

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2007

TO: Owners and Operators of Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Mechanical Refrigeration, Power and Refrigeration Piping Contractors

FROM: Rick Merkle
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SUBJECT: Inspections of Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Mechanical Refrigeration, Power and Refrigeration piping.
ss. Comm 2.04, 2.11 Wis. Adm. Code, *Fees*
s. Comm 41 and Comm 45,
s. Comm 41.24, Wis. Adm. Code, Permit to Operate

Wisconsin administrative rules require the Department of Commerce to inspect Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Mechanical Refrigeration, Power and Refrigeration piping; issue Permits to Operate (PTO) for code compliant installations; and charge fees for these inspections and Permits to Operate (PTO). These inspections are conducted to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and employees by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, installation, operation, inspection, testing, maintenance, alteration and repair of boilers and pressure vessels installed in all public buildings and places of employment. Because of the number of inspections that must be conducted, **Damarc Quality Inspection Services, LLC** has been engaged to conduct Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Mechanical Refrigeration, Power and Refrigeration piping inspections as an agent of the Department. Each authorized Damarc inspector has been issued an identification card identifying him or her as a Boiler/Pressure Vessel inspector. Please allow this inspector to conduct these required inspections on your premises.

When Damarc conducts an inspection, the inspector will place a placard on the object that he or she has inspected to signify if the object has pass or failed, and then will forward an inspection report to the Department. If the inspector observes violations, the inspector will issue corrective orders and schedule a re-inspection if necessary. After the second inspection, the Department will be notified of uncorrected violations, which may be referred to the district attorney for prosecution. If no violations are observed, the Damarc inspector will notify the Department to issue a Permit to Operate (PTO), which is required to operate the device according to Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Owners will receive two invoices, one from Damarc and a second from the Department. The invoice from Damarc will cover the cost of the inspection(s). Inspection fees are set by the department to reflect actual costs. The second invoice will be mailed by the Department and cover the cost for the Permit to Operate (PTO). The Permit to Operate fee is \$35 per device.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Merkle at 608-266-3037 or email, at Rick.Merkle@Wisconsin.gov or Joe Hertel at 608-266-5649, or email; at Joe.Hertel@Wisconsin.gov fax for both at 608-264-8795, The Damarc Co. office manager for Wisconsin is Mark Rudek. His telephone number is 1-866-361-4321 or email at markrudek@hotmail.com