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Process-piping information sought by task group

SALEM — The state Board of Boiler Rules recently appointed a Process Piping Task Group to study the need for process-piping enforcement rules and is seeking input from industries that use such piping, which carries potentially dangerous fluids.

The Board, along with Building Codes Division and the Process Piping Task Group, are in a fact-finding period prior to deciding in December whether the state Board of Boiler Rules, which administers rules concerning boilers and pressure vessels, should write laws to ensure public safety in the area of process piping.

Individuals interested in helping guide decisions about state enforcement rules regarding process piping under ASME B31.3 are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Process Piping Task Group at 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 24, UA Local 290 offices, 20210 SW Teton Ave., in Tualatin.

ASME Code B31.3 Process Piping was adopted by administrative rule by the state Board of Boiler Rules, and became effective Jan.1, 2001; however, the board has no enforcement rules pertaining to B31.3 and seeks more information about process piping risks to public and property.

The adopted ASME 31 code sections regulate fabrication and installation of all process piping systems in industrial locations. They do not apply to operation, examination, inspection, maintenance, or repair of piping systems, which fall under the regulation of OR-OSHA and Office of State Fire Marshal.

Comments may be faxed to (503) 378-2322, or e-mailed to Rodger Vignery, Process Piping Task Group chair, rodgerv@mcdowelwelding.com.

For more information about the process piping issue, please call Vignery, (503) 241-2410, or Curt Lundine, chief boiler inspector, (503) 373-1216.

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