

Oklahoma Department of Labor



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SPECIAL NOTICE

TO: All Insurance Company Inspectors working in Oklahoma

FROM: Tom Monroe, Chief Boiler Inspector

Subject: Hot Water Supply Heaters

Date: October 1, 2009

This is to advise you that all Hot Water Supply Heaters that do not exceed a maximum pressure of 160 psi or a maximum temperature of 210 degrees, regardless of the BTU rating, will no longer be considered a boiler. This will include units such as PVI, A O Smith and several other units that are designed for a maximum psi of 160 and a maximum temperature of 210 degrees.

Under the boiler law (Section 141.1 1f) the definition of a Hot Water Supply Heater does not address the BTU rating only the Pressure and Temperature. Under the exemption Section 141.2 A 12, the reference for the exemption is the definition of a Hot Water Supply Heater. Therefore, all units that meet the criteria will be exempt except, when located in a public facility such as a state, county, city or school facility. When located in one of these facilities the item will be inspected by a State Inspector as a Hot Water Heater.

During the course of your inspections you should complete an inspection report and indicate the unit is HLW stamped or meets the exemption. We will then remove it from the Boiler database and put it on the Hot Water Heater database for the State Inspector.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact me at 405-521-6560.