

(f) (1) WITHIN 24 HOURS OF AN ACCIDENT OR EXPLOSION, AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL SHALL NOTIFY THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OF THE ACCIDENT OR EXPLOSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) The Chief Boiler Inspector or deputy boiler inspector shall [inspect and] investigate, upon notification or information, accidents and explosions involving boilers or pressure vessels provided for under this subtitle.

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(A) UPON INSPECTION, THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED DEPUTY BOILER INSPECTOR MAY PROHIBIT THE USE OF A BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL IF THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OR AUTHORIZED DEPUTY BOILER INSPECTOR DETERMINES THAT:

(1) THE BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL OR PART OF A BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL VIOLATES ANY STANDARD, SAFETY CODE, OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL PROBABILITY THAT DEATH, SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, OR SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COULD RESULT FROM CONTINUED USE OF THE BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL.

(B) (1) TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL, THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED DEPUTY BOILER INSPECTOR SHALL GIVE THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT NOTICE THAT USE OF THE BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL IS PROHIBITED.

(2) THE NOTICE SHALL DESCRIBE, IN DETAIL, THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OR VIOLATIONS, THE REASONS FOR THE PROHIBITION FROM USE, THE PENALTY PROVISIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NOTICE.

(C) A COPY OF THE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL; AND

(2) MAY NOT BE REMOVED BY ANY PERSON EXCEPT THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED DEPUTY BOILER INSPECTOR UNTIL THE CHIEF BOILER INSPECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED DEPUTY BOILER INSPECTOR HAS DETERMINED THAT:

(I) EACH VIOLATION DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE HAS BEEN CORRECTED; AND

(II) THE THREAT OF DEATH, SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, OR SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE VIOLATION OR VIOLATIONS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.