

Minutes of Meeting Boiler Safety Bureau Management

Date/Time: March 1, 2012 / 1:30 p.m.

Location: Old Revenue Building, 6th Floor Conference Room (B611)

Attendees: Jack Given, Cliff Dautrich, Greg Davis, Dean Strickland, Andy Frazier, Allison Jay

Bureau Chief – Jack attended the National Board, Board of Trustees meeting during February. There was discussion on Section IV and development of an ‘HM’ mark. The ‘HM’ would be similar to the ‘UM’ and ‘CI’ marks. Manufacturing under the ‘HM’ mark would not require an Authorized Inspector. The code for the potential ‘HM’ mark is not in our purview.

Construction is taking place at the National Board Safety Valve Test Lab. The expansion is almost complete. Nitrogen will be instead of air to conduct the tests on the safety valves.

Jack will attend the American Insurance Association Legislative Committee meeting March 28 and 29 in Washington, DC. During April he will attend the National Board Budget Task Group meeting in Columbus, OH. He will also attend teleprompter refresher training for the National Board Joint meeting in Nashville, TN during May.

Assistant Bureau Chief – Gunto has come across two heat exchangers with water on the shell side – one has a ‘U’ stamp and the other has an ‘H’ stamp. Some research will have to be done to determine how to handle this type of equipment.

Violation follow-ups are now at 100%.

A plan of action is being devised for inspectors to obtain endorsements. The training and qualifying will occur in proper order. The actual endorsements will be purchased as business dictates.

Cliff will be at Flowserve March 5 – 7 for their ‘NR’ renewal. March 8 – 9, Cliff and Jack will be attending EEO training March 8 – 9.

The hearing for Delux Cleaners will be held April 23.

Cliff shared examples of the comments that come in on the survey cards. Most of the comments are good.

Inspector Supervisor West Report – The income and the statistics for February look good. Follow-ups are at 100%. We continue to receive positive comments on the inspectors in the west.

Davis rode with Parker on February 22 and 28. Parker’s attention to detail is improving. An internal inspection was performed on Unit 1 at Belews Creek for an extended certificate. Unit 2 will have an internal inspection on April 4. Both boilers have had an external inspection. The membrane in the lower air space of Unit 1 had a hole and about six to eight inches of buildup. This was noted on the inspection report and will be checked again at the next outage in 18 months.

Case has the percentage of expired certificates to a manageable level.

Sims will be training Kinney in District 1.

Hutchens continues to work at Ristoflex as the third party Authorized Inspector witnessing hydro tests.

The next Western Inspectors Meeting will be April 3 at the Winston Salem OSHA office.

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Inspector Supervisor East Report – Don Kinney attended the In-Service training at the National Board and passed his exam. He will be training in the field for the next four weeks. An evaluation will follow. Kinney is scheduled to take the state exam on March 12.

Kirkland will be going to PCS Phosphate to follow-up on the No. 7 boiler. If the safety valves are correct, he will recommend an extended certificate.

Evers percentage of overdue objects in his territory has dropped from 4.3% to 1.5%.

Strickland and Kirkland visited The Pork Company in Warsaw. This was a follow-up to an anonymous call reporting a boiler safety violation. The company did have a flame-out, but the boiler was immediately shut down and re-sealed around the door. The Pork Company has purchased a refurbished boiler and it will be installed within the next four months.

Strickland rode with Kidd, Harrell and Kirkland during February. Safety equipment was examined and discussed with each inspector. These inspectors are thorough in their inspections. Payne's checklist has been beneficial to the inspectors. Kirkland's printer no longer functions.

The next Eastern Inspectors Meeting will be March 13 in the Old Revenue Building.

Other – The current work plans will include all information through April 30. Bring completed work plans to the office for review on May 3. The current work plans should be signed and returned to the office on or before May 31. These are to be submitted to Human Resources before June 5. The 2012-13 work plans will be ready by April 1.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12 at 1:30 in the 6th floor conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.