

Minutes of Meeting Boiler Safety Bureau Management

Date/Time: June 2, 2011 / 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Bureau Chief—Jack attended the National Board, Board of Trustees and General NB/ASME Meeting in Las Vegas during May. Changes for the National Board inservice commission and endorsements policy have been approved and should take effect July 2013. A commission cannot be inactive for more than two years. If it is, a retest of the inservice commission exam will be necessary. Continuing education every 24 months will be required for each endorsement. On-line courses will be available that are specific to each endorsement. The two year time frame will coincide with ASME Code editions. Monies were approved for the expansion of the safety valve testing facility. The expansion will be dedicated to rupture disk testing. Jack was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and will serve a three year term. The National Board budget was approved.

Jack will be riding with various inspectors during June. The goal is one per week.

Jack will be attending the NBIC meeting July 21 in Columbus. August 23 and 24 Jack will be attending the Board of Trustees meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jack spoke with a gentleman at the Fayetteville Regional Airport. He would like for all the vessels to expire at the same time. Sims needs to schedule an appointment. Janie is aware of this and will process the reports accordingly.

Assistant Bureau Chief—All the work plans are complete.

Cliff is monitoring violations in JO. There are some in the east that he is watching closely from Hartford Steam Boiler.

Cliff has been working with the processing assistants on the penalty worksheet program. There are 52 locations in June that have invoices greater than three years old and will be written off. The inspectors will deliver the worksheets and verify information; then there is a 45 day response period. Depending upon the response, a letter including the penalty will be mailed. There is another 45 day response period. Depending upon the response received, the information will be sent to budget for action.

Cliff asked for cost saving ideas to present in a cost reduction brainstorming meeting.

Safety vests are in and have been distributed to the supervisors.

Progress Energy had a successful “R” stamp review in May. Southern Boiler has an “R” stamp review scheduled for June.

Dautrich and Strickland are scheduled to attend Team Leader Training at the National Board in Columbus during July.

Strickland will be training to become the AIS at Morris and Associates during their ASME pre-audit Dautrich will be observing.

Cliff will contact Hollis to do a noise sample of our folding machine.

Terry will begin cross-training with Jo Ann soon.

Cliff is working on a procedure for historical boiler inspections.

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Inspector Supervisor East Report – Emphasis has been placed on reducing the number of state and insurance violations greater than 120 days.

Kidd is working on overdue objects at NC State University. He is trying to catch up from attending “N” School and training with Evers.

Two inspectors have requested Family Medical Leave.

Strickland did a field visit with Gunto. Gunto performed an internal inspection. He used the Lock Out/Tag Out procedure and an oxygen sensor. Gunto also posted a Menace to Public Safety during this visit.

Kirkland and Parker are making progress with the backlog in their districts. Parker currently has four new objects scheduled for inspection. Kirkland will have an eight month review soon. Both Kirkland and Parker are still learning, but seem fairly comfortable with internal inspections.

Inspector Supervisor West Report – The new object in Payne’s area submitted by Arise hasn’t been located. Davis will be calling Jerry Sturch with Arise for assistance. Once located, it will be inspected.

Kirkman will be working in District 16 part time while trying to maintain his current district. This will help him learn the area and keep it from falling to far behind prior to him assuming District 16 full-time in October.

All open violations greater than 120 days have been addressed and should be cleared soon. Lane wrote a violation at Carolina Prime Pet and the hydro test has not been performed.

Davis did a field visit with Case. Case prospected a new location. He was very professional. He used his personal GPS. Davis also did a field visit with Snuffer. Snuffer performed follow-ups on an open insurance violations and insurance audits along with scheduled inspections. An inventory of personal protective equipment was conducted.

After observing Case and Snuffer, Davis recommends that all inspectors have a GPS unit (Garmin or TomTom) in their vehicles for efficiency in their jobs. Case uses his own GPS and doesn’t waste time getting from place to place. Snuffer uses a paper map. Even when you are familiar with your territory, from time to time you need to check a map for a memory refresher. This means that time is wasted by pulling off the road, locating where you are, where you are going, and then mapping a route.

Davis will be at Controls Southeast on June 7 to follow-up on corrective actions written during the May 9 ASME review.

Hutchens will be helping in areas that are behind.

The inspectors were glad that Jack and Cliff attended the Western Inspector meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 at 1:30 in the 6th floor conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.