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Changes in Boiler Enforcement

The Colorado Boiler Inspection Program would like to commend boiler owners and installers for their continued efforts to install, maintain, and operate boilers and commercial water heaters in a safe manner within our state. As most of you are aware, the process for alerting us when new or replacement boilers are installed is by submitting the [Boiler/Pressure Vessel Installation Application](#).

However, we are noticing an increase in boilers that are installed without the Boiler/Pressure Vessel Installation Application being submitted, and in turn, we don't find the boilers for months, or sometimes years, after the installation has been completed.

This situation creates a problem for us, as well as for the owners of these boilers. When we find boilers long after the installation, we often find issues with the equipment or the installation that should have been addressed when the equipment was first installed. By this point, the installation has been paid for, and oftentimes,

the installing entity has moved on. Consequently, the owners of these boilers are left with a potentially large amount of work and expense to get the installation compliant with State Boiler Regulations and adopted codes.

In order to encourage the use of the installation application process, the Colorado Boiler Inspection Program will implement the following, effective January 1, 2025:

- **Assessing an additional fee when boilers are found that were installed without submitting an installation application.**
 - Since the inspection and certificate fees are sent to boiler owners and/or responsible parties (such as management companies or tenants), the additional fee will also be sent as part of the initial inspection and certificate issuance of a newly installed boiler or commercial water heater that falls within the scope of State inspection.
 - Our hope is that those responsible for boilers in Colorado exercise increased diligence in using the installation application process. We hope that the responsible parties of boilers make it a prerequisite of installing entities to submit the applications to the State and have the equipment inspected prior to making the final payment to the installing entity.
- **Assessing fines to installing entities that ignore the installation application process.**
 - Notifying the state of a newly installed boiler is a shared responsibility of installers, owners, and owner representatives.
 - Everyone involved should take pressurized equipment seriously and strive to be compliant with State regulations to maintain safe conditions for all involved.

As always, we want to express our appreciation for all efforts to keep safety first!

Bob Becker, Chief Boiler Inspector