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Circular Letter PV-2017-2

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

Subject: New state serial number format

To: All Inspection Agencies and their Inspectors

The purpose of this circular letter is to inform all Inspection Agencies and their Inspectors of the new state serial number stamping format effective January 1, 2018. As announced at the California Boiler Inspectors Association meeting in mid-October, the state serial number stamping format is being changed as we enter into our 100th year of inspections.

Starting January 1, 2018 the stamping of items requiring a permit to operate will begin with the year, followed by a dash and then the state serial number. The letter designation and preceding zero(s) will not be stamped on items. For example state serial number A18-001234 will be the full format used on inspection reports and the database. The vessel will be stamped 18-1234. Inspectors assigned 5 digit state serial numbers will also drop the letter designation and preceding zero. For example state serial number A18-012345 will be the full format used on inspection reports and database. The vessel will be stamped 18-12345.

The new state serial number format will also change the way duplicate numbers are handled. For example, if state serial number 18-1234 is duplicated, the second tank must be stamped with an additional 2 zeros after the serial number. The duplicate stamping will be 18-123400. The full State serial number of the first tank will be A18-001234 and the full state serial number for the duplicate tank will be A18-123400.

For Inspectors assigned 5 digit numbers the duplicated tank must be stamped with one additional zero. For example, if state serial number 18-12345 is duplicated, the second tank must be stamped with one additional zero after the serial number. The duplicate stamping will be 18-123450. The full State serial number of the first tank will be A18-012345 and the full state serial number for the duplicate tank will become A18-123450. Duplicate state serial number will always be stamped as six digit numbers which may require adding 1 to 5 zeros depending on the Inspectors assigned numbers.

Starting January 1, 2018, inspection reports using the old format -18 (1918) thru -17 (2017) will not be accepted unless the year built is the same or prior to the year code. These old format numbers will continue to be accepted as some old serial numbers may not be in the state database.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Donald C. Cook'.

for

Donald C. Cook
Principal Safety Engineer