

Risk Control Bulletin

Effects of the New York City Boiler Code Change

The New York City Department of Buildings recently announced that it will be updating its boiler code rules, which will go into effect on July 1, 2008. Under the new code, building owners will have less time to correct boiler problems that are found during inspections. The previous code gave building owners one year to correct any problems, while the prospective new rules allow owners only 45 days from the date of inspection to make the required boiler repairs. In addition, fines will be levied for non-compliance.

However, for a limited time, building owners can take advantage of the policies under the previous boiler code. By having a boiler inspection completed before July 1, building owners can have a full year to make any necessary repairs. Owners who have inspections after that date will only have 45 days to complete any needed identified repairs.

CNA Boiler & Machinery risk control consultants will be working diligently to complete as many inspections as possible before the cutoff date by expertly assisting CNA's clients through the code changes. CNA clients should contact their local CNA branch as soon as possible to schedule their inspections. There has never been a better time to place your Equipment Breakdown Coverage with CNA.

In addition, during the past several weeks CNA has been conducting training sessions for account managers and inspectors that will be affected by the new boiler code. They have received instruction on the new paperwork, notification systems and tracking systems for the updated code. This will ensure that CNA will continue to provide the expertise that business owners have come to expect.

CNA is a recognized major underwriter of Boiler & Machinery, and backs its coverages with a highly trained staff of risk control consultant and engineers. CNA's capabilities include initial full risk evaluations, equipment installations, maintenance programs and practices, operator training and procedures, spare parts inventories and contingency planning. Additionally, the CNA field staff maintains certifications and commissions to perform all required statutory inspections of boilers and pressure vessels within the United States.

For more information about the New York City boiler code change, visit www.nyc.gov. To learn more about CNA's Risk Control services, visit www.cna.com/riskcontrol.