection shall be performed while the boiler is in service.
- B. Hot water heating and hot water supply boilers shall have an external inspection biennially and where construction permits, an internal inspection at the discretion of the inspector.
- C. Self contained auto claves constructed to ASME Section VIII Division 1, with their own steam generating capability that is considered a boiler unit operating above 15 psi steam pressure shall be inspected biennially.

If a boiler or pressure vessel is covered by insurance and the policy specifies inspection requirements, the insurance company inspectors (deputy inspectors) will conduct the inspections within the inspection frequencies established in Utah Code and this manual. If deputy inspectors do not perform the required inspections within ninety (90) days of the operating certificate's expiration date, a state of Utah boiler inspector will perform the inspection to assure the safety of the boiler or pressure vessel. In the event that a state boiler inspector performs an inspection on an insured boiler or pressure vessel, the insurance company will be invoiced for a Special Inspection.

Internal inspections, if used as a certification inspection, shall be carried out prior to the expiration date of the certificate and at a time mutually agreeable to the inspector and owner/user. External inspections may be performed by a State of Utah inspector during reasonable hours and without prior notification. In accordance with Utah Administrative Rule R616-2-8B *"For boilers or pressure vessels inspected by a deputy inspector employed by an insurance company, the deputy inspector's right of entry on the premises where the boiler or pressure vessel is located is subject to the agreement between the insurance company and the owner or operator of the boiler or pressure vessel."*

When, as a result of external inspection or determination by other objective means, in the inspector's judgment that continued operation of the boiler or pressure vessel constitutes a menace to public safety, the inspector may request an



internal inspection, an appropriate pressure test, or both, to evaluate conditions. In such instances, the owner or user shall prepare the boiler or pressure vessel for such inspections or tests as the inspector may designate.

#### **A-8 Inspection of Exempted Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

The Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety may perform safety inspections of boilers and pressure vessels that are exempted in section A-2 upon receiving a written request from the owner. These inspections will be performed and invoiced as Special Inspections. Upon completion of the inspection, the inspector will notify the owner of any safety code violations. Correction of the code violations is solely at the discretion of the owner.

If the owner desires a Certificate of Inspection/Permit to Operate, the violations must be corrected to the satisfaction of the inspector. The owner will also be invoiced for the appropriate certificate fee from section A-14.

#### **A-9 Inspection Reporting**

Inspection reports shall be submitted via the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety's web page within 30 days from date of the completion of the inspection.

Owner-user inspection agencies shall report in accordance with A-12.

#### **A-10 Canceled or Suspended Insurance**

All insurance companies shall notify the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety, within 30 days, of all boilers or pressure vessels on which insurance is written, canceled, not renewed or suspended because of unsafe conditions. Notifications shall be on the appropriate National Board form or equivalent.

#### **A-11 Unsafe Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

If, upon inspection, an inspector finds a boiler or pressure vessel to be unsafe for further operation, the inspector shall promptly notify the owner or user; stating what repairs or other corrective measures are required to bring the object into compliance with standards and codes. Unless the owner or user makes such repairs or adopts such other corrective measures promptly, the state or deputy inspector shall immediately notify the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety. Until such corrections have been made no further operation of the boiler or pressure vessel involved shall be permitted. If an inspection certificate for the object is required and is in force, it shall be suspended by the inspector (Chief Boiler Inspector, State inspector or deputy inspector). When reinspection establishes that the necessary repairs have been made or corrective actions have been taken and that the boiler or pressure vessel is safe to operate, the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety shall be notified. At that time an inspection certificate, where applicable, may be issued.

If a deputy inspector finds that a boiler or pressure vessel or any of its appurtenances is in such condition that the deputy inspector's company would refuse insurance, the company shall immediately notify the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety and submit a report on the defects.

#### **A-12 Owner-User Inspections**

Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation operating pressure vessels in Utah may seek approval and registration as an owner-user inspection organization by filing an application with the Chief Boiler Inspector on prescribed forms and request approval by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee.

The application and registration shall show the name of the organization, its principal address in Utah, and the name and address of the person or persons having supervisory responsibility over the inspections. Changes in supervisory personnel shall be reported to the Chief Boiler Inspector within 30 days after the change.

Each owner-user inspection organization shall:

- A. conduct inspections of the pressure vessels utilizing only qualified inspection personnel;
- B. retain on file at the location where equipment is inspected a true record of each inspection including the signature (or the electronic equivalent) of the inspector;
- C. promptly notify the Chief Boiler Inspector of any pressure vessel which does not meet requirements for safe operation;
- D. maintain inspection records which will include a list of pressure vessels covered by the Act, showing a serial number and an abbreviated description necessary for identification, the date of the last inspection of each unit, and the approximate date for the next inspection within a 60 month period. Such inspection records shall be readily available for examination by the Chief Boiler Inspector or authorized representative during business hours;
- E. transmit an annual inspection statement including the number of vessels covered by this Act inspected during the year and certifying that each inspection was conducted in accordance with the inspection requirements provided for by the Act. The statement shall be signed by the individual having supervisory responsibility for the inspections and shall be accompanied by a filing fee as established by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety (see P-15).

Inspection certificates are not required for pressure vessels inspected by an owner-user inspection organization, when all of the above requirements are met.

**A-13 Defective Conditions (External Inspection)**

If an inspector notes, during external inspection, evidence of a leak or crack, sufficient covering of the boiler or pressure vessel shall be removed to permit the inspector to satisfactorily determine the safety of the boiler or pressure vessel. If the covering cannot be removed at that time, the inspector may order the operation of the boiler or pressure vessel stopped until such time as the covering can be removed and proper examination made.

**A-14 Fees**

Fees that will be charged as required by Utah Code, 34A-7-104, for the operating certification (permit to operate) of a boiler or pressure vessel are set by the Utah legislature. These fees shall be paid by the owner or user unless other contractual arrangements exist. Failure to pay the fees may lead to a legal injunction to prevent the operation of the boiler or pressure vessel. The fee schedule for boiler and pressure vessel certifications and inspections follows:

<b>Certification/Inspection</b>	<b>Fee</b>
New Pressure Vessel Certification	\$ 45.00
Pressure Vessel Certification	\$ 30.00
Existing Jacketed Kettles and Boiler Certification ( $\leq 250,000$ BTU)	\$ 30.00
New Jacketed Kettles and Boiler Certification ( $\leq 250,000$ BTU)	\$ 45.00
Existing Boiler Certification ( $> 250,000$ BTU but $\leq 4,000,000$ BTU)	\$ 60.00
New Boiler Certification ( $> 250,000$ BTU but $\leq 4,000,000$ BTU)	\$ 90.00
Existing Boiler Certification ( $> 4,000,000$ BTU but $\leq 20,000,000$ BTU)	\$150.00
New Boiler Certification ( $> 4,000,000$ BTU but $\leq 20,000,000$ BTU)	\$225.00
Existing Boiler Certification ( $> 20,000,000$ BTU)	\$300.00
New Boiler Certification ( $> 20,000,000$ BTU)	\$450.00
Special Inspection	\$60.00/hour + expenses

These fees are based on average inspection times and an hourly labor rate of \$60.00/hour.

If, during the initial inspection, the boiler passes the inspection, the owner will be invoiced only for the appropriate certification fee. If the inspector finds non-compliance items, he will explain the deficiencies to the boiler owner and request that the owner schedule a follow-up inspection when the items have been corrected. If the items have been corrected on the follow-up inspection, the owner will be invoiced only for the appropriate certification fee. If the items have

not been corrected by the follow-up inspection, the owner will be invoiced for a special inspection (\$120.00 minimum). For each subsequent follow-up inspection the owner will be invoiced for a special inspection. When the boiler finally passes the inspection, the owner will be invoiced for the appropriate certification fee.

**A-15 Restamping Boilers and Pressure Vessels**

When the stamping on a boiler or pressure vessel becomes illegible or indistinct, the inspector shall inform the owner or user that it needs to be restamped. The request for permission to restamp the boiler or pressure vessel shall be made to the Chief Boiler Inspector. Proof of the original stamping shall be submitted with the restamping request. Restamping shall be done only in the presence of a State of Utah Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspector, and shall be identical with the original stamping except for the ASME Code symbol stamp. The inspector who witnessed the restamping on the boiler or pressure vessel shall submit a notice of completion (form NB-136) which includes a facsimile of the stamping applied to the Chief Boiler Inspector. The witnessing of restamping will be billed as a Special Inspection.

**A-16 Operation of Unsafe Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

If a boiler or pressure vessel is found to be in such condition that it is unsafe to operate, the inspector shall notify the owner and the Chief Boiler Inspector and specify the conditions which will allow continued safe operation. If, in the judgment of the inspector, an immediate danger to life and health situation exists, the inspector may order the boiler or pressure vessel removed from service.

Any person or organization operating a boiler or a pressure vessel with a suspended operating certificate shall be subject to the penalty specified in Utah Code 34A-7-105.

**A-17 Condemned Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

Any boiler or pressure vessel having been inspected and declared unfit for further service by an inspector shall be stamped by a state inspector on either side of the State number with the letters "XXX", as shown below, which will designate a condemned boiler or pressure vessel.

Boiler XXX U-00 XXX

Pressure Vessel XXX UV-00 XXX

Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation using or offering for sale a condemned boiler or pressure vessel for operation within Utah shall be subject to the penalties in Utah Code 34A-7-105.

**A-18 Reinstallation of Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

When a stationary boiler or pressure vessel is moved and reinstalled within Utah, the attached fittings and appurtenances shall comply with the requirements for new installations.

**A-19 Nonstandard Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

The installation, operation, sale or the offering for sale of nonstandard boilers or pressure vessels in Utah without prior permission from the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety is strongly discouraged.

**A-20 Used or Secondhand Boilers or Pressure Vessels**

Before a used or secondhand boiler or pressure vessel may be placed in operation in Utah, an inspection must be made by a State of Utah inspector. Such boilers or pressure vessels, when installed in Utah, shall be equipped with fittings and appurtenances that comply with the requirements for new installations. The inspection time will be billed as a Special Inspection.

**A-21 Working Pressure for Existing Installations**

Any inspector may decrease the working pressure on any existing installation if the condition of the boiler or pressure vessel warrants it. If the owner or user does not concur with the inspector's decision, the owner or user may appeal to the Division Director which may request a joint inspection by the Chief Boiler Inspector or a deputy inspector and the inspector. The Chief Boiler Inspector shall submit a report with a recommendation to the Director. The Director shall make the final decision.

**A-22 Repairs and Alterations**

Repairs and alterations to boilers and pressure vessels shall be made in accordance with the latest adopted edition and addenda of the National Board Inspection Code.

Effective August 1, 1997, the State of Utah no longer qualified welders to conduct repairs on boilers and pressure vessels. On July 1, 1999, the State of Utah Special Qualified Welders program was discontinued.

All companies will have to attain National Board “R” Certificate of Authorization (“R” stamp) prior to conducting welded repairs on boilers or pressure vessels.

**A-23 Repairs to Pressure Relief Valves**

Repairs to pressure relief valves shall be made only by an organization which holds a valid Certificate of Authorization for use of the National Board Pressure

Relief Valve Repair "VR" symbol stamp. At the approval of the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety, owner-user organizations may test and repair pressure relief devices in accordance with the requirements of the NBIC or API-510. The initial installation testing and adjustments of a new pressure relief valve on a boiler or pressure vessel are not considered a repair, if made by the manufacturer or assembler of the valve.

**A-24 Repair, Modification or Replacement of Nuclear Components**

Repair, modification or replacement of nuclear components shall be made only by an organization which holds a valid Certificate of Authorization for use of the National Board nuclear "NR" symbol stamp. Repair, modification, or replacement of ASME stamped "NV" pressure relief valves shall be made only by an organization which holds valid National Board Certificate of Authorization for use of the "NR" and "VR" symbol stamps.

**A-25 Riveted Patches**

In applying riveted patches, the design of the patch and method of installation shall be in accordance with the National Board Inspection Code, 1973 edition.

**A-26 Safety Appliances**

No person shall attempt to remove or do any work on any safety appliance prescribed by this manual while the appliance is subject to pressure.

If any of these appliances are removed during an outage of a boiler or pressure vessel, they must be reinstalled and in proper working order before the object is returned to service.

No person shall alter any safety or safety relief valve or pressure relief device in any manner.

**A-27 New Installations**

No boiler or pressure vessel shall be installed in Utah unless it has been constructed in accordance with the ASME Code, registered with the National Board and installed in conformity with this manual except:

- A. those exempted by Utah Code;
- B. those specifically exempted in A-2 of this manual;

The stamping shall not be concealed by lagging, paint, or any other covering and shall be exposed at all times unless a suitable record is kept of the location of the stamping so that it may be readily uncovered.

**A-28 Application of State Issued U and/or UV Numbers**

Upon completion of the installation of a boiler or pressure vessel, or at the time of the initial certificate inspection of an existing installation, each boiler or pressure vessel shall be identified by a number unique to that item (the “U” or “UV” number in Utah).

**A-29 Variances**

Any person who believes the Utah Code, Utah Administrative Code or this manual are unreasonable or impose an undue burden upon the owner or user may request a variance from the applicable requirement. The variance request shall be in writing and shall specify how equivalent safety is to be maintained. The Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety may grant the variance provided that the safety of employees or general public is not adversely affected.

When there is a reason to believe, or upon receipt of a complaint, that a variance does not provide freedom from danger equivalent to the published requirement, the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety, after notice to the owner or user and complainant, may continue, suspend, revoke, or modify the conditions specified in any variance.

No declaration, act, or omission of the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety, the Chief Boiler Inspector, state inspectors or deputy inspectors, other than a written order authorizing a variance as permitted above, shall be deemed to exempt, either wholly or in part, expressly or implied, any owner or user from full compliance with the terms of any law or rule of the State of Utah.

**A-30 Penalties**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of Utah Code or the Utah Administrative Code as they apply to boiler and pressure vessels may be subject to the provisions of Utah Code 34A-7-105.

## **PART III - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **G-1 Pressure Test**

A pressure test, when applied to boilers or pressure vessels, need not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure or the setting of the lowest set safety valves. The pressure shall be under proper control so that, in no case, shall the required test pressure be exceeded.

During a pressure test the safety valve or valves shall be removed or each valve disk shall be held to its seat by means of a testing clamp. Screwing down the compression screw upon the spring is not permitted. A plug device designed for this purpose may be used.

It is suggested that the minimum metal temperatures during a pressure test shall be not less than 70°F and that the maximum metal temperature during inspection shall not exceed 120°F.

When a pressure test is applied to determine tightness, the pressure shall be equal to the normal operating pressure, but should not exceed the relief pressure of the safety relief valve with the lowest setting.

When the contents of the vessel prohibit contamination by any other medium or when a water pressure test is not possible, other testing media may be used providing the precautionary requirements of the applicable section of the ASME Code are followed. In such cases, there shall be an agreement between the owner, the inspector, and the jurisdiction.

### **G-2 Automatic Low Water Fuel Cutoff and/or Water Feeding Device**

Each automatically fired steam or vapor system boiler shall be equipped with an automatic low-water fuel cutoff to automatically cut off the fuel supply when the surface of the water falls to the lowest safe waterline. If a water feeding device is installed, it shall be constructed so that the water inlet valve cannot feed water into the boiler through the float chamber. The lowest safe waterline should not be lower than the lowest visible part of the water glass.

All hot water heating boilers shall meet the requirements of ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section IV.

### **G-3 Pressure Reducing Valves**

Where pressure reducing valves are used, one or more safety or safety relief valves shall be provided on the low-pressure side of the reducing valve when the piping or equipment on the low-pressure side does not meet the requirements for the full initial pressure. The safety or safety relief valves shall be located as close as possible to the reducing valve. Proper protection shall be provided to prevent injury or damage caused by the escaping fluid from the discharge of safety or



safety relief valves if vented to the atmosphere. The combined discharge capacity of the safety or safety relief valves shall be such that the pressure rating of the lower pressure piping or equipment shall not be exceeded in case the reducing valve fails in the open position.

The use of hand controlled bypasses around reducing valves is permissible. If a bypass is used around the reduction valve, the safety valve required on the low-pressure side shall have capacity to relieve all the fluid that can pass through the bypass without over-pressuring the low-pressure side.

A pressure gage shall be installed on the low-pressure side of a reducing valve.

#### **G-4 Boiler Blowoff Equipment**

The blowdown from a boiler or boilers that enters a sanitary sewer system or blowdown which is considered a hazard to life or property shall pass through some form of blowoff equipment that will reduce pressure and temperature

#### **G-5 Location of Discharge Piping Outlets**

The discharge of safety valves, blowoff pipes and other outlets shall be located and supported as to prevent injury to personnel.

#### **G-6 Supports**

Each boiler and pressure vessel shall be supported by masonry or structural supports of sufficient strength and rigidity to safely support the boiler or pressure vessel and its contents. There shall be no excessive vibration in either the boiler, pressure vessel or its connecting piping.

#### **G-7 Clearance**

When boilers are replaced or new boilers are installed in either existing or new buildings, a minimum height as required in the table below shall be provided between the top of the boiler and the ceiling or any other structure, and meet the appropriate clearance requirement listed in the table below between all sides of the boiler and adjacent walls or other structures. Boilers and pressure vessels having manholes shall have 5 feet of clearance from the manhole opening and any wall, ceiling or piping that will prevent a person from entering the boiler or vessel.

<b>Boiler Clearance Requirements</b>		
<b>Boiler Type</b>	<b>Heat Input (BTU/HR)</b>	<b>Required Clearance (sides and top)</b>
All	≤ 400,000	Manufacturer's Recommendations
All	> 400,000 but ≤ 4,000,000	18 inches
All	> 4,000,000	3 feet

In addition to meeting the required clearance, all boilers and pressure vessels shall be located so that adequate space will be provided for the proper operation of the boilers and pressure vessels and their appurtenances. This includes the inspection of all surfaces, tubes, waterwalls, economizers, piping, valves and other equipment, maintenance of all related equipment and repair and/or replacement of tubes.

Stacked and Zero Clearance Boilers: Where boiler manufacturers of units greater than 400,000 btu/hr specify less than the required clearance listed in table paragraph G-7 (Boiler Clearance Requirements), owners/users/installers shall apply for a variance to code requirements. If a variance is approved, boilers must meet all manufacturers' installation requirements and boiler safety controls shall be accessible for testing. This request shall be made prior to the start of installation, and must include manufacturer's installation instructions and a drawing of boiler room with all appropriate machinery identified. These requests will be approved/denied on a case by case basis.

*An exception to this may be granted at the discretion of the State of Utah inspector for unfired boilers or pressure vessels if the installation does not represent a significant risk of personnel injury or a fire safety hazard.*

## **G-8 Suggestions for Operations**

It is suggested that the Recommended Rules for Care of Power Boilers, Section VII, and the Recommended Rules for Care and Operation of Heating Boilers, Section VI, of the ASME Code, be used as a guide for proper and safe operating practices.

## **G-9 Combustion Air Supply and Ventilation of Boiler Room**

A permanent source of outside air shall be provided for each boiler room to permit satisfactory combustion of the fuel as well as proper ventilation of the boiler room under normal operating conditions.

Louvers and grilles shall be fixed in the open position or interlocked with the equipment so that they are opened automatically during equipment operation. The interlock shall be placed on the driven member.

- A. The total requirements of the burners for all fired pressure vessels in the boiler room must be used to determine the net louvered area in square feet (see the following table and equation):

Input (BTU/HR)	Required Air (CFM)	Minimum Net Louvered Area (FT <sup>2</sup> )
500,000	125	1.0
1,000,000	250	1.0
2,000,000	500	1.6
3,000,000	750	2.5

4,000,000	1,000	3.3
5,000,000	1,250	4.1
6,000,000	1,500	5.0
7,000,000	1,750	5.8
8,000,000	2,000	6.6
9,000,000	2,250	7.5
10,000,000	2,500	8.3

(BTU/10,000) X 2.5 = CFM/300 CFM per square foot of net required area

- B. When mechanical ventilation is used to supply combustion and ventilation air to the boiler room, the fan must be running for the firing device to operate. The velocity of air through the ventilating fan shall not exceed 500 feet per minute and the total air delivered shall be equal to or greater than calculated in paragraph (A).
- C. Fuel-burning appliances that are listed and labeled for direct combustion air connection to the outdoors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- D. Direct venting is permitted as per manufacturer's installation instructions.

#### **G-10 Gas Burners**

- A. For installations which are gas fired, the burners used shall conform to the applicable requirements of nationally recognized standards.
- B. Boiler units having inputs equal to or less than 2,500,000 btu/hr and utilizing pilot ignition systems do not require:
  - 1. A manually operated gas shutoff valve after the down stream safety shutoff valve for each burner.\*
  - 2. A manually operated leak test valve installed between the upstream valve and the manually operated gas valve.

\*Rationale: Units that fall within this category do not require high/low gas pressure switches, thus do not need the redundant manual valve for testing purposes.

#### **G-11 Gas Venting (Units above 400,000 btus/hr)**

Atmospheric vents, gas vents, bleed or relief lines shall be piped to a safe point of discharge as determined by the authority having jurisdiction. A means shall be provided at the point of discharge to prevent blockage. Each boiler shall be vented to the outside separate of any other appliance. Atmospheric vent lines when manifold, shall be connected into a common line having a cross sectional area not less than the area of the largest vent line plus 50% of the areas of the additional vent lines. Atmospheric vent lines shall not be connected to any gas vents, bleed lines or relief lines. A gas bleed line from a diaphragm control valve

or vent line from a pressure regulator may be vented to a constant burning pilot in the boiler.

**G-12 Gas Pressure Switches** (Units above 2,500,000 btus/hr)

Low and high gas pressure switches shall accomplish a safety shutdown and lockout before the manifold gas pressure is less than 50% or exceeds 150% of the boiler/ burner's main manifold gas pressure.

- a. The low gas pressure switch shall be located upstream of the safety shutoff valves(s).
- b. The high gas pressure switch shall be located downstream of the gas pressure regulator and may be located downstream of all main burner gas supply controls.

**G-13 Emergency Shutdown Switches** (Units above 400,000 btus/hr)

A manually operated remote shutdown switch or circuit breaker shall be located just outside the boiler room door and marked for easy identification, Consideration should also be given to the type and location of the switch to safeguard against tampering. If the boiler room door is on the building exterior the switch should be located just inside the door. If there is more than one door to the boiler room, there shall be a switch located at each door.

**G-14 Jacketed Steam Kettles**

Fired or electric jacketed steam kettles are acceptable for installation if constructed and stamped in accordance with the ASME Code Sections I, IV, or VIII, Division 1 and registered with the National Board.

**G-15 Stacks**

The boiler's vent connector, for its entire length, shall be equal to or greater than the outlet vent collar provided by the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified, by the boiler/vent manufacturer.

When two or more vent connectors are joined together, the area of the vent shall not be less than the area of the largest vent connector inlet plus 50% of the areas of all additional inlets.

Every portion of a vent connector's horizontal run shall have a rise of not less than 1/4 inch per linear foot from the boiler to the vertical vent.

**G-16 ASME Section IV HLW Stamped Hot Water Boilers**

HLW Stamped Hot Water Boilers may be used in non-potable applications as long as they meet the requirements set forth in this Compliance Manual.

**G-17 Special Inspections**

Special inspections such as shop inspections, shop reviews, audits and inspections of secondhand or used boilers or pressure vessels made by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety shall include a fee as specified in A-15.

**G-18 Conditions Not Covered**

For any conditions not covered by these requirements, the applicable provisions of the adopted sections of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, the National Board Inspection Code, the National Fire Protection Association Standards, or the American Petroleum Institute Pressure Vessel Inspection Code shall apply.

**G-19 National Board and ASME Code Shops/Repair Organizations**

All code stamp holders are required to provide the State with an uncontrolled copy of their Quality Assurance and Quality Control manuals. Substantive changes to these manuals should also be forwarded to the State.

## **PART IV - POWER BOILERS**

### **B-1 Age Limit of Existing Boilers**

The age limit of any boiler of nonstandard construction, installed prior to the date the Act became effective, shall be 30 years. A nonstandard boiler may continue in operation past 30 years if it meets all of the following:

- A. Does not have lap-riveted longitudinal joints, and;
- B. Satisfactorily completes a thorough internal and external inspection, and;
- C. Satisfactorily completes a hydrostatic pressure test of 1-1/2 times the maximum allowable working pressure held for at least 30 minutes.

Nonstandard boilers that meet these conditions may continue in operation at the working pressure as determined in B-2.

The age limit of any nonstandard boiler having lap-riveted longitudinal joints and operating at a pressure in excess of 50 psig shall be 20 years. This type of boiler, when removed from an existing setting, shall not be reinstalled for a pressure in excess of 15 psig. A reasonable time for replacement, not to exceed one year, may be given at the discretion of the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety.

The age limit of boilers of standard construction installed prior to the date the Act became effective shall be dependent on thorough internal and external inspection and where required by the inspector, a hydrostatic pressure test not exceeding 1-1/2 times the allowable working pressure. If the boiler, under these test conditions, exhibits no distress or leakage, it may be continued in operation at the working pressure determined by B-2.

The shell or drum of a boiler in which a lap seam crack develops along a longitudinal lap-riveted joint shall be repaired in accordance with the NBIC. A lap seam crack is a crack found in lap seams extending parallel to the longitudinal joint and located either between or adjacent to rivet holes.

### **B-2 Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Nonstandard Boilers**

The maximum allowable working pressure for boilers fabricated by riveting shall be determined by the applicable rules of the 1971 Edition of Section I of the ASME Code.

The lowest factor of safety permissible on existing installations shall be 5.0, except for horizontal-return-tubular boilers having continuous longitudinal lap seams more than 12 feet in length, the factor of safety shall be 8. When this type of boiler is removed from its existing setting, it shall not be reinstalled for pressures in excess of 15 psig.

The maximum allowable working pressure for boilers of welded construction in service may not exceed that allowable in Section I of the ASME Code for new boilers of the same construction.

The maximum allowable working pressure on the shell of a boiler or drum shall be determined by the strength of the weakest course computed from the thickness of the plate, the tensile strength of the plate, the efficiency of the longitudinal joint, the inside diameter of the course, and the factor of safety allowed by these rules in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{TStE}{RFS} = \text{MAWP (psig)}$$

Where:

TS = specified minimum tensile strength of shell plate material, psi.  
When the tensile strength of steel or wrought iron shell plate is not known, it shall be taken as 55,000 psi for steel and 45,000 psi for wrought iron.

t = minimum thickness of shell plate, in weakest course, inches

E = efficiency of longitudinal joint, method of determining is given in paragraph PG-27 of Section I of the ASME Code

R = inside radius of the weakest course of the shell or drum, inches

FS = factor of safety which shall be at least 5.0

The inspector may increase the factor of safety, if the condition and safety of the boiler warrant it.

### **B-3 Cast Iron Headers and Mud Drums**

The maximum allowable working pressure on a water tube boiler, the tubes of which are secured to cast iron or malleable iron headers, or which have cast iron mud drums, shall not exceed 160 psig.

### **B-4 Pressure on Cast Iron Boilers**

The maximum allowable working pressure for any cast boiler, except hot water boilers, shall be 15 psig. See H-1, 2 and 4.

### **B-5 Safety Valves**

The use of weighted-lever safety valves or safety valves having either the seat or disk of cast iron are prohibited; valves of this type of construction shall be replaced by direct, spring-loaded, pop-type valves that conform to the requirements of ASME Code, Section I.

Each boiler shall have at least one ASME/NB stamped and certified safety valve, and if it has more than 500 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) of water-heating surface, or an electric power input of more than 1100 kW, it shall have two or more safety valves of the same type.

The valve or valves shall be connected to the boiler, independent of any other steam connection and attached as close as possible to the boiler without unnecessary intervening pipe or fittings. The valves shall be placed on the boiler with the spindle in a vertical position.

No valves of any description shall be placed between the safety valve and the boiler or on the escape pipe, if used. When an escape pipe is used, it shall be at least the full size of the safety valve discharge and fitted with an open drain to prevent water lodging in the upper part of the safety valve or in the escape pipe. When an elbow is placed on a safety valve escape pipe, it shall be located close to the safety valve outlet or the escape pipe shall be anchored and supported securely. All safety discharges shall be so located or piped as to be carried clear from walkways or platforms. No more than one elbow is permitted on the discharge of the safety valve.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

### **B-6 Boiler Feeding**

Each boiler shall have a feed supply which will permit it to be fed at any time while under pressure.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

### **B-7 Water Level Indicators**

Automatic shutoff valves shall conform to the requirements of Section I of the ASME Code.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*



## **B-8 Water Columns**

The water column shall be mounted so that it will maintain its correct position relative to the normal waterline under operating conditions.

Shutoff valves should not be used in the pipe connections between a boiler and a water column or between a boiler and the shutoff valves required for the gage glass. If shutoff valves are used, they must be:

- A. outside-screw-and-yoke valve, or;
- B. lever-lifting type gate valves, or;
- C. stopcocks with permanently fastened levers, or;  
stopcocks with through-flow construction to prevent stoppage by deposits of sediment

Additionally, the position of the operating mechanisms must indicate whether they are in open or closed position and these valves or cocks shall be locked or sealed open. When stopcocks are used, they must have the plug held in place by a guard or gland.

No outlet connections, except for control devices (such as damper regulators and feedwater regulators), drains, steam gages, or apparatus of such form as does not permit the escape of an appreciable amount of steam or water shall be placed on the pipes connecting a water column or gage glass to a boiler.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

## **B-9 Gage Glass Connections**

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

## **B-10 Pressure Gages**

Each boiler shall have a pressure gage located so that it is easily readable. The pressure gage shall be installed so that it indicates the pressure in the boiler at all times.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

## **B-11 Stop Valves**

Each steam outlet from a boiler (except safety valve and water column connections) shall be fitted with a stop valve located as close as practical to the boiler.

When a stop valve is located so that water can accumulate, ample drains shall be provided. The drainage shall be piped to a safe location and shall not be discharged on the top of the boiler or its setting.

When two or more boilers provided with manholes are connected to a common steam main, the steam piping from each boiler shall be fitted with two stop valves having an ample free blow drain between them. The discharge of the drain shall be visible to the operator while operating the valves and shall be piped clear of the boiler setting. It is preferred that the stop valves consist of one automatic non-return valve (set next to the boiler) and a second valve of the outside-screw-and-yoke type.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

## **B-12 Blowoff Piping**

A blowoff is defined as a pipe connection provided with valves located in the external piping through which the water in the boiler may be blown out under pressure, excepting drains which are used on water columns, gage glasses, or piping to feedwater regulators, etc., used for the purpose of determining the operating conditions of the boiler.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section I – Rules for Construction of Power Boilers.*

## **B-13 Repairs and Renewals of Boiler Fittings and Appliances**

Whenever repairs are made to fittings or appliances or it becomes necessary to replace them, the work shall comply with the requirements for new installations.

## **B-14 Conditions Not Covered By These Requirements**

All cases not specifically covered by these requirements shall be treated as new installations.

## **PART V - HEATING BOILERS**

### **H-1 Nonstandard Riveted Boilers**

The maximum allowable working pressure on the shell of a nonstandard riveted heating boiler shall be determined in accordance with B-2, except that in no case shall the maximum allowable working pressure of a steam heating boiler exceed 15 psig or in a hot water boiler exceed 160 psig or 250°F.

### **H-2 Nonstandard Welded Boilers**

The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard steel or wrought iron heating boiler of welded construction shall not exceed 15 psig for steam. For other than steam service, the maximum allowable working pressure shall be calculated in accordance with Section IV of the ASME Code, but in no case shall it exceed 30 psig.

### **H-3 Nonstandard Cast Iron Boilers**

The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard boiler composed principally of cast iron shall not exceed 15 psig for steam service or 30 psig for hot water service.

The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard boiler having cast iron shell or heads and steel or wrought iron tubes shall not exceed 15 psig for steam service or 30 psig for hot water service.

### **H-4 Potable Water Heaters**

A potable water heater shall not be installed or used at pressures exceeding 160 psig or water temperatures exceeding 210°F. Water heaters may be used to simultaneously provide potable hot water and space heat in combination as long as the heat input does not exceed 200,000 BTUs.

### **H-5 Oil Field Boiler**

Designated oil field boilers will be required to have all instruments, fittings and controls mandated by the original code of construction.

### **H-6 Steam Boiler Safety Valves**

Each steam boiler shall have one or more ASME/National Board stamped and certified safety valves of the spring pop-type adjusted and sealed to discharge at a pressure not to exceed 15 psig.

The minimum relieving capacity of the valve or valves shall be governed by the capacity marking on the boiler.

The minimum valve capacity in pounds per hour shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum BTU output (obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed) at the boiler nozzle by 1000, or shall be determined on the basis of the pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table H-6. In many cases a greater relieving capacity of valves than the minimum specified by these rules will have to be provided. In every case, the requirements of H-6 shall be met.

**TABLE H-6  
MINIMUM POUNDS OF STEAM PER HOUR  
PER SQUARE FOOT OF HEATING SURFACE**

	Firetube Boilers	Watertube Boilers
Boiler Heating Surface		
Hand Fired	5	6
Stoker Fired	7	8
Oil, Gas or Pulverized Fuel Fired	8	10
Waterwall Heating Surface		
Hand Fired	8	8
Stoker Fired	10	12
Oil, Gas or Pulverized Fuel Fired	14	16

- (1) When a boiler is fired only by a gas giving a heat value not in excess of 200 BTU per cubic foot (ft<sup>3</sup>), the minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity may be based on the value given for hand fired boilers.
- (2) The minimum safety valve or safety relief valve relieving capacity for electric boilers shall be 3-1/2 pounds per hour per kilowatt input.
- (3) For heating surface determination see ASME Code Section IV.

No valve of any description shall be placed between the safety valve and the boiler, or on the discharge pipe between the safety valve and the atmosphere.

THE DISCHARGE PIPE SHALL BE AT LEAST FULL SIZE AND BE FITTED WITH AN OPEN DRAIN TO PREVENT WATER LODGING IN THE UPPER PART OF THE SAFETY VALVE OR IN THE DISCHARGE PIPE.

When an elbow is placed on the safety valve discharge pipe, it shall be located close to the safety valve outlet or the discharge pipe shall be securely anchored and supported. All safety valve discharges shall be located or piped so as not to

endanger persons working in the area. No more than one elbow is permitted on the discharge of the safety valve.

#### **H-7 Hot Water Heating/Supply Boilers Safety Relief Valve Requirements**

Each hot water heating and hot water supply boiler shall have at least one ASME/National Board stamped and certified safety relief valve set to relieve at or below the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. Each hot water supply boiler shall have at least one ASME/National Board stamped and certified safety relief valve of the automatic reseating type set to relieve at or below maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler. For all boilers, except those stamped and installed per HLW requirements, the spindle of the valve shall be placed in the vertical position.

The required steam relieving capacity, in pounds per hour, of the pressure relieving device or devices on a boiler shall be the greater of that determined by dividing the maximum output in BTU (obtained by the firing of any fuel for which the unit is installed) at the boiler nozzle by 1,000 or shall be determined on the basis of pounds of steam generated per hour per square foot of boiler heating surface as given in Table H-6.

No valve of any description shall be placed between the safety relief valve and the boiler, nor on the discharge pipe between the safety relief valve and the atmosphere.

THE DISCHARGE PIPE SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN THE DIAMETER OF THE SAFETY RELIEF VALVE OUTLET AND FITTED WITH AN OPEN DRAIN TO PREVENT WATER LODGING IN THE UPPER PART OF THE SAFETY RELIEF VALVE OR IN THE DISCHARGE PIPE.

When an elbow is placed on the safety relief valve discharge pipe, it shall be located close to the safety relief valve outlet or the discharge pipe shall be securely anchored and supported. All safety relief valve discharges shall be located or piped so as not to endanger persons working in the area. No more than one elbow is permitted on the discharge of the safety valve.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

#### **H-8 Steam Boiler Steam Gages**

Each steam boiler shall have a steam gage or a compound steam gage connected to its steam space or to its water column or to its steam connection. The gage or connection shall contain a siphon or equivalent device which will develop and maintain a water seal that will prevent steam from entering the gage tube. The connection shall be arranged so that the gage cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock placed in

the pipe at the gage and provided with a tee or lever handle arranged to be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

## **H-9 Hot Water Boiler Pressure or Altitude Gages and Thermometers**

Each hot water boiler shall have a pressure or altitude gage connected to it or to its flow connection in such a manner that it cannot be shut off from the boiler except by a cock with tee or lever handle, placed on the pipe near the gage. The handle of the cock shall be parallel to the pipe in which it is located when the cock is open.

The scale on the dial of the pressure or altitude gage shall be graduated approximately to not less than 1½ or more than 3½ times the pressure at which the safety relief valve is set.

Each hot water boiler shall have a thermometer located and connected so that it is easily readable when observing the water pressure or altitude. The thermometer shall be located so that it indicates the boiler water temperature at, or near the outlet in degrees Fahrenheit at all times.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

## **H-10 Steam Boiler Water Gage Glasses**

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

## **H-11 Stop Valves**

When a stop valve is used in the supply pipe connection of a single steam boiler, there shall also be one used in the return pipe connection.

Stop valves in single hot water heating boilers shall be located at an accessible point in the supply and return pipe connections, as near the boiler nozzle as is convenient and practical, to permit draining the boiler without emptying the system.

When the boiler is located above the system and can be drained without draining the system, stop valves may be eliminated.

A stop valve shall be used in each supply and return pipe connection of two or more boilers connected to a common system.

All valves or cocks shall conform to the applicable portions of Section IV of the ASME Code and may be ferrous or nonferrous.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

#### **H-12 Feedwater Connections**

Feedwater, makeup water, or water treatment shall be introduced into a boiler through the return piping system. Alternatively, makeup water or water treatment may be introduced through a separate connection. The water flow from the separate connection shall not discharge directly against parts of the boiler exposed to direct radiant heat from the fire. Makeup water or water treatment shall not be introduced through openings or connections provided for inspection or cleaning, safety valve, safety relief valve, blowoff, water column, water gage glass, pressure gage, or temperature gage.

The makeup water pipe shall be provided with a check valve near the boiler and a stop valve or cock between the check valve and the boiler or between the check valve and the return pipe system.

#### **H-13 Water Column and Water Level Control Pipes**

The minimum size of ferrous or nonferrous pipes connecting a water column to a steam boiler shall be 1 inch. No outlet connections, except for damper regulator, feedwater regulator, steam gages, or apparatus which does not permit the escape of any steam or water except for manually operated blowdowns, shall be attached to a water column or the piping connecting a water column to a boiler

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section IV – Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers.*

#### **H-14 Condensate Return Pump**

Each boiler equipped with a condensate return pump shall be provided with a water level control arranged to automatically maintain the water level in the boiler within the range of the gage glass.

#### **H-15 Repairs and Renewals of Fittings and Appliances**

Whenever repairs are made to fittings or appliances, or it becomes necessary to replace them, the repairs must comply with Section IV of the ASME Code for new construction.

## **PART VI - PRESSURE VESSELS**

### **P-1 Pressure Vessels Not Requiring Certificates of Operation**

The following pressure vessels are subject to the provisions of the Act, but are not required to be uniquely identified or be issued a Certificate of Operation.

- A. Pressure vessels attached to a low pressure boiler system (e.g. expansion tanks in a hot water heating system or storage tanks in a hot water supply system).
- B. Portable air receivers with no compressing unit attached.
- C. Pressure vessels containing Freon which are connected to a refrigeration or air conditioning system.
- D. Heat exchangers connected to low pressure boiler systems.

Although no Certificate to Operate will be issued for these pressure vessels, inspectors will inspect them to assure safety. Vessels that do not meet safety standards will have to be brought up to safety standards or replaced.

### **P-2 Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Standard Pressure Vessels**

The maximum allowable working pressure for standard pressure vessels shall be determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the edition of the ASME Code or the API-ASME Code under which they were constructed and stamped.

### **P-3 Nonstandard Pressure Vessels**

Nonstandard pressure vessels installed prior to July 1, 1999, may remain in service providing the owner/user proves that the vessel meets the requirements of Section P-4 below. Nonstandard pressure vessels will not be relocated or repaired. If nonstandard pressure vessels are disconnected and removed from service, they shall not be reinstalled. If replaced, these vessels must be replaced with a vessel constructed in accordance with Section VIII of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and registered with the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors.

### **P-4 Maximum Allowable Working Pressure for Nonstandard Pressure Vessels**

The maximum allowable working pressure of a nonstandard pressure vessel shall be determined by the strength of the weakest course computed from the thickness of the plate, the tensile strength of the plate, the efficiency of the longitudinal joint, the inside diameter of the course and the factor of safety set by these rules.



$$\frac{TStE}{RFS} = MAWP \text{ (psig)}$$

where:

TS = specified minimum tensile strength of shell plate material, psi.  
 (When the tensile strength of carbon steel plate is not known, it may be taken as 55,000 psi for temperatures not exceeding 650°F. For other materials use the lowest stress values for that material from Section VIII.)

t = minimum thickness of shell plate of weakest course, inches

E = efficiency of longitudinal joint depending upon construction (Use the following values: for riveted joints - calculate efficiency in accordance with ASME Code Section VIII 1971 and prior; for fusion-welded and brazed joints - appropriate value below)

Joint Type	Efficiency (%)
Single lap weld	40
Double lap weld	50
Single butt weld	60
Double butt weld	70
Forge weld	70
Brazed steel	80

R = inside radius of weakest course of shell (inches) provided the thickness does not exceed 10 percent of the radius. If the thickness is over 10 percent of the radius, the outer radius shall be used.

FS = factor of safety allowed by these rules.

The minimum factor of safety shall in no case be less than five (5) for existing installations. The working pressure shall be decreased when deemed necessary by the inspector to ensure the operation of the vessel within safe limits. The condition of the vessel and the particular service to which it is subject will be the determining factors.

The maximum allowable working pressure permitted for formed heads under pressure shall be determined by using the appropriate formulas from ASME Code Section VIII, Division 1, and the tensile strength and factors of safety given in P-2 and P-4.

The maximum allowable working pressure for nonstandard pressure vessels subjected to external pressure shall be determined by the rules of Section VIII, Division 1, of the ASME Code.

**P-5 Non ASME/National Board Vessel Acceptance**

Pressure vessels that were not ASME Code stamped and/or registered with the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors may be accepted at the discretion of the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety. These vessels must be constructed with known materials and be designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering standards, formulas, and practices that provide safety equivalent to the intent of the ASME Code. Owners of these vessels may contact the Chief Boiler Inspector for guidance on applying for acceptance of these vessels.

**P-6 Inspection Frequency**

Pressure vessels shall be inspected on the applicable frequency listed below unless an extension is granted in writing by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety.

- A. Heat exchangers that operate from high pressure steam or high temperature water plants shall be inspected every twenty-four (24) months.
- B. Autoclaves that operate above 15 psi steam pressure shall be inspected every twenty-four (24) months.
- C. All other pressure vessels which fall under the jurisdiction of the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety shall be inspected every forty-eight (48) months.

These inspections will be external inspections. In connection with a regularly scheduled inspection, or at any other time deemed necessary by the inspector, an internal inspection may also be conducted, pressure vessel construction permitting.

**P-7 Application of Vessel Identification Numbers**

When a new vessel has been inspected and determined to be in full compliance with Utah Code requirements, the inspector will apply a unique identification number to that vessel. These numbers (UV numbers) are assigned to each inspector by the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety.

The UV number may be applied by any of the following ways:

- A. Stamped in vessel data plate
- B. Stamped on a metal tag attached to or hung on the vessel
- C. Marked on the vessel with a permanent marker

**P-8 Inspection of Inaccessible Parts**

Where, in the opinion of the inspector, as the result of conditions disclosed at the time of inspection, it may be necessary to remove interior or exterior lining, covering or brickwork to expose certain parts of the vessel not normally visible, the owner or user shall remove such material to permit proper inspection and to determine remaining thickness.

**P-9 Overpressure Protection**

Each pressure vessel shall be provided with pressure relief devices, indicating devices, and controlling devices as necessary to protect against overpressure. These devices shall be constructed, located, and installed so that they cannot readily be rendered inoperative.

In accordance with ASME Section VIII Division I isolation block valves may be utilized before and/or after safety relief valves if the authority having jurisdiction has approved the program set forth by the Owner/User. Contact the Chief Boiler/Pressure Vessel Inspector for submittal of such a program.

In all cases the pressure relieving device shall be ASME/NB approved and certified.

*\*Note: For conditions not addressed in this Compliance Manual refer to the most recent adopted edition and addenda of ASME Section VIII – Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels.*

**P-10 Owner/User Inspection**

An Owner/User of pressure vessels may perform periodic safety inspections on their own unfired pressure vessels provided the following requirements are met:

- A. Each vessel above ground shall be given a certificate inspection, preferably while in operation, at least every 5 years (60 months) or at the same interval as the required internal inspection, whichever is less.
- B. Have a Utah certified owner/user Inspection Agency, and;
- C. Have Utah certified inspectors, and;
- D. Provide the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety with an annual vessel inspection summary, and;
- E. Maintain complete inspection reports prepared by the Inspection Agency which shall be available for State review at any reasonable time, and;
- F. Have a valid Utah certificate of competency

- G. Receive successful biannual audits by the Chief Boiler/Pressure Vessel Inspector or his/her designee.
- H. An Owner/User inspector may sign off on repairs provided they have met the requirements of the National Board and all requirements set forth by the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety.

**P-11 Owner/User Certification**

An Owner/User may be certified by the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety as an Owner/User Inspection Agency by submitting a written request to the Utah Chief Boiler Inspector. The request shall, at a minimum, state the following:

- A. Qualified pressure vessel inspectors are employed by the Owner/User, and;
- B. Requirements of NBIC/ANSI/API 510 are being performed, and;
- C. Complete inspection records are maintained

**P-12 Owner/User Inspectors**

An inspector employed by an Owner/User Inspection Agency may be issued a Utah certificate of competency by submitting a written request to the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety. The request shall certify that the inspector has a valid ANSI/API 510 or National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors certification. The Inspector must pass an examination administered by the Division. A Utah certificate of competency issued to an Owner/User inspector will be valid for a period of one year to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, and only if the inspector remains in the employment of the same Owner/User. Certificates of competency issued to Owner/User inspectors must be renewed annually.

An Owner/User inspector may sign off on repairs provided they have met the requirements of the National Board and all requirements set forth by the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety.

Owner/User inspectors shall not receive any compensation from the State.

**P-13 Pressure Relief Valve Repair**

An Owner/User may perform pressure relief valve repair work under the following conditions:

- A. They receive QC reviews (initial and annual) from the Chief Boiler Inspector or his/her designee.

- B. They perform the work only on their pressure relief valves, and;
- C. The requirements of ANSI/API 510/National Board are followed, and;
- D. The pressure relief valves are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and;
- E. At intervals not to exceed three years, the Chief Boiler Inspector shall select two pressure relief valves at random from those that have been repaired by the Owner/User and send these valves to an independent testing agency to be tested, at the Owner/User expense, for set pressure and capacity.

If either of the valves discussed above fails the testing, the Chief Boiler Inspector may determine an additional number of pressure relief valves to be tested. If any of these valves fails the testing, the Chief Boiler Inspector may request to the Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety that Owner/User capability to repair pressure relief valves be revoked until their competency can be demonstrated.

**P-14 Certification Revocation**

The Division of Boiler, Elevator and Coal Mine Safety may revoke, for cause, any Owner/User Inspection Agency certifications.

**P-15 Fees**

Fees for Owner/User Inspection Agency certifications are:

- A. Owner/User Inspection Agency Certification Initial Application (- \$250.00
- B. Inspector Certificate of Competency (Initial Issue) - \$25.00
- C. Inspector Certificate of Competency (Annual Renewal) - \$20.00

Fees for Owner/User Inspection Agency Annual Inspection Summaries are:

- A. For inspection programs up to twenty five vessels - \$5.00 per vessel
- B. For inspection programs more than twenty five, but less than one hundred vessels - \$100.00
- C. For inspection programs more than one hundred, but less than five hundred - \$200.00
- D. For inspection programs more than five hundred vessels - \$400.00

**P-16 Owner/User Inspection Program Audits**

To assure that the Owner/User inspection program is achieving pressure vessel safety equal to or exceeding the inspection program of the Division of Boiler, Elevator, and Coal Mine Safety, the Chief Boiler Inspector or his/her designee will perform biannual audits of each Owner/User inspection program.

**P-17 Repairs and Renewals of Fittings and Appliances**

Whenever repairs are made to fittings and appliances or it becomes necessary to replace them, the work must comply with the requirements for new installations.



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## VARIANCE REQUEST

This form must be filled out entirely; all available information must be provided. Incomplete requests will not be processed.

Requesting Organization:		Date:		
Owner Name:		Address:		
Owner Contact Name and Title:				
Owner Contact Phone:				
Type of Variance: <input type="checkbox"/> Boiler/Pressure Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Elevator <input type="checkbox"/> Miner Certification				
Code Requirements: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet Attached				
Description of Variance Requested: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Documentation or Continuation Sheet Attached				
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner	By signing this document, I agree that all of the information contained herein is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge; and that I understand the process by which this variance may or may not be approved.		Signature	Date
Reviewer	Recommendation		Signature	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Boiler Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve w/ modifications* <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Boiler Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve w/ modifications* <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Elevator Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve w/ modifications* <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove			
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Secretary – Miner Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve w/ modifications* <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove			
* Attach Continuation Sheet to describe modifications				
Final Disposition	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Approve w/ modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove			

Division Director Signature

Date

## VARIANCE REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Contact Name and Title:	Address:	Phone:
Architect:		
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Engineering Firm:		
Contact Name and Title:	Address:	Phone:
Installation Contractor:		
Contact Name and Title:	Address:	Phone:
Building Inspector:		
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