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- 1) Heading of the Part: Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety
- 2) Code Citation: 41 Ill. Adm. Code 2120
- 3) Section Numbers: Proposed Actions:

2120.20	Amendment
2120.40	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Board and Pressure Vessel Safety Act [430 ILCS 75/2]
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: The proposed amendments would update the national technical codes incorporated by reference in these rules as required by Section 2 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act [430 ILCS 75/2]. The proposed amendments would also update the rules to clarify that completed forms currently required to be submitted to the National Board shall also be submitted to the Jurisdiction (OSFM or the City of Chicago), and further, that a confirmed submission of completed forms utilizing the National Board Electronic Data Transfer System (EDT) shall meet the requirement to submit these forms to the Jurisdiction. Consistent with current practices, the rulemaking also makes an exception for submission of the completed forms to the Jurisdiction for those Owner/Users and utilities that are licensed repairers or R-Stamp holders doing work on equipment they currently own.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? Yes. A variety of codes and standards developed by independent nationally recognized associations and work groups have been incorporated and are available for public inspection at:

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Dr.  
Springfield, IL 62703-4259

Facsimile: (217) 785-4184

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- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This rulemaking does not create or enlarge a State mandate.
- 12) Time, Place, and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons wishing to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this Notice to:

Blake Fawns, Administrative Rules Coordinator  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 720-2964  
SFM.2120rulemaking@fdmail.sfm.illinois.gov
- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
  - A) Description of the type of small business, not for profit corporations or small municipalities subject to the proposed amendments: None
  - B) Description of the proposed reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the amendments: This rulemaking clarifies that forms currently submitted to the National Board shall also be submitted to the Jurisdiction (Office of the State Fire Marshal). This rulemaking also makes an exception for certain entities doing work on equipment they currently own (which would still submit forms to the National Board). Currently, only one of the four forms specified is not yet regularly submitted to both the OSFM and the National Board.
  - C) Description of the types of professional skills necessary for compliance: No new professional skills required.
- 14) Small Business Economic Impact Analysis: No adverse impact on small businesses is anticipated.
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2025

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16) Any other information or justification for the proposed rule or amendment that the agency believes would be helpful to the public regarding the proposed rule or amendment. For example, a discussion or analysis of the benefits of the proposed rule or amendment is projected to have on the Illinois public, consumers, investors or other similar groups.

Adopting updated versions of nationally recognized technical codes is expected to have a positive impact on the industry. Failure to adopt the newer codes could hinder industry activity, as using an outdated code can create liability for the operators, owners, and manufacturers of boilers and pressure vessels, as well as for the repair and inspection organizations that inspect them. The other aspect of the proposed rulemaking would codify the requirement for persons or entities to submit National Board forms related to the inspection and repair of boilers and pressure vessels. This change would allow the National Board's database to have a more complete history of the work done on each vessel.

The full text of the Proposed Amendments begins on the next page:

**BOARD OF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL RULES****NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS****TITLE 41: FIRE PROTECTION****CHAPTER III: BOARD OF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL RULES****PART 2120  
BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL SAFETY****SUBPART A: DEFINITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION****Section**

2120.10	Definitions
2120.20	Incorporation of National Standards
2120.30	Fees
2120.40	Administration
2120.50	Inspectors, Examinations, Certificate of Competency and Commission

**SUBPART B: CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, INSPECTION,  
MAINTENANCE, AND USE****Section**

2120.100	New Installations of Boilers, Miniature Boilers, Heating Boilers and Hot Water Supply Boilers
2120.200	New Installations of Pressure Vessels
2120.300	Existing Installations of Power Boilers
2120.400	Operation of Boilers and Pressure Vessels
2120.500	Existing Installation of Pressure Vessels

**SUBPART C: REPAIR AND ALTERATION****Section**

2120.1000	Repairs and Alterations to Boilers and Pressure Vessels by Welding
2120.1010	Authorization to Repair Boilers and Pressure Vessels
2120.1020	Issuance and Renewal of the Certificate
2120.1030	Changes to Certificates of Authorization
2120.1040	Quality Control Requirements
2120.1041	Repair and Alteration Requirements

**SUBPART D: STATE SPECIALS****Section**

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2120.1100 Procedure for the Issuance of a State Special Permit

## SUBPART E: REPAIR OF SAFETY AND SAFETY RELIEF VALVES

## Section

2120.1200	Authorization for Repair of Safety & Safety Relief Valves
2120.1210	Authorization to Repair ASME and National Board Stamped Safety and Safety Relief Valves
2120.1220	Issuance and Renewal of the Certificate
2120.1240	Changes to Certificates of Authorization
2120.1250	Repairs to Safety and Safety Relief Valves
2120.1260	Quality Control System
2120.1270	Nameplates
2120.1275	Field Repair
2120.1280	Performance Testing of Repaired Valves
2120.1285	Training of Valve Repair Personnel
2120.1290	ASME "V", "UV" or National Board "VR" Certificate Holders

## SUBPART F: OWNER-USER QUALITY CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

## Section

2120.1300	Introduction
2120.1301	Authority and Responsibility
2120.1305	Organization
2120.1310	Inservice Inspection Program
2120.1320	Drawings, Design Calculations, and Specification Control
2120.1325	Material Control
2120.1330	Examination and Inspection Program
2120.1335	Correction of Nonconformities
2120.1340	Welding
2120.1345	Nondestructive Examination
2120.1350	Calibration of Measurement and Test Equipment
2120.1355	Records
2120.1360	Inspectors

## SUBPART G: HISTORICAL BOILERS

## Section

2120.1400	Scope
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2120.1410	Historical Boiler Definition
2120.1420	Historical Boiler Inspections
2120.1430	Fees
2120.1440	Repairs and Alterations
2120.APPENDIX A	Operational and Maintenance Log
2120.EXHIBIT A	Hot Water Heating Boilers
2120.EXHIBIT B	Steam Heating Boilers

AUTHORITY: Implementing the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act [430 ILCS 75] and authorized by Sections 2 and 2.1 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act [430 ILCS 75/2 and 2.1].

SOURCE: Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act Rules and Regulations adopted at 4 Ill. Reg. 7, p. 126, effective January 31, 1980; codified at 5 Ill. Reg. 10677; amended at 7 Ill. Reg. 6925, effective July 1, 1983; amended at 10 Ill. Reg. 9510, effective July 1, 1985; amended at 11 Ill. Reg. 16587, effective January 1, 1988; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 6808, effective July 1, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 14917, effective September 1, 1993; amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 11904, effective August 15, 1995; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 9540, effective July 3, 1996; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 997, effective January 1, 1997; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 162, effective January 1, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 18555, effective December 7, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 11914, effective January 1, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 518, effective January 01, 2003; emergency amendment at 27 Ill. Reg. 14855, effective September 2, 2003, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 1737, effective January 13, 2004; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 13509, effective September 24, 2004; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 17198, effective October 16, 2008; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 9028, effective July 1, 2011; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 13424, effective August 1, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 18925, effective September 4, 2014; recodified from Chapter I, 41 Ill. Adm. Code 120, to Chapter III, 41 Ill. Adm. Code 2120, at 39 Ill. Reg. 10645; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 846, effective January 17, 2017; amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 13457, effective July 1, 2018; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 13968, effective August 13, 2020; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 6907, effective May 1, 2022; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 3420, effective February 21, 2024; expedited correction at 48 Ill. Reg. 9121, effective February 21, 2024; amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

## SUBPART A: DEFINITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

**Section 2120.20 Incorporation of National Standards**

- a) Where standards are incorporated by reference in this Part, the incorporated

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material does not include any later editions or amendments.

b) The Board hereby adopts the following nationally recognized standards and addenda:

1) American Petroleum Institute (API)  
1220 L Street, Northwest  
Washington DC 20005

API-510, Eleventh Edition, October 2022, Pressure Vessel  
Inspection Code: In-service Inspection, Rating, Repair, and  
Alteration; with Errata 24 (June 2025~~March 2023~~)

2) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)  
United Engineering Center  
Three Park Avenue  
New York NY 10017  
www.asme.org

A) ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 2025~~2023~~ Edition

Section I	Rules for Construction of Power Boilers
Section II	Material Specifications – Part A – Ferrous
Section II	Material Specifications – Part B – Nonferrous
Section II	Material Specifications – Part C – Welding Rods, Electrodes and Filler Metals
Section II	Material Specifications – Part D – Properties (Customary)
Section IV	Rules for Construction of Heating Boilers
Section V	Nondestructive Examination
Section VI	Recommended Rules for the Care and Operation of Heating Boilers

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Section VII     Recommended Guidelines for the Care of Power  
Boilers

Section VIII     Pressure Vessels – Division 1, Rules for  
Construction of Pressure Vessels (Including  
Appendix M)

Section VIII     Pressure Vessels – Division 2 – Alternative Rules

Section VIII     Pressure Vessels – Division 3 – Alternative Rules  
for Construction of High Pressure Vessels

Section IX     Welding, Brazing and Fusing Qualifications

Section X     Fiberglass-Reinforced Plastic Pressure Vessels

Section XIII     Rules for Overpressure Protection

B)     ASME CSD-1 2024~~2021~~ – Controls and Safety Devices for  
Automatically Fired Boilers

3)     National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NB)  
1055 Crupper Avenue  
Columbus OH 43229  
[www.nationalboard.org](http://www.nationalboard.org)

National Board Inspection Code (NBIC), 2025~~2023~~ Edition

4)     National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy MA 02269-9101  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

NFPA 85     Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazards Code,  
2023 Edition

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Section 2120.40 Administration**

- a) Applying State Serial Number. The State serial number on boilers shall be not less than  $5/16$ " in height and shall be preceded by the letter "B". The State serial number on pressure vessels shall be not less than  $5/16$ " in height and shall be preceded by the letter "U". The inspector shall make certain that the correct Illinois State serial number is affixed to the boiler or pressure vessel at the time of inspection.
- b) First Time Inspection. Effective January 1, 1999, all first time inspections of boilers and pressure vessels shall be performed by the Chief or a Deputy Inspector employed by the Division.
- c) Basis for Extending Certificate of Internal Inspection for Power Boilers. The Chief Inspector is authorized to extend, for a period not exceeding one year, or 2 years for power boilers having an output rated at or above 450,000 lbs/hr, the time within which power boilers are required to be internally inspected, subject to the following conditions and qualifications:
  - 1) The analysis and treatment of feedwater for power boilers shall be under the supervision of a person qualified in the field of water chemistry.
  - 2) The analysis and treatment of the boiler feedwater shall be for the purpose of controlling and limiting serious deteriorating, encrusting and sludging factors affecting the safety of the boiler.
  - 3) The owner or user of power boilers must maintain, for examination by the inspector, accurate records of chemical and physical laboratory analyses of samples of the boiler water taken at regular intervals of not more than 24 hours operation and of the treatment applied. These records must specify dates and times of analyses, by whom analyzed, and the treatment applied at that time, and should be certified by the responsible authority. These records will adequately show the conditions of the water and any constituents or characteristics that are capable of producing corrosion or other deterioration of the boiler or its parts.
  - 4) The Chief Inspector is authorized to review the qualifications of the supervisor and the acceptability of supervision in accordance with the requirements of subsections (c)(1) through (c)(3).

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- 5) An internal inspection must have been performed during a pre-planned outage allowing appropriate time for a complete and comprehensive evaluation, including inspections of watersides, furnace area and all gas passages, with no deficiencies found that would preclude extending the internal inspection for one year, or 2 years for power boilers having an output rated at or above 450,000 lbs/hr.
- 6) At no time shall the period between internal inspections for boilers having an output rated at or above 450,000 lbs/hr exceed a 36-month time interval.
- 7) Application for extension shall be by letter setting forth facts establishing compliance with the requirements of subsections (c)(1) through (c)(7) and shall be accompanied by the report of external inspection.

d) Unsafe Boilers or Pressure Vessels. Any boiler or pressure vessel having been inspected and declared unsafe by an inspector shall have the Inspection Certificate suspended.

e) Factors of Safety for Existing Installations. An inspector shall increase the factors of safety if the condition of a boiler or pressure vessel warrants it. If the owner or user does not concur with the inspector's decision, the owner or user may appeal to the Board.

f) Frequency of Inspection of Boilers and Pressure Vessels

- 1) Power boilers and high temperature water boilers shall receive a certificate inspection annually, which shall be an internal inspection where conditions permit unless authorization is granted by the chief inspector to extend the internal inspection as permitted in subsection (c). The boilers shall also be inspected externally annually while under representative operating conditions, if possible, except that a power boiler having an output rated at or above 450,000 lbs/hr may forgo the external inspection for the year the internal inspection is conducted.
- 2) Low pressure steam and hot water heating boilers and hot water supply boilers shall receive a certificate inspection every 2 years. Groups of heating and hot water supply boilers connected together shall be registered

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as one unit and receive one Inspection Certificate when the following conditions are met:

- A) No unit exceeds 400,000 BTU input;
- B) All units being considered in the assembled modular unit are connected to a common header or manifold; and
- C) No more than 8 units can be grouped together and registered as one unit.

3) Inspection of the flame safeguard equipment shall be in conjunction with the regular inspections of boilers.

4) Pressure vessels subject to internal corrosion shall receive a certificate inspection every 3 years. This inspection shall be external and internal where conditions permit. However, owner-users qualified in accordance with Section 15 of the Act shall have the option of using API-510 or the NBIC for inspection intervals.

5) Pressure vessels not subject to internal corrosion shall receive a certificate inspection every 3 years. However, owner-users qualified in accordance with Section 15 of the Act shall have the option of using API-510 or the NBIC for inspection intervals.

g) Inspection and Inspection Certificate Fees

- 1) If a boiler or pressure vessel shall, upon inspection, be found to be suitable and to conform to this Part, the owner or user will be invoiced the fees established by the Board for each boiler and pressure vessel inspected. The fee must be paid before an Inspection Certificate will be issued.
- 2) If the owner or user of each boiler or pressure vessel required to be inspected refuses or fails to allow an inspection to be made or refuses or fails to pay the appropriate fees, the Inspection Certificate, if it has not expired, shall be suspended by the Chief Inspector until the owner or user complies with the requirements.
- 3) The owner or user who causes a boiler or pressure vessel to be operated

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without a valid Inspection Certificate shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and each day shall be deemed a separate offense in accordance with Section 12 of the Act.

- h) Inspectors to Have No Other Interests. It is prohibited for any employee of the Division of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety to accept any compensation or remuneration from any source for acting as a consultant, engineer, safety engineer, safety specialist, etc., or under any other title. Employees of this Division shall not be engaged in the sale of any article or device that is related to boilers or pressure vessels and shall devote their full time to inspection work.
- i) Installing Used or Second-hand Boilers or Pressure Vessels. A certificate inspection shall be made of all used or second-hand boilers or pressure vessels prior to operation in this State. When a boiler or pressure vessel is moved and reinstalled, the fittings and appurtenances shall be upgraded to comply with the rules for new installations.
- j) Inspectors to Notify Chief Inspector of Defective Boilers and Pressure Vessels. If an inspector finds that a boiler or pressure vessel or any of the appurtenances are in an unsafe condition, the inspector shall immediately notify the Chief Inspector and submit a report of the defects.
- k) Insurance Agencies to Notify the Chief Inspector of New, Cancelled or Suspended Risks. All insurance agencies shall notify the Chief Inspector within 30 days of all boiler or pressure vessel risks written, cancelled, not renewed or suspended in Illinois.
- l) Manufacturers Data Reports to be Filed. Effective January 1, 1974, Manufacturers Data Reports on boilers and, as amended December 31, 1976, for pressure vessels, that are to be installed in the State of Illinois (unless otherwise exempted by this Part) shall be filed with the Chief Inspector through the National Board. Each boiler and pressure vessel for which a report is filed should be assigned a National Board number.
- m) Boilers and Pressure Vessels without ASME Stamping. If the boiler or pressure vessel does not bear the ASME stamp, then the drawings, data and material showing all details of construction shall be submitted to the Chief Inspector and the Chief Inspector's approval shall be obtained before installation in this State. The Chief Inspector shall grant approval if the construction, materials and

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inspection requirements meet the rules, except for ASME stamp.

- n) Notification of Inspection. The owner or user shall prepare each boiler or pressure vessel for internal inspection and shall prepare for and apply a hydrostatic test whenever necessary, on the date specified by an inspector, which shall be not less than 7 days after the date of notification.
- o) Owner to Notify Chief Inspector in Case of Accident. Any owner or user, which includes any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or governmental entity, that knowingly fails to notify the Chief Inspector within 24 hours, or on the next business day, of an accident, explosion, event, or incident that serves to render a boiler or pressure vessel inoperative because of damage or failure or that involves any bodily injury or death to any person is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, if a natural person, or a business offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$501 and not more than \$10,000, if a corporation or governmental entity.
- p) Penalties. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Part shall be subject to the penalties provided in the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act.
- q) Registration of Boilers and Pressure Vessels. All owners or users of boilers and pressure vessels subject to the Act now in use or installed ready for use in the State of Illinois shall notify the Chief Inspector in writing giving the location, type, capacity, age and date of installation.
- r) Removal of Safety Appliances
  - 1) No person, except under the direction of an inspector, shall attempt to remove or shall do any work upon safety appliances required by this Part while a boiler or pressure vessel is in operation. Should any of these appliances be repaired during an outage of a boiler or pressure vessel, they must be reinstalled and in proper working order before the object is again placed in service.
  - 2) No person shall in any manner load the safety valve or valves to maintain a working pressure in excess of that stated on the Inspection Certificate.
- s) Stamping of Boilers and Pressure Vessels. Each boiler or pressure vessel subject to the Act shall be identified by a serial number of the State of Illinois. The

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number will be assigned by the Chief Inspector and applied to the boiler or pressure vessel by the inspector at the time of inspection. Also, the Code required stamping shall be kept free of paint and lagging so that it will be plainly visible and easily read by the inspector.

- t) Inspections and Inspection Reports
  - 1) Inspection Reports shall be submitted within 10 days from the date of inspection.
  - 2) All Inspection Reports shall be completed with all pertinent information as required, including location and actual conditions observed.
  - 3) The Chief or a Deputy Inspector employed by the Division, and Special Inspectors, shall have up to 90 days after the expiration of the Inspection Certificate to conduct his or her inspection. *An Inspection Certificate shall remain valid beyond the expiration date noted on the certificate until the boiler or pressure vessel is reinspected by the authorized inspecting authorities or until the certificate is suspended by the Chief Inspector, provided that the owner or user of the boiler or pressure vessel makes it available for inspection at reasonable times.* [430 ILCS 75/11(b)]
  - 4) Validity of Inspection Certificate. The Chief Inspector may at any time suspend an Inspection Certificate when the boiler or pressure vessel for which it was issued may not continue to be operated without menace to public safety, or when the boiler or pressure vessel is found not to comply with this Part. A Special Inspector shall have authority to request suspension of an Inspection Certificate for boilers or pressure vessels insured by the employing company. Suspension of an Inspection Certificate shall continue in effect until the boiler or pressure vessel has been made to conform to this Part.
- u) For all boiler systems installed after December 1, 2014, the intake and exhaust points for all boiler ventilation piping shall be located outside of the building served and at least 36 inches above grade.
- v) Any entity or person licensed to perform work on boilers or pressure vessels shall, upon completion of the work, submit the following completed National Board forms, as applicable, to the Jurisdiction and the National Board of Boiler and

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Pressure Vessel Inspectors for inclusion in the National Board registration data.  
Confirmed submission of these completed forms utilizing the National Board  
Electronic Data Transfer System (EDT) shall also meet the requirement to submit  
these forms to the Jurisdiction.

- 1) NB-66 Form R-1 Report of Repair;
- 2) NB-229 Form R-2 Report of Alteration;
- 3) NB-136 Replacement of Stamped Data Form; and
- 4) NB-480 Scrapping of Pressure Retaining Items.

An entity or person shall be exempt from the requirement to submit these  
completed forms to the Jurisdiction if such entity is a (i) Owner/User or utility  
that is a holder of a current National Board R-Certificate of Authorization or a  
holder of a current Illinois BPV Repair Firm Certificate of Authorization and (ii)  
is doing work on equipment the entity or person currently owns. Those exempted  
from submission of the completed forms to the Jurisdiction shall maintain the  
completed forms in accordance with this Part.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)