

Information Packet
Public Hearing:
Amendments to Board of Boiler Rules

Date: May 27, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Department of Labor & Industries
950 Broadway, Suite 200
Tacoma, Washington 98402

The Board of Boiler Rules will hold a public hearing to provide opportunity for comment and receive information on proposed amendments to the Board of Boiler Rules (Boiler Rules). “Chapter 70.79 RCW, Boilers and Unfired Pressure Vessels” grants the Board of Boiler Rules the authority to propose and adopt rules for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use and operation of boilers and the repair of unfired pressure vessels in the state of Washington.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to propose modifications to “Chapter 296-104 WAC, Board of Boiler Rules – Substantive” to update the existing rules, adopt new safety code requirements and for housekeeping changes. The boiler rules are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the rules are consistent with national boiler and unfired pressure vessel safety standards and industry practice.

Proposed amendments to this chapter will:

- Add new definitions for “jacketed steam kettles” and update the existing definition for “places of public assembly”;
- Adopt the latest edition of national standards for American Petroleum Institute (API) 510 for boilers and unfired pressure vessels and TAPPI TIP 0402-16 for pulp or paper machine dryers;
- Clarify the annual internal and external inspection requirements for power boilers;
- Clarify the shutdown requirements for automatically fired boilers, after December 2004;
- Correct references to National Board (NB) 263 and API 510 to consistently adopt the latest edition of standards; and
- Update the definitions to modern-day terms by replacing the term for “boarding homes” with “assisted living facilities”.

If you require special communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact Alicia Curry at 360- 902-6244, no later than May 14, 2015.

Please send written comments using one of the following:

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Comments must be received by May 27, 2015.

Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 15-08 on April 15, 2015. The tentative adoption date for these rules is June 30, 2015, and the tentative effective date is September 1, 2015.