

Board of Boiler Rules

Quarterly Meeting

March 12, 2025

Quarterly Meeting of the State of Tennessee Board of Boiler Rules held on March 12, 2025.

Below is a summary of the agenda items and key discussions:

Agenda Items and Discussions:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Chairman Baughman called the meeting to order, confirmed quorum, and approved the agenda and minutes from the December 11, 2024, meeting.

2. Chief Boiler Inspector's Report:

- Highlights included the addition of two new inspectors, inspection statistics, and updates on delinquent rates. The State performed over 10,000 inspections, while insurance companies completed over 18,000. Delinquency rates were discussed, with efforts to reduce them.

3. Old Business:

- **BC 24-02:** A motion was passed to approve a 180-day limit for companies with approved variances to notify the State of inspection readiness. A one-time extension of 180 days may be granted upon approval by the Chief Boiler Inspector and Assistant Commissioner.
- **BI 24-02:** Clarified that walkways, runways, and platforms across adjoining boilers are not required if individual vessels have their own platforms. Approved as stated.

4. New Business:

- **Variance Requests:**
 - **25-01 Bridgetown Natural Foods:** Approved contingent upon passing the initial inspection. Revisions included updates to remote panel locations, personnel roles, and training logs.
 - **25-02 Cookeville Regional Medical Center:** Approved contingent upon inspection within 180 days. The facility is transitioning to new burners and control systems, and the current variance had expired.

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- **25-03 Jack Daniel's Distillery:** The variance request was tabled for revisions to the manual, including emergency procedures, personnel roles, and testing protocols.
- **25-04 Domtar Tissue Mill:** Approved for a three-and-a-half-year inspection cycle instead of the requested five years. The decision allows for two 18-month inspection cycles.

5. Board Interpretations:

- **BI 25-01:** Discussion on ladder and runway requirements for preexisting boilers and pressure vessels. The presenter, Mr. Toth, offered to rescind the item for further review and clarification.

6. Open Discussion:

- No additional items were raised.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

- Scheduled for June 11, September 10, and December 10, 2025.

8. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned following a motion and vote.

Key Takeaways:

- Several variance requests were approved contingent upon inspections or revisions to manuals.
- The Board emphasized compliance with NBIC and Tennessee Boiler Rules, particularly for older installations.
- Discussions highlighted the importance of robust training programs, clear documentation, and adherence to safety standards.