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## Circular Letter PV-2006-3

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Subject: Repair Organizations obtaining Jurisdictional Acceptance

To: All Parties Involved in the Repair and Alteration of Boilers and Pressure Vessels in Places of Employment

The State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division) exercises jurisdiction over and administers regulations for the design, construction, use, maintenance, repair and alteration of boilers and pressure vessels in California in order to provide a safe workplace for employees.

It is the intent of this circular letter to explain the Divisions' policy of how to obtain jurisdictional acceptance when repairing or altering boilers and pressure vessels. The Division is the jurisdiction in California.

The National Board Inspection Code (NBIC) has many paragraphs that reference the jurisdiction and are generally written similar to "subject to the acceptance, concurrence or satisfaction of the jurisdiction". The Division requires that this acceptance, concurrence, or satisfaction be obtained in all cases.

A request for jurisdictional acceptance shall be made and granted in writing. The request shall be made by the repair organization or the owner/user of the boiler or pressure vessel and shall be requested as needed.

Blanket jurisdictional acceptance of a specific repair or alteration technique may be requested by a repair organization. For example, a repair organization may request jurisdictional acceptance for the use whenever needed of Alternatives to Postweld Heat Treatment Welding Method 1. The repair organization shall have a written procedure that describes how the repair technique is to be utilized. The repair organization's Quality System Manual shall describe the use and acceptance of these repair or alteration techniques and procedures. The procedure shall include the following as a minimum:

- How the specific repair or alteration technique would be used.
- Reference to the specific NBIC paragraph.
- The type of repairs or alteration where the procedure would be used, such as a section replacement of a boiler tube.
- Service limitations, such as minimum or maximum pressure or temperature.



- A description of the repair or alteration parameters, such as diameter, thickness, material type, etc.
- A signature block on each procedure for Inspector and Division acceptance.

Blanket jurisdictional acceptance shall take the form of a Division signature in the Quality System Manual or a separate letter from the Division. The repair or alteration technique can then be used by the repair organization without additional jurisdictional involvement. The Division must also accept any revision to the accepted procedure.

Please contact this office by phone, mail, fax, or email when jurisdictional acceptance is needed.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Donald C. Cook*

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