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**Boiler Program Update-June 2010**

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**Overview:** The following boiler and pressure vessel program changes are intended to clarify the scope of BCD's regulatory authority, resolve specific safety concerns and best utilize the inspection resources of BCD, insurance companies, and industry stakeholders. While this overview captures present regulations and inspection practices, unforeseen legislation and policy changes may impact these requirements and procedures in the future.

**Shop Inspections:** BCD is no longer performing "shop inspections" as an ASME Authority Inspection Agency for new construction of boilers and pressure vessels. BCD will continue to perform audits of R Stamp and O Certificate holders. BCD will also continue to inspect repairs and alterations under the R Stamp program.

**Installation Inspections:** To foster increased safety and consistency, as of **July 1, 2010**, the Building Codes Division will begin performing all boiler and pressure vessel installation inspections under ORS 480.560. Insurance company special inspectors must still perform periodic inspections under ORS 480.570(2)(b) for boilers and pressure vessels insured by their companies.

**Repair Inspections:** All boiler and pressure vessel repair inspections will be performed by the authorized inspection agents: BCD will continue to inspect repairs and alterations under the R Stamp program for companies that have an agreement with BCD as their Authorized Inspection Agency. Insurance companies will perform repair inspections where they are the Authorized Inspection Agent. BCD also performs minor repair inspections.

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