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Memorandum

Date: April 25, 2017
To: To all ASME and National Board Code Stamp Holders in Washington
From: Tony Oda, Chief Boiler/Pressure Vessel Inspector
Subject: Schedule triennial reviews **no less than 2 months prior** to the expiration date.

Effective August 1, 2017

The state of Washington Boiler Program (Jurisdiction) has been providing certified ASME and National Board Team Leaders to the ASME and the National Board "Certificate of Authorization" holders in excess of 30 years. By providing local ASME/NB Team Leaders, the ASME/NB certificate holders benefit greatly by lower review costs and better flexibility in scheduling reviews. The jurisdiction also benefits by reviewing the organizations QC system and getting to know the QC personnel. This is a great win-win situation for all.

However, in the past year, review dates have been procrastinated and scheduled at the last possible date. This has caused problems for the jurisdiction, the Authorized Inspection Agency, and the ASME/NB.

This situation will not continue, **effective August 1, 2017**, all review dates shall be scheduled no less than 2 months prior to the expiration date. This review date shall be agreed upon by the applicant, Authorized Inspection Agency, and the jurisdiction. The review date will be verified by a confirmation letter sent to all applicable parties by the jurisdiction.

Since both ASME and the National Board require that renewal applications be submitted 6 months prior to the expiration date of the current Certificate of Authorization, this should not be a problem.

Per ASME: In scheduling the review date for renewals, it must be noted that the renewal procedures should be completed and a report received by the ASME at least one month prior to the expiration date since extension date may not be granted. It is suggested that the review be scheduled no less than two months and no more than four months prior to the expiration date.

For jurisdictions without a National Board member, and for all international joint reviews, the Review Team Leader will be provided by ASME. For jurisdictions with a National Board member, the review may be performed by a jurisdictional employee, appropriately certified to ASME requirements. Alternatively, the jurisdiction may request the joint review be performed by the National Board with individuals certified to ASME requirements.

If this 2-month deadline requirement is not agreeable to the applicant, they may request another Team Leader by contacting the ASME or the National Board.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me for further information.

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