

## Minutes of Meeting Boiler Safety Bureau Management

**Date/Time:** February 14, 2013 / 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Old Revenue Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (B511)

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

*Bureau Chief* – The report that Jo Ann produces shows that we are in the red for January. Jack looked at the previous four years of budget reports and recognized a trend. The problems began when Department of Administration began withdrawing funds on a quarterly basis verses an annual basis at the end of a fiscal year. We pay the salaries and benefits for other employees and disability to a previous employee. At this point we are not able to purchase the items we need to do our job. We will have to tighten our belts and look for ways to cut back. It may be beneficial if the Commissioner would argue for us to keep our money until the end of the year.

Andy Frazier has developed a standard for writing procedures. We will have to update our procedures to align with this new procedure. Definitions are a likely addition. Andy plans to send out a standard operating procedure on work management.

Jack attended the Board of Trustees meeting in Fort Myers, Florida last week. There was discussion and a vote for a new certification program. This program will allow individuals that work closely with pressurized equipment to attend the In-Service training and take the exam. After passing the exam, they would be issued a certificate, not a commission. This program, if utilized, could set up a pool of potential inspector applicants. If the certificate holder maintains their credentials and are hired as an inspector, they would not be required to retake the In-Service exam to obtain a National Board commission.

Jack will be in Washington, DC for the American Insurance Association's legislative committee meeting on February 20. There will be a National Board Budget Task Force in April in Columbus, OH. Tele-prompter practice for the National Board ASME meeting should take place late April or early May. Jack will be attending the National Board General meeting in Miami May 10 – 17.

*Assistant Bureau Chief* – Cliff stated that our independent audit is almost complete. Our field supervisors and inspectors have been following the quality program. The auditor has one more field visit; then he will submit his report.

We have more than 40 procedures. We will be reviewing them again to comply with Andy's new standard operating procedure (SOP) for writing procedures. In addition, there will be new procedures developed – one will be on Pressure Vessel for Human Occupancy (PVHO).

The National Board website isn't ready for the commission and endorsement maintenance. As soon as this area is up and running, the commissioned staff will be notified to begin their online training.

The Common Tailgate meetings provide good information for the inspectors. There is good participation by all the inspectors.

*Inspector Supervisor East Report* – Dean Strickland emphasized to the eastern field inspectors to perform the required external non-certificate inspections on high-pressure boilers. Dean Johnson conducted training on querying for overdue external non-certificate inspections.

Ray Payne performed the 'R' Stamp review at Southern Mechanical. Petroleum Tank has an 'R' Stamp review scheduled for February 19 and 20. Edwards has a review scheduled on February 25 and 26. Yelverton's Truck Repair has scheduled their 'R' Stamp review for March 5 and 6. Danny Harrell will be scheduled for shop training at Edwards.

Don Kidd has been busy working at GE and Morris and Associates. Help will be needed to complete Wake County inspections.

Dean Strickland performed ride-along observations with Evers, Harrell, Kidd, and Kinney in January. The inspectors conducted themselves in a professional manner with the public. Harrell and Kinney prospected during their ride-along

**Division/Bureau:** Standards and Inspections/Boiler  
**Document Name:** Boiler Safety Management Minutes  
**Date Revised:** 15 February 2013  
**Document Owner:** Allison Jay

## Minutes of Meeting Boiler Safety Bureau Management

observations. Dean also performed three inspection audits. These were on older boilers. He was looking for wear and possible violations. Everything looked good and no violations were found.

John Kirkland and Dean Strickland completed the external inspection and documentation review on the #5 Sulfuric Plant at PCS Phosphate. The internal inspection is scheduled for February 27.

Inspector Supervisor West Report – The Inspector Status report shows four new requests as overdue in Mark Hutchens territory. Three of these objects are in the parking lot of Valdese Weavers and the fourth is in the building, but not connected. Bill Case has completed inspections on the overdue new objects in his territory. Richard Parker has a high percentage of expired certificates because he was in school for two weeks.

Greg Davis performed four ride-along observations in January. The inspectors were detail oriented and conducted meaningful external non-certificate inspections. Each inspector took time to explain the importance of this type of inspection to the owner and/or user.

The Western Inspectors meeting was held at the Charlotte OSHA office. Cliff Dautrich covered the proposed Rule changes. Ray Payne talked about the requirements for successful incident reporting. Dean Johnson demonstrated searching for high pressure boilers with overdue external non-certificate inspections. Greg Davis covered the requirements for non-certificate external inspections set forth in the NC Administrative Code. He also covered the responsibilities of the inspector conducting an external inspection on either a high or low pressure boilers.

Richard Parker passed the 'A' endorsement exam and received his shop training record. He will be training with Mark Hutchens at Isometrics. Parker will be scheduled for shop training with both Ray Payne and Jimmy Snuffer as well.

Greg Davis stated that Darrell Wisner, welding engineer at Duke Energy, has contacted him for their 'R' Stamp review. The certificate for Duke Energy will expire in December 2014. Isometrics had one manual finding during their audit. There was a recommendation for reissue of their ASME stamp.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 1:30 in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.