
The Canadian Boiler and Machinery Underwriter's Association

L'Association Canadienne des Assureurs Bris des Machines

Engineering Committee 2018 Annual Report to the Executive Committee

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FM Global	Allan Zack	Cyril Budhram
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RSA Canada	Frank Zhang	Yan Huang
Sovereign General Insurance Co.	Robert Sylvester	Puneet Gupta
XL Catlin Canada	Steve Tillie	Roy Whynot
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1. Summary of Engineering Committee Meetings

Meetings were held on March 26th, June 12th, September 18th and December 17th.

2. Membership

There are currently eleven (11) members sitting on the Engineering Committee. There were no changes in the membership over the course of the year 2019.

3. Anti-Trust Statement

The Anti-Trust Statement continues to be acknowledged and signed at the opening of all Engineering Committee meetings, to discourage any collusion amongst the members.

4. Topics Summary – 2019

TSSA Updates and Meeting with TSSA's CEO

Discussions were again this year dominated by TSSA changes and updates. Mike Adams, Director, Boilers & Pressure Vessels and Operating Engineers attended the meeting held in

March and after Mike's retirement Cathy Turylo, Manager Engineering BPV Safety Program and Caslav Dinic, Chief Inspector BPV attended the meetings. The regular CBMUA portion of the meetings were adjourned prior to TSSA presentations.

In order to address the issues insurers are facing with TSSA portal system for Record of Inspections (ROI's) and Certificate of Inspections (COI's) since its launch on July 1, 2018, the Engineering Committee decided to write a letter or if required to setup a meeting with TSSA's CEO Bonnie Rose.

Highlights of meeting with TSSA on Nov 22, 2019:

- Address Validation Issues

The invoices are sent to locations that we have not visited and in many cases the BPV devices are installed and inspected at some other location hundreds of kilometres away. The TSSA needs to correct their address validation, invoicing and billing system.

- Concerns with Conditional Pass ROI submissions

The COI's for full term are being issued by TSSA for BPV devices with the "Conditional Pass" ROI submissions and there is no process in place to confirm that the owner has rectified the issue that gave rise to the conditional pass.

- Suggestions on Conditional Pass ROI submissions

Insurers should submit the Conditional Pass ROI only after giving their clients enough time (3-4 weeks) to rectify the code violation condition(s). When a ROI is submitted with Conditional Pass, this confirms that the Insurer has already followed-up with their client to rectify the code violations but the listed conditions are still outstanding. TSSA may withhold the COI for the Conditional Pass ROI submissions and issue a compliance order or TSSA may issue a provisional COI along with a compliance order.

Review of Blanket Group Definitions (BGD)

The Reference Committee has requested the Engineering Committee to review the blanket group definitions (BGD). The focus of the request deals strictly with the "Definition of Objects". In 2019 meetings, the Engineering Committee has discussed and reviewed Section A of BDG. It has discussed and agreed that a boiler is a boiler regardless of construction. The removal of CB2 and CB3 from Section A and using only the definition from CB1 was discussed and received unanimous approval. It has also discussed and agreed that the words "steel" and "electric" be removed from the definitions where inserted as it fits with the definition of object.

Agricultural Exemption Consultation

In the September 18 meeting, Kavita Ramcharan presented for discussion the summary from the Agricultural Exemption Consultation. The open discussion brought forward varied viewpoints regarding the agricultural exemption. Points raised included the need for a clearer definition of "agricultural location", only code vessels to be installed, no exemption for high pressure vessels, the number of staff at the location, location within city limits etc.

RBQ Updates

Quebec is following Ontario's lead on inspection frequencies.

There is a consensus that a representative of RBQ be invited to a future meeting.

Other Discussions in 2019

The Fernie arena incident that happened on October 17, 2017, where three people, exposed to ammonia gas, lost their lives. Many recommendations came out from this investigation. The TSSA and many other Technical Safety Authorities in Canada, are still looking very closely at these recommendations, and will, sooner than later, implement changes and recommendations, as needed, in order to avoid any other incidents of this nature.

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Chairperson of the Engineering Committee

c.c. Suet Chan, Chairperson of the Executive Committee

c.c. Jo-Anne Burns, Executive Secretary of the CB&MUA