

# **BOILER STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

**Tuesday – February 10, 2009 – 8:30 A.M.**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 E Watertower St Meridian, Idaho**

*NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.*

The meeting was called to order by Al Caine Industrial Safety Program Manager at 8:40 a.m.

Al Caine introduced himself and explained his background.

## **◆ Presentation**

The first half of the presentation gave an overview of the Division of Building Safety and the areas the Industrial Safety group cover.

Al explained the specific areas that Industrial Safety deals with and to what extent. The specific Idaho Statutes, Administrative Rules and Laws currently in place through the State of Idaho and the Industrial Commission, for Boilers and Pressure Vessels was discussed at length. It was noted that the “Draft” legislation proposal primarily covered those items already in statute or administrative rule. There were three changes proposed: 1.) clarify the authority to enforce the provisions; 2.) provide a means for the program to fund itself; & 3.) provide a means to confirm that boiler operators have received minimal training.

## **◆ Questions**

What code do the boiler inspectors inspected to?

**Answer:** Those codes adopted in IDAPA 17.06.02.011.

What is the difference between Insurance vs. Commission Inspectors?

**Answer:** The insurance inspectors are required to obtain an Idaho Commission Boiler Inspector card issued through the division on an annual basis in order to conduct inspections in Idaho.

How many accidents or injuries have occurred?

**Answer:** Mike Poulin answered this question with the little information we have gathered. He noted one death and half a dozen injuries. He made the comment that there have been several near misses.

The HVAC board member present, asked do all objects have to have insurance on them and what is the time frame to provide insurance for their objects?

**Answer:** IDAPA 17.06.03.011(c) states: No inspection certificate for a boiler, pressure vessel, water heater, hot water storage tank, or nuclear component shall be valid after the boiler, pressure vessel, water heater, hot water storage tank, or nuclear component ceases to be insured by a company duly authorized by the state of Idaho to carry insurance.

## ◆ 9:45 A.M. Break

## ◆ Presentation

The second half of the presentation discussed the draft legislation proposal. There were several at the meeting who were opposed to the program being self-funded and preferred that it continue to be funded through the Industrial Commission by worker's comp fees. Many were also opposed to fees of any kind for boiler operator certificates. A discussion of the state setting up a training curriculum and testing/certification program ensued with no specifics agreed upon. The Division of Building Safety is willing to work with any ideas that would ultimately improve boiler safety.

Options that were discussed for the next legislative cycle:

1. Do nothing – maintain the program as is.
2. Propose an amendment to repeal the current boiler program from Idaho Code and Administrative Rule and move to private industry management only (like Wyoming)
3. Interested stakeholders may establish a working committee to discuss possible revisions to the boiler regulatory requirements in Idaho. However, the general feeling of those who voiced their opinion at the meeting was that there is no interest at this time.

## ◆ Questions

Where are reports for inspections?

**Answer:** Al discussed Jurisdiction Online and that we are currently looking at their contract. He noted that in the near future where your reports are submitted could change. All commissioned inspectors would be informed prior to any change.

Several people asked about the Division of Building Safety developing a training program and licensing for boiler operators.

**Answer:** This would require funding which is not available at this time.

Al wrapped up the meeting by noting that the next step will be for someone to step forward and start a committee to make one of the three options noted above.

## ◆ 11:20 A.M. Meeting Adjourned

### **ACTION:**

Al Caine will put together rule proposals for adoption of current boiler codes and an alternative to repeal current boiler program and return to private industry.

Amanda Brumbaugh will put together Boiler Stakeholder email distribution list and send to all members.