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   EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
   Mike Rehart, Vessel Designer
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   NEVILLE ENGINEERING
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   James Neville
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   FM GLOBAL
   Philip Hencherick
   Branden Matue
6
   TASCA
7
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15
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             and Reliability,
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   LOCHINVAR, LLC
   Jeff Kleiss, Senior Product Engineer on behalf
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1		A G E N D A
2	I.	Call Meeting to Order
3	II.	Introductions and Announcements
4	III.	Adoption of Agenda
5	IV.	Approval of the March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes
6 7	V.	Chief Boiler Inspector's Report
8	VI.	Variance Report
9	VII.	Old Business 21-01 -TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center
10	VIII.	New Business 21-02 -Eastman Chemical Company
11 12		21-03 -STERIS Corporation
13	IX.	Rule Case & Interpretations BI 21-02 ECS Consulting, LLC
14		BI 21-03 A.O. Smith Corporation
15 16	х.	Open Discussion Items David Baughman Tennessee Code Annotated 68-122-110
17		Variance Guideline & Checklist Revisions
18	XI.	Announcement of Next Meeting
19		Unless the Board decides otherwise, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the
20		Board of Boiler Rules will be held 9:00 a.m. September 15, 2021, at the State of
21		Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development building located at 220 French
22	77 T	Landing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.
23	XII.	Adjournment
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1 2 Good morning, CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: 3 I have 9:00. And I would like to call everybody. to order this meeting of the Tennessee Board of 4 5 Boiler Rules. 6 If you have an agenda --7 Chairman, can you MS. BENNETT: 8 activate your microphone? 9 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Oh, thank you 10 very much. You'll have to stay on me about that, 11 among other things. 12 But I do want to welcome everybody this morning. It is great to be able to see 13 14 people face to face. I can't tell you how 15 enjoyable this is today. 16 Make yourself at home. I hope you 17 enjoy the meeting. We have a lot of good 18 technical items to talk about. I hope everybody 19 has an agenda. If you don't, they're right at the 20 door where you come in. There's refreshments 21 behind me. Restrooms are down the hall. 22 And so with that, I'm going to move 2.3 on to introductions and announcements. And so my 24 first item -- we always want to start out with the 25 safety item. And so we're in the Department of

Labor building today, and if by chance there was 1 2 some inclement weather or any type of emergency, 3 just know that we have security personnel that 4 would lead us to a safe place inside the building 5 or if we had to go outside the building, we would assemble outside on the Rosa Parks side of this 6 7 So that's just your safety moment here building. 8 this morning. I would also ask that -- we're in a 9 10 big room, so we do have microphones, if I remember 11 to turn them on. But please speak up. 12 can't hear, let us know so we can speak up more. 13 I want to make sure everybody has good, clear 14 communication as we go through these items today. 15 I would also ask that you would 16 silence your cell phones out of respect for the 17 conversations and the presentations that we're 18 going to hear today. 19 And I also wanted to make mention of 20 something that's very important to us Tennesseans, 21 is June the 1st of 2021, this great state 22 celebrated 225 years of statehood. So I wanted to 2.3 recognize that. That's a great date to celebrate. 24 I do have some sad news for us, as 25 the board, but today -- well, not today, but this

will be our last board meeting with Carlene 1 2 She is going to retire on July the 9th. 3 So we're going to wish her well today as best we 4 can. 5 So we thank you, Carlene, for the 6 many, many, many hours of putting all this 7 material together so that we can have a productive 8 meeting. And we are very appreciative of what 9 you've done for us, so thank you for that. 10 MS. BENNETT: Thank you. 11 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So that's all 12 the announcements I have. I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Herrod, and he's got some 13 14 announcements to make. 15 MR. HERROD: Thank you, 16 Mr. Chairman. 17 I'm proud to announce that Chris 18 O'Guin is now our Boiler Chief, having assumed 19 that office position back in April. He's been the 20 assistant chief for awhile and served as an 21 inspector for the State for a few years. 22 has all the background and has all the experience 2.3 and he's doing a fantastic job. 24 As long as I've been in my position, 25 I can count on him to always do what's best for

1 the State of Tennessee. So congratulations to
2 Chris. It's well deserved.

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Also, Mike Ryan has assumed the position of Assistant Chief. He's been an inspector with us for a couple years and very talented, very knowledgeable, and no doubt he's going to take some of the load off of Chris that Chris has had to bear for a while. So Mike is very talented and we're thankful that we was able to be in a position to take this role on for us.

And again, Carlene is leaving us, I'm sorry to say, not only as board secretary, but also, in the boiler unit, she has been very valuable. We'll miss her tremendously.

Michelle Irion, who is now the admin supervisor for boilers, having taken that position over a few months ago. And she's very talented, having come from TOSHA, so she has a good background there. And she's going to be the board secretary. So while we hate to see Carlene leave, she has a good person to take over those roles. So we've been blessed having Carlene and we're blessed to have Michelle take that position.

So I'm thankful for these people and the talents that they have and what they're going

1	to bring to the board. Thank you.
2	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Thank you,
3	Mr. Herrod.
4	And so I do have one more
5	announcement to make. The National Board of
6	Boiler Pressure Vessel Inspectors, at their last
7	general meeting, voted Mr. Chris O'Guin as a
8	member of the National Board. So we do want to
9	congratulate him for that, too, because that's a
10	worthy office. So we appreciate your willingness
11	to serve in that capacity and be inducted on the
12	National Board. So congratulations.
13	CHIEF O'GUIN: Thank you.
14	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Are there any
15	other announcements before I move on?
16	MR. BOWERS: I guess I do.
17	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Mr. Bowers?
18	MR. BOWERS: I'll do my
19	introduction and move on from there. Harold
20	Bowers, board member and inspector with the
21	FM Global Insurance Company.
22	And I wanted to recognize a couple of
23	visitors. Phil Hencherick. He's my boss. He's
24	the assistant vice president and the operations
25	chief out of the Atlanta office. And he handles

all of the southeast states, seven states, so he 1 deals with the seven different jurisdictions and 2 3 seven different sets of laws and seven 4 different -- it changes all the time. 5 I also recognize Branden Matue. 6 has transferred from Seattle, Washington, to 7 Middle Tennessee. And he will be one of our jurisdictional inspectors for Middle Tennessee. 8 And he has moved to the Murfreesboro area, and I 10 wanted to welcome him to Tennessee and the 11 jurisdiction. I think he's going to do a real 12 good job for the citizens of Tennessee. 13 And I wanted to congratulate Chris 14 and Mike, and Carlene in her retirement and Michelle in her job. It's so good to see 15 16 everybody larger than a seven-inch screen. 17 like y'all look different, you know. But I'm glad 18 to be back and so I welcome you-all back. 19 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Thank you, 20 Any other announcements? Mr. Bowers. 21 (No verbal response.) 22 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: All right. 23 Hearing none, that will take us to adoption of the 24 agenda. And one of the things I want to share 25 with you on the agenda -- I'll pull it up here --

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we do have some revisions that have been submitted
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   by STERIS. Ms. LaFrance sent these in, and I'm
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   going to read these changes to the March 10th
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   minutes. And we will vote these as we vote any
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    other corrections or changes to the minutes here
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    in just a minute.
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                 So from the March 10, 2021 minutes,
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    on page 58, line 6, the statement was "meet any
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    steam," and that was corrected to "meet" the
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    acronym "NEC."
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                 The next revision to the minutes is
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    on page 58, line 22, where it says "sufficient
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   plans, " and that was corrected to read "sufficient
    clearance."
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                 The next change is on page 63,
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    line 15, where it said "vessels aren't," and it
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    was changed to "vessels are."
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                 And then the last change is on
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   page 63, line 19, "different links," and that was
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    changed to "different lengths."
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                 So I wanted to read those changes.
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    They have been made, and I just wanted to share
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    that with the Board as well as the audience on
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    those changes. And so while we're talking about
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    the March 10 meeting minutes, once we adopt the
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agenda, we will vote some other changes.
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    wanted to put those out on the table.
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                 Are their any other changes to the
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    agenda?
             We'll vote that and then we'll vote the
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    minutes. So any changes?
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                  (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        So hearing
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    none, do I have a motion to accept the agenda?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   So moved.
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                   MR. HENRY:
                                Second.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Okay.
                                               I have a
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    motion and a second. Any discussion?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                               Hearing
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    none, I'm going to call for the vote.
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    approved say "aye."
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                 (Affirmative Response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Opposed?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Abstentions,
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    not voting?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        We have an
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    adopted agenda.
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                 So now, with that, I want to step
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back to Item 2 and have some introductions. 1 2 So Mr. Bowers, if you'll introduce 3 yourself, we'll go around the table. 4 MR. BOWERS: Harold Bowers, board member. 5 6 DR. HARGROVE: Good morning. Keith 7 Hargrove, board member. 8 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Brian Morelock, board member. 9 10 MR. BAUGHMAN: Dave Baughman, board 11 member. 12 MR. HENRY: Jeff Henry, board 13 member. MS. IRION: Michelle Irion. 14 T'm 15 the admin supervisor and the new secretary. 16 MS. BENNETT: Carlene Bennett, 17 board secretary. MR. RYAN: Mike Ryan, Assistant 18 19 Chief, boiler unit. 20 CHIEF O'GUIN: Chris O'Guin, Chief 21 Inspector. 22 MR. HERROD: Tom Herrod, Assistant 23 Commissioner for workplace regulations and 24 compliance. 25 MR. BAILEY: Dan Bailey, legal

counsel. 1 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Cassandra, if 2 3 you'll introduce yourself. 4 THE REPORTER: Cassandra Beiling, 5 Stone & George Court Reporting. 6 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Mr. Rehart, if 7 you'll start the visitors. 8 MR. REHART: Mike Rehart, vessel 9 designer for Eastman Chemical Company. 10 MR. HENCHERICK: Philip Hencherick, FM Global, Atlanta Operations. 11 12 MR. MATUE: Branden Matue, 13 FM Global. 14 MR. LYTLE: David Lytle, Southern Hills Medical Center. 15 16 MR. NEVILLE: James Neville, 17 Neville Engineering. 18 MS. PARIS: Vivian Paris here on 19 behalf of TASCA. 20 MR. REYNOLDS: I'm Greg Reynolds 21 with A.O. Smith. 22 MR. GREENE: Josh Greene with A.O. Smith. 23 24 MR. KLEISS: Jeff Kleiss with 25 Lochinvar, on behalf of A.O. Smith.

1	MR. PURI: I'm Chris Puri with
2	Bradley. I represent STERIS.
3	MR. CHIFFON: Mark Chiffon, STERIS
4	Corporation.
5	MR. AVERELL: Dean Averell, STERIS
6	Corporation.
7	MS. LaFRANCE: Marie LaFrance with
8	STERIS Corporation.
9	MS. PRESSON: Jamie Presson,
10	executive admin assistant with WRC.
11	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: All right.
12	Thank you all.
13	So now we are ready for
14	MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman?
15	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Yes?
16	MR. BAILEY: I may have missed
17	this. You went over the revisions and then you
18	had a motion to adopt the agenda.
19	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Yes.
20	MR. BAILEY: But I don't think the
21	minutes were ever approved.
22	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: That's what I'm
23	getting ready to do.
24	MR. BAILEY: Okay. I'm sorry.
25	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: I got out of

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I apologize for that, Mr. Bailey.
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    order.
                 So we were back to the minutes.
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    read the ones from STERIS, so I'm opening up the
 4
    floor. Are there any other additions/corrections
5
    to the March 10th Tennessee Board minutes?
 6
                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        So I only had
8
    one additional, to what I've already read. On
9
   page 87, line 8, it states Section 8 with the
10
   numeral eight. And since that's ASME code, they
11
    use Roman numerals, so that should be Section VIII
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   with a Roman Numeral VIII.
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                 What other corrections to the minutes
14
    does anybody have?
15
                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay. Hearing
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    none, do I have a motion to adopt the March 10th
18
   meeting minutes as corrected?
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                   MR. BOWERS: I make that motion.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Thank you,
21
   Mr. Bowers.
22
                   DR. HARGROVE:
                                   Second.
                                            Keith
23
   Hargrove.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Thank you,
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   Mr. Hargrove.
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Any more comments or discussion?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Hearing none,
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    I'm going to call the question. All in favor of
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    approving the March 10th meeting minutes say
 6
    "aye."
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                 (Affirmative Response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Opposed?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Abstentions,
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    not voting?
12
                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: The March 10th
14
    meeting minutes are approved.
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                 That takes us to Item 5 of the
16
    agenda. And we will have the Chief Inspector's --
17
    the Boiler Inspector's Report. I'll turn that
18
    over to Mr. O'Guin.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                   Thank you, Chairman.
20
                 For inspections July 1, 2020 through
21
    June 14, 2021, the first quarter for the state
22
    inspectors is 4,052; insurance is 7,021.
2.3
                 The second quarter is 3,146 for
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    State; insurance 6,928, for insurance.
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                 Third quarter for State, 4,444; for
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insurance is 8,427.
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                 For the fourth quarter, state
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    inspectors 3,042; insurance is 5,499, granting a
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    total for the State of 14,684 inspections
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    performed this year; insurance is 27,875.
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                 Delinquency totals and rates:
                                                 The
 7
    State, as of yesterday, was 568 delinquent,
                  Insurance was 1,005, totaling
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    0.8 percent.
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                  Total delinquent is 1,573, which is
    1.4 percent.
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    a 2.2 percent delinquency rate.
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                 High-pressure vessels delinquent:
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    For the State we've got 63 delinquent high-
13
    pressures, 0.1 percent; insurance is 209
14
    delinquent high-pressures which 0.3 percent.
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    Total high-pressure delinguents is 272 or
16
    0.4 percent delinquency rate.
17
                                 Chris, I had a
                   MR. BOWERS:
    question on that.
18
                       This is Harold Bowers, board
19
    member.
             Delinguencies, is that considered from
20
    the actual expiration date due or the grace
21
    period? How do they figure delinquency?
22
                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                   The delinquency is
2.3
    from the certificate date.
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                 Thank you.
25
                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                   I'm going to turn it
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over to Mike Ryan, assistant chief, for the
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    variance report.
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                   MR. RYAN:
                              Variances, currently, we
 4
   have active 75. Inspections performed, 15 have
5
   passed in the quarter. The Board has approved 13
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    that are not ready at this time.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Okay.
8
    there any questions of Mr. O'Guin or Mr. Ryan?
9
                   DR. HARGROVE: Yeah, a question:
10
    Just generally speaking, as a result of the
11
   pandemic, was the frequency of inspections, did
12
    that vary from previous years?
13
                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  Everything stayed
14
    where it's pretty well the same.
                                      The delinquency
15
    rate did jump during COVID. We went to 4 percent
   probably around August of last year.
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17
    slowly getting back down to normal.
18
                   DR. HARGROVE: And the availability
19
    of inspectors?
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  Yes.
                                        During the
21
    pandemic, we -- probably for a 10-week span, we
22
    had inspectors kind of working more office days,
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    trying to figure everything out.
                                      We stayed
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    inspecting most of the -- the majority of the
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   time.
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Insurance inspectors, I believe
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    60 days might be the time frame last year. They
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   had a work-from-home status which kind of raised
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    our delinquents. But everybody is back working
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         We've increased a couple of inspectors over
 6
    the years which has helped tremendously in the
 7
   major metropolitan areas.
                   DR. HARGROVE:
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                                   Thank you very much.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Are there any
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    other questions or comments?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Thank you,
13
    gentlemen.
                That was an excellent report.
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                 That takes us to Agenda Item 7, which
15
    is Old Business. And we are going to hear a
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   presentation on Item 21-01, TriStar Southern Hills
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   Medical Center. And they are requesting a
18
    variance for three high-pressure boilers under the
19
    requirements of Chapter 0800-03-03.08(11), which
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    is the 20-minute rule.
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                 So gentlemen, if you want to come to
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    the public podium and introduce yourselves.
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    before you do that, are there any conflicts of
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    interest from the board members?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                              Hearing
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   none, proceed with your presentation.
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 I'm James Neville
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   with Neville Engineering.
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                   MR. LYTLE: And I'm David Lytle
6
   with TriStar Southern Hills.
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 Today we would like
8
    to apply for a variance for three high-pressure
9
   boilers. We've listed those boilers in the
10
   manual.
                 As far as the monitoring of those
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12
   boilers we would like to monitor those from the
13
    PBX office. On page 2 of the manual we show the
14
    diagrammed location of the PBX and the location of
15
    the boiler room, approximately 386 feet apart.
                 We've listed those boilers in
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                 Boiler Number 1 is a Kewanee, Boiler
    Appendix A.
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   Number 2 is a Cleaver-Brooks, and Boiler 3 is a
19
    Cleaver-Brooks.
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                 The controls on those are the
21
    Honeywell 7800 series, and currently, the expanded
22
    annunciator has been ordered for those.
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                   MR. LYTLE: And they have arrived
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    and we expect them to be installed by the end of
2.5
    the week.
               Industrial Boiler will be doing the
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install. 1 2 MR. NEVILLE: There was -- as far 3 as the remote station, the PBX operator and 4 security officer will be the individuals 5 monitoring from the remote station. And the boiler attendants for that are classified as a 6 7 maintenance mechanic and as a security officer. Now, the security officer on third 8 shift will be trained to monitor those boilers. 9 10 So I had some additional handouts, as far as -the job description contained some wording as far 11 12 as the third-shift boiler attendant that would be 13 a security officer. So they will trained on site 14 by Industrial Boiler to operate those boilers 15 during that third shift. So that's how the 16 facility will be qualifying those individuals. 17 MR. LYTLE: And I do have that 18 training set up for next Wednesday for the 19 security team. I've got buy-in from our security 20 director. 21 Everybody, you know -- we function as 22 We are a hospital, and everybody is eager a team. 2.3 to learn and to advance their careers learning 24 about these boilers. 25 MR. NEVILLE: And the other piece

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of information that was handed out, as far as the
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    power piping and feedwater diagrams, those were
 3
    pretty small on the original eight-and-a-half by
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         The 11 by 17 is a little clearer to read,
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    so...
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                 If there's any questions...
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: What -- do I
    have a motion to discuss?
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 9
                   MR HENRY:
                              So moved.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Second.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       All right.
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    What questions or comments do you have for this
13
    proposed variance?
                               Mr. Chairman?
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                   MR. HENRY:
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Yes?
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                   MR. HENRY:
                               If I could.
                                             This is
17
    really more in the nature of a clarification, I
18
    quess.
            If you look on page 6, there's a reference
19
    to, in the first item under emergency duties,
20
    there's a reference to a boiler controller. And I
21
    don't find that defined anywhere else. Is that
22
    the boiler attendant?
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  That's page 6.
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    is your reference?
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                   MR. HENRY: Page 6, the first item
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under emergency duties, it references the "boiler
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    controller." And I was just -- I'd like to get a
 3
    clarification; is that the boiler attendant?
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                   MR. NEVILLE: Well, the controls on
5
    the boiler will shut down --
                   MR. HENRY: Oh, I see.
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 7
                   MR. NEVILLE: -- and annunciate at
8
    the remote station, so --
                   MR. HENRY: Okay.
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                                      So this is
10
   referring to the equipment.
                                 Yes, that's the
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
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               And that's the Honeywell equipment
    equipment.
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    that we show in Appendix B.
                   MR. HENRY: Okay.
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                                      Well, that leads
15
    to my next question, then.
                                If the controller is
16
    automatically going to shut the boiler down -- it
    said that in Number 2 -- the person on duty at the
17
18
    remote station shall shut down the alarming boiler
19
    from the remote panel.
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 That is correct.
21
    on the remote station, there is an alarm panel.
22
    And that is the second lockout for that boiler.
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                   MR. HENRY:
                              Okay.
                                      Well, I
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    apologize for the confusion, but if the controller
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   has already shut the boiler down, then what action
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is the remote attendant actually taking?
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                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  They're preventing
 3
    that boiler from restarting until the boiler
    attendant is in the boiler room to restart the
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 5
    boiler.
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                   MR. HENRY:
                                Okay.
                                       Thank you.
 7
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: What other
 8
    questions or comments do you have?
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
 9
                                   David Baughman,
10
    board member.
                   Glad to see your face again.
11
                   MR. NEVILLE: Glad to be back.
12
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: All right. Just a
13
    couple of notes.
14
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 Yes?
15
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   First, on page 3
16
    under Remote Monitoring System Description, the
17
    first sentence just says, "TriStar Southern Hills
18
    Medical Center will install a complete
19
    microprocessor-based integrated boiler
20
    monitoring, " and so forth.
21
                 I would just change the wording on
22
    that.
           "TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center,"
2.3
    maybe, "will be installing."
24
                 From what I understand, it's not
25
    installed as of yet.
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1	MR. NEVILLE: That's correct.
2	MR. BAUGHMAN: So I would just make
3	that very simple change.
4	Are there CO alarms installed in the
5	boiler room?
6	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
7	MR. BAUGHMAN: Are they integrated
8	into the monitoring system?
9	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
10	MR. BAUGHMAN: So when the CO alarm
11	annunciates, it'll alarm back to the system
12	itself?
13	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
14	MR. BAUGHMAN: Fantastic. Thank
15	you.
16	How many personnel staff does the
17	remote station have at any time?
18	MR. LYTLE: The remote station
19	location is a minimum of one 24/7/365.
20	MR. BAUGHMAN: My question and
21	thank you. The question being is how many
22	personnel are at that remote station at any given
23	time?
24	MR. LYTLE: One.
25	MR. BAUGHMAN: One. Did they have

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any other duties that would take them away from
1
 2
    that remote station?
 3
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               Yes.
                                      Potentially.
 4
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  And would they be
5
    away from that for any given time that would be --
6
    to where they would have to be on the 20-minute
 7
   rule.
 8
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               No.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
9
                                  Okay.
10
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               No.
                                     Everything is
11
    isolated.
               They're, like, in a control room, is
12
   kind of their location. They answer the phones.
13
    They call codes when a patient needs a code. And
14
   her remote annunciator station is right there
15
    beside where she sits.
16
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay. So you've got
17
    the PBX station and you've got the remote station.
18
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               Right. And, you know,
19
    she's sitting here (indicating), there's a wall
20
    right here (indicating), and that is right there
21
    on that wall. So it's within arm's length of any
22
    given time from the phone to the computer to the
    intercom system to -- even the fire alarm
2.3
24
    annunciator and everything is right there within
25
    arm's reach of where she would be sitting.
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1
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Very good.
 2
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  On B-4 we do show
 3
    that alarm panel in the photo.
 4
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes.
                                         I appreciate
 5
    that.
           That's a very good photo and I appreciate
 6
    that.
 7
                 Did the e-stops shut down -- in other
 8
    words, in the boiler room, do you have an e-stop
 9
    for each boiler? Or does one e-stop --
10
                   MR. LYTLE: One e-stop does them
11
    all.
12
                                   Does them all.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
13
                   MR. LYTLE: And we have an e-stop
14
    at every exiting door.
15
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   So every point of
16
    egress --
17
                   MR. LYTLE:
                                Yes.
18
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- on this expanded
19
    drawing --
20
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 Yes.
21
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Thank you very
22
    much -- identifies the boiler e-stops at those
23
    points of egress out of the boiler room.
24
    noticed other exits but I couldn't really --
                                  There's an "S" shown
25
                   MR. NEVILLE:
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at each of the exit doors from the boiler room.
1
 2
    So there should be four of them.
 3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Four. Very good.
 4
                   MR. NEVILLE: And there are
5
   pictures of those --
6
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: I saw those
7
   pictures --
8
                   MR. NEVILLE: -- e-stops as well.
9
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- which leads me to
10
   my next question: Are those doors able to be
11
    locked?
12
                   MR. LYTLE: Yes.
                                      It's badge entry
13
    to get in.
14
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Badge entry to get
15
    in there?
16
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              Yes, sir.
17
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. So that badge
18
    would be available through any personnel, and in
19
   particular, this third-shift security person who
20
   you're now also saying will be a boiler attendant
21
    on third shift. So all of those have badge
22
    entries.
2.3
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              (Nods head.)
24
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   I wonder if anybody
25
    ever loses a badge -- that would be a bad thing,
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but that's always a possibility. Not that I've
1
 2
    ever done that.
 3
                   MR. NEVILLE: And we do list that
 4
    in Appendix B as far the boiler room is key card
5
   protected. So that's part of the authorized
6
    access protection.
 7
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Going
    to -- I've got it listed as D-1 on the
8
9
    organizational chart. And thank you for letting
10
   me jump around, by the way. I appreciate it.
11
    That's just the way my notes get taken, so I have
12
    to take them in the order that I'm writing them.
13
                 Under D-1, the organizational chart,
14
    under the security section, it shows security
15
   manager. And then coming down to security
    officer/boiler attendant. All the others within
16
17
    their listings except the administrative assistant
18
    on the left-hand side have duties, boiler
19
    attendant, remote station and so forth.
20
                 Not that it's a huge issue, but I
21
    just didn't see any of the other security officers
22
    being listed as remote attendants or boiler
2.3
    attendants.
24
                   MR. NEVILLE: They do need to be --
25
    there is one security officer, mainly the third
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shift, that will be qualified as boiler
1
 2
    attendants, as far as the remote station.
                                                The
 3
   rest of them will be remote-station qualified.
    I will need to add "remote station" to the other
 4
5
    security officer.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
 6
 7
                 And David, you may answer this for
8
   me, but is there a maintenance mechanic on site
9
    every shift of every day?
10
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              With the exception of
11
    third.
12
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: With the exception
13
    of third.
14
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              Yes.
15
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  So should there be
16
    an incident where the security officer is pulled
17
    away from his duties as a security officer and
18
   he's needing to now be a boiler attendant but
19
    there's something else that comes up on site that
20
    requires a security officer be present, what's
21
   your protocol at that point?
22
                   MR. LYTLE: We have two security
2.3
    quards there for each shift, so we would have
24
   potentially an extra security guard. Not an extra
25
   but another guard there that could attend during
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that time.
1
 2
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
 3
                 Has there ever been a previous
 4
   variance granted for this facility?
5
                   MR. LYTLE: No, not to my
6
   knowledge.
 7
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                 No.
                                  This is the
8
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
9
    original?
10
                   MR. NEVILLE: I believe this is the
11
    original.
12
                                  So under Appendix A,
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
13
    the last boiler, Number 3 -- let me get to
14
   Appendix A.
                 It's on A-1, Boiler Number 3.
15
    Boiler Number 1 and Number 2 identify that these
    controls that you're putting on, I take it, were
16
17
    upgrading or changing the present controls that
    are on the boiler, whatever they may be, to the
18
19
   Honeywell. And I take it the two Cleavers are not
20
   going to be OEM Cleaver controls; they're going to
21
   be standard Honeywell controls.
22
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              Correct.
2.3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  My question is, and
24
    I see under the equipment description, under
25
   Appendix C, I see the Honeywell 7800L's but I
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don't see a 7140L. And I'm not familiar with what
1
 2
    that is.
 3
                 I try to keep up with all the newest
 4
    and greatest things since sliced bread that are in
5
    the market but I'm not familiar with that
6
    particular control.
 7
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                We can provide that
8
    information.
                  Apparently, it's not in here.
9
                                   I appreciate that,
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
10
   Mr. Neville.
                  If you'll provide that just so we
11
    can have it for review.
                             There again, I'm familiar
12
    with the other two but not with that one, and I'm
13
   kind of interested on why that would be different,
14
    or if that's a possibility of a typo.
15
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                I believe that is the
16
    number off of that individual controller. So I
17
   believe I've got a picture of it that I can
18
   provide.
19
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Very good.
20
    feedwater system is a Lockwood BFS.
                                          It shows it
21
    being an ATM, being for atmospheric, no pressure
22
    ratings. But it would not be delineated as a
2.3
    deaerator, being that it's not a deaerator; it's a
24
    boiler feedwater system, just for technical
25
    jargon, I would say.
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The other -- you mentioned that
1
 2
    Industrial Boiler has the responsibility of
 3
    training the personnel both as boiler attendants
 4
    and, I quess, on this system itself. I would ask
5
    what their qualifications are for training.
 6
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              My answer to that
 7
    question is when I started with HCA five years
8
    ago, Industrial Boiler trained me, trained the
9
    entire staff when we was at Skyline. I would have
10
    to go back to Industrial Boiler and say, hey, you
11
    need to give me some sort of documentation showing
12
   me that you're capable of conducting this
13
    training. That's just the company I've used in my
14
    five-year tenure with HCA that has took care of my
15
    boilers at each location I've been.
16
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
17
                   MR. LYTLE: So that would be my
18
    answer to that question.
19
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Well, that's a --
20
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               It's an honest answer.
21
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- fair question --
22
    a fair answer to a fair question.
2.3
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              Yes, sir.
24
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: We've got a lot of
25
    different folks out in the industry, and I just
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wanted to make sure that you're getting what it is
1
 2
   you need and that the public is getting what they
 3
   need from a safety standpoint and the personnel
 4
    that are there at the place.
 5
                 The position in -- having a security
6
    officer work in the position of a boiler
 7
    attendant, I've spoke with different personnel
    that are in that position, and they feel very
8
9
    uncomfortable. They're great at security duties.
10
    They're out of their element when it comes to
11
    working on a piece of mechanical equipment that
12
   has more power than dynamite.
13
                   MR. LYTLE:
                              Yeah.
14
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   And so we want to
15
   make sure that their training is brought to the
16
   highest level possible when they're acting as a
17
   boiler attendant. Remote station attendant is
18
    totally different than a boiler attendant.
                                                 So I
19
   know none of us take that lightly but that's why
20
    the questions.
21
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               Yes, sir.
22
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Thank you very much.
2.3
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Any other
24
    questions or comments?
25
                   DR. HARGROVE:
                                   (Indicating.)
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1	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Dr. Hargrove?
2	DR. HARGROVE: Yes. I do want to
3	comment.
4	Thank you, Mr. Neville, for
5	responding to our previous request.
6	David, you mentioned that this week
7	there will be participants in boiler training.
8	MR. LYTLE: Next week.
9	DR. HARGROVE: How many?
10	MR. LYTLE: Next week. Next
11	Wednesday. And there will be five people in
12	training.
13	DR. HARGROVE: Five individuals?
14	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
15	DR. HARGROVE: And some of them
16	include security guards?
17	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
18	DR. HARGROVE: Thank you.
19	MR. LYTLE: Yes.
20	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Any other
21	questions or comments?
22	MR. BAUGHMAN: This is Dave
23	Baughman, board member.
24	Who is the present boiler inspector
25	at your facility?

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MR. LYTLE:
                               His name is on the tip
 1
 2
    of my tongue. He was there last week.
                                             I don't
 3
    remember.
               I got it in an email but his name slips
 4
    me right now.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: I understand how
 5
 6
    that goes.
 7
                   MR. LYTLE: It's a little different
 8
    environment so I've got a little nerves involved,
 9
    and that name does escape me.
10
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   I'm sorry for the
11
             We try not to make this too hard of an
12
    ordeal, but I'm always interested.
                                         It's an
13
    intimate relationship that everyone should have.
14
    And that's why I'm always curious myself. But I
15
    wanted to make sure that I ask the question.
16
                   MR. LYTLE: Okay. Yes, sir. Yes,
17
    sir.
18
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Any other
19
    questions or comments from the board or visitors?
20
                   MR. LYTLE:
                                Scott Bull.
21
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Hartford.
22
                   DR. HARGROVE:
                                   It came to you.
2.3
                   MR. LYTLE:
                               It came to me. I knew
24
    it was right there, so...
25
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        All right.
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1
    Hearing no more questions or comments, do I have a
 2
    motion for this variance proposal?
 3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   I would propose the
 4
    motion that we approve upon the inspection and
 5
    also would like to have the additional information
    on this 7140 just for review, if we can email that
 6
 7
    or whatever --
 8
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  Yes.
 9
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- way we can take a
10
    look at that.
                   Or if it's a typo just let us know.
11
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  Okay.
12
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: But I make a motion
13
    to approve upon inspection and review.
14
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                               Do I
15
    have a second?
16
                   DR. HARGROVE: Keith Hargrove.
17
                 Second.
18
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                               Last
19
    call for comments or questions.
20
                 (No verbal response.)
21
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        All right.
                                                     So
    we have a motion on the floor for contingent
22
23
    approval of this variance based upon getting some
24
    additional information on the Honeywell 7140 and a
25
    successful site visit by the boiler unit at your
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facility. So I'm going to call the question.
 1
 2
    in favor say "aye."
 3
                 (Affirmative response.)
 4
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Opposed?
 5
                 (No verbal response.)
 6
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Abstentions,
 7
    not voting?
 8
                 (No verbal response.)
 9
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Gentlemen, you
10
    have a contingently approved variance.
11
                   MR. LYTLE:
                                Thank you, sir.
12
                   MR. NEVILLE:
                                  Thank you.
13
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Thank you for
14
    your presentation.
15
                 Okay.
                        That takes us to Item 8, which
16
    is New Business. And our first new business item
    is Item 21-02. Eastman Chemical Company,
17
18
    Kingsport, Tennessee, requests permission to
19
    install and operate one centrifuge as a Tennessee
20
    Special.
21
                 Does any of the board members have a
22
    conflict?
2.3
                   MR. BOWERS: Harold Bowers.
                                                 I have
24
    a conflict.
25
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: I also have a
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conflict, Mr. Bailey. So with my conflict, is
1
 2
    there any -- what can I not speak to?
 3
                   MR. BAILEY: You can't vote on the
 4
    approval.
 5
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Obviously.
 6
                   MR. BAILEY: You can speak on it as
 7
    long as you don't get into the area of your
8
    conflict. Which I don't know if you're going to
9
   be able to do that.
10
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
11
                   MR. BAILEY:
                                And you can't vote.
12
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Well, yeah.
13
    That goes out without saying. So yeah, I will
14
    abstain from the vote. All right.
15
                   MR. BOWERS:
                                 (Indicating.)
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Mr. Bowers?
16
17
                   MR. BOWERS: I have a conflict.
18
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Right.
19
                   MR. BOWERS: Our insurance company
20
    insures Eastman Chemical, so we have a conflict.
21
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Go ahead and
22
    introduce yourself and present your item.
2.3
                   MR. REHART: Good morning everyone.
24
    I'm Mike Rehart. I'm a vessel designer from
25
   Eastman Chemical Company. I appreciate the
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opportunity to present this request on behalf of 1 2 Eastman. 3 We have one centrifuge that we 4 acquired from our previously owned Rotterdam site 5 in the Netherlands. This was operated there for 6 about 10 years and then moth balled in storage for 7 about 12 years. 8 When we sold that company, we 9 acquired that equipment and brought it to 10 Kingsport where it sat for a little while. 11 have the opportunity now to install that and use 12 it to replace an existing centrifuge. 13 From the presentation, you'll see 14 that it is ASME code designed as far as 15 calculations. And I've provided an additional set 16 of calculations for one of the centrifuges that we 17 have in operation -- or had in operation. 18 The thing that keeps it from being 19 ASME code stamped is that it is manufactured from 20 a cast Inconel 625 which is not an ASME code 21 approved material. It is ASTM approved material 22 as is the CX2MW, which our current operating 2.3 centrifuges are manufactured from. 24 The geometry of the centrifuge in 25 question from Rotterdam is identical.

manufactured by the same corporation. The castings were from Wollaston Alloys which also casts the centrifuge parts for the ones that we have in operation.

The reason for using the Inconel 625

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The reason for using the Inconel 625 for the Rotterdam centrifuge was -- it's been a while ago. I spoke to our materials engineer and believe that it was probably economics and availability.

The Dutch code Stone Weissen had no trouble with Inconel 625 as the material of construction so we went with that.

When we received it at our shop, we removed it from the crate, disassembled the major components, which there's three major components with a cover on top and a cover on bottom with the inlet and outlet nozzles. We inspected those with dye penetrant and visual inspection.

You could visually see some of the original weld repairs in the casting which still looked in perfect condition. Any spots that we found that were questionable, we did -- we repaired those by grinding then dye penetrant again, cleaned up any surface imperfections and dye penetrant those.

1	Inspected all the gasket surfaces,
2	the o-ring surfaces; those looked fine. They were
3	then reassembled and given a hydrostatic pressure
4	test at MAWP, which it passed.
5	The looking at the attachments,
6	you'll see that the original drawing, compared to
7	the drawing of the other one that we have from
8	made from CX2MW, the geometry is identical. The
9	only difference is the material.
10	We also have traceability between our
11	actual parts and the drawing and the calculations
12	by the order number, the 93219. And you can see,
13	also, from the photographs at the back, that DO642
14	is actually cast into the components. And that is
15	also listed on the drawing and on the
16	calculations.
17	So we feel confident that the
18	documentation that we have is actually for that
19	centrifuge.
20	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Do I have a
21	motion to discuss?
22	MR. BAUGHMAN: So moved.
23	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Thank you.
24	Do I have a second?
25	MR. HENRY: Second.

1	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Thank you.
2	What questions does the Board have on
3	this proposal for a Tennessee Special?
4	DR. HARGROVE: Yes. I'll begin.
5	Keith Hargrove.
6	As a result of an inspection, it was
7	revealed that there were spots of surface
8	corrosion.
9	MR. REHART: Yes.
10	DR. HARGROVE: And as a result,
11	there was a weld overlay
12	MR. REHART: Yes.
13	DR. HARGROVE: to certain
14	sections. Do you recall how many sections that
15	was?
16	And then secondly, were any of those
17	sections part of the reinforcement calculations,
18	which I think are very thorough, I may add? But,
19	you know, in making those calculations, were they
20	located in the same place of the welding?
21	And you may or may not know that, but
22	I'm just
23	MR. REHART: Right off the top of
24	my head, I don't know about the reinforcement
25	areas. I do know that I think there were about

four areas that were weld repaired, actually 1 2 ground out and weld repaired back and then dye 3 penetrant tested again. 4 DR. HARGROVE: Second question on 5 page 1-2, a calculation was made for reduction 6 based on different temperatures. Typically, that 7 calculation is done for a minimum and a maximum. And I understand here it was done at 350. 8 9 And, again, you may or may not know 10 this as well, but were the calculations for this 11 to determine the percent reduction? Was that done 12 or could be done for the minimum and maximum 13 temperature? 14 In other words, you have it for 15 350 degrees where you have a 1.27 percent 16 Should you also have that for the reduction. 17 minimum and maximum temperature? 18 MR. REHART: It could be done. Ι 19 think the ambient would be the minimum 20 temperature, like 70, 75, room temperature. 21 are inside in a building that is always hot. 22 it's never going to be below that. There's no, 2.3 like, a zero or minus 20. 24 DR. HARGROVE: Okay. That will 25 suffice for now. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: What other
 1
 2
    questions do you have?
 3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   This is Dave
 4
    Baughman, board member.
 5
                 So I'm assuming, which is a bad thing
 6
    to do, but I'm assuming that the repairs were
 7
    accomplished at the facility in Tennessee?
 8
                   MR. REHART: Yes, sir.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
 9
                                   Looking at page 1.3,
10
    I'm showing the hydro test pressure of 150 times
11
    1.5 times 1.013 at 228. And on Attachment 9 in
12
    the back, I'm showing pressure test details of
13
    test pressure on the shell side of 150 psi.
14
                 I was just interested in what
15
    actually it's hydro test pressure was.
16
                   MR. REHART:
                                 The 228 is the
17
    original manufacturer's hydrostatic test pressure.
    And we did our hydrostatic test after repairs at
18
19
    150, which is the radium AWP.
20
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Very good.
21
    materials, in what little I know about the
22
    materials, of what is utilized, is that actually a
2.3
    stronger material, a less strong --
24
                   MR. REHART:
                                 Stronger.
                                            The
25
    allowables -- even after the reduction factors,
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1	the allowable was slightly better than the CX2MW.
2	MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Thank
3	you.
4	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Any other
5	questions or comments?
6	MR. HENRY: Mr. Chairman?
7	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Yes.
8	MR. HENRY: Just making a quick
9	observation regarding material, the fact that the
10	cast version of 625 doesn't appear in Section 2,
11	Part B in this case or Section 2 Part D is simply
12	the fact that nobody has requested. And it's not
13	any concern about the material.
14	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Any other
15	questions or comments?
16	(No verbal response.)
17	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Hearing none,
18	do I have a motion for this item?
19	MR. BAUGHMAN: I have a motion that
20	we approve this vessel as a Tennessee special.
21	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Do I have a
22	second?
23	MR. HENRY: Second.
24	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Any other
25	discussion?

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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Hearing none,
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    I'll call the question. All those in favor say
 4
    "aye."
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                 (Affirmative Response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       Opposed?
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                 (No verbal response.)
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Abstentions?
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                 I'm abstaining.
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                   MR. BOWERS: Abstaining.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Mr. Bowers is
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    abstaining.
                 So you do have three positive votes,
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    so this item does pass.
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                 So thank you for your presentation.
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                   MR. REHART:
                                 Thank you. Appreciate
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    it.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: And just as a
18
    point of order that will not have any impact on my
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    conflict of interest, just so we put it on the
20
    record, as a Tennessee Special, this vessel will
21
    be handled, as far as operation and the repair and
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    alteration requirements per Tennessee Boiler Rule
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    Interpretation BI04-22, which is repair and
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    alterations to Tennessee specials.
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                 And I won't read all this, but it
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boils down to that any repairs to this centrifuge
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    must have the approval of the Chief Inspector from
 3
    the State of Tennessee. So any repair. And any
 4
    alteration would have to come back to the
 5
    Tennessee Board.
                   MR. REHART:
 6
                                 Okay.
 7
                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        And we meet
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    quarterly, so just note that. Thank you.
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                   MR. REHART:
                                 Thank you.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                               So that
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    takes us to our next item of new business which is
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    Item 21-03.
                 STERIS Corporation requests an
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    exemption from the clearance and boiler attendant
14
    requirements for AMSCO 600 Steam Sterilizer
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    installations in the state of Tennessee.
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                 And as you-all are coming forward,
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    are there any conflicts of interest from the
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    board?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        I see no
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    conflicts so you may proceed with your
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    presentation.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Good morning.
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    name is Marie LaFrance. I'm from STERIS
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    Corporation.
                  I am the senior product manager for
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1 steam sterilization. I've been there for 28 years 2 in that role.

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Today, I've brought with me Mark
Chiffon who is our director of R & D. We've been
making sterilizers for 125 years, and Mark has
been with us for 34 of those years developing all
kinds of steam sterilizers and vaporous hydrogen
peroxide sterilizers as well.

And I also have a field service expert, Dean Averell, with us today. Dean has supported AMSCO 600 steam sterilizers in the field quite extensively, and so he can answer a lot -- any service questions that we have today.

Dean has been around for a long time, too, 30 years, so he has a lot of experience to bring as well.

So today we are requesting, as we did at the March 10th board meeting, that STERIS have a blanket variance for the AMSCO 600 steam sterilizer from the Tennessee side and rear clearance requirements stated in Rule 0800-3-3-.04(13)(a) based on the fact that the AMSCO 600 has been properly designed to provide front-only access to all components and sufficient clearance for normal operation maintenance and

inspection per the NBIC Section 4.3.2. 1 2 In the way of items to discuss today, 3 we'd like to review some of the items that were 4 bought up at the last meeting on March 10th of 5 2021. You may have received a list of those 6 items. 7 What we did is we went through the 8 transcript from the meeting, the March 10th 9 meeting. We identified about 13 items; about 5 of 10 those were design items. We'd like to go over 11 those first. 12 We have some computer models and some 13 photos to show you on those and then go over the 14 remaining items that the Board commented on. 15 We would like to briefly discuss 16 healthcare facility impact, product safety 17 features. And if we have time, we'll show you 18 some photos of what our competition is doing. 19 They have a very similar product to ours. 20 then some concluding remarks. 21 But before we get started on all that, 22 we would like to have a few words from Kelly 2.3 Norman who is a member of the Board of TAASC, the 24 Tennessee Association for Ambulatory Surgery 25 Centers. And she would like to have some customer

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perspective for the meeting.
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              We're going to have her on the phone.
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    She's working today. She's about two-and-a-half
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   hours away at the Advanced Family Surgery Center.
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    She's part of the Covenant Health System, I
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   believe. And she's going to have a few remarks
 7
   before we get started on the main body of the
8
   presentation.
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              Kelly, are you around? Are you on line?
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                   MS. NORMAN (telephonically):
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                 Okay. Please, if
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   you could, give us a summary of the letter that
13
   you've actually written to the Board.
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                   MS. NORMAN (telephonically):
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    I submitted my letter yesterday. And what I would
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    like -- (indiscernible) -- the change in our
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   history like anyone else's. (Indiscernible) --
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    for allowing --
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                   THE REPORTER:
                                  I can't get her.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: Kelly, we're having
21
    a little problem hearing you.
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                   MS. NORMAN (telephonically):
                                                  I'm
23
    sorry. Can you hear me now?
24
                   MS. Lafrance:
                                  Yes.
25
                   MS. NORMAN (telephonically):
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right. I apologize for that. 1 CMS is allowing surgery centers to 2 3 perform more cases in outpatient centers, which is 4 allowing us more complex cases such as total hips, 5 total knees. And this allows us to do more complex 6 7 cases to allow patients to go home. We also have decreased the infection rate for our patients and 8 9 exposure while staying in the hospital. 10 But to do these more complex cases, 11 it takes more instrumentation. And in the letter 12 where I've written "total joint," especially the 13 knee, it takes 11 surgical trays. And the process 14 that we have now, is just being allowed to process 15 more of -- (indiscernible). We have three sterilizers that will 16 17 allow us to do more. And this sterilizer would 18 allow for sterilization. We have three 19 sterilizers, so it allows us to do two per tray. 20 And as you can see, we need 11 trays. 21 And the AMSCO 600 would definitely 22 allow us to accommodate our surgeons and their 23 patients much better without limitation. 24 And you can see more in our letter, 25 but I just wanted to reach out to you and thank

you all today for allowing us this opportunity to 1 2 present that our industry is trying to do patient 3 care along with safety. It is very important to 4 our industry and that our industry is growing and 5 changing, and this instrumentation would help us 6 tremendously. 7 MS. Lafrance: Thanks very much, 8 Kelly. I appreciate your words. 9 I think what Kelly was saying is, you 10 know, with the explosion in total joint surgeries, 11 you know, we can actually get an entire load of --12 a case load of instruments in the AMSCO 600 all at once versus her using three sterilizers to get 13 14 that same quantity through. 15 And this helps her to avoid putting 16 on a second shift, so it decreases her costs and 17 decreases all the necessary steps, the indicators 18 that we have to put in on all those loads, the 19 necessary prep time for those additional loads. 20 So it does help in that way as well. 21 Thank you very much, Kelly, for your 22 help today. 2.3 MS. NORMAN (telephonically): Thank 24 you. 25 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: On behalf of

the Board, thank you for your presentation. 1 2 MS. LaFRANCE: So we'll Okay. 3 proceed with the rest of the presentation. Like I 4 said, we'll go over the design items first. 5 The first item that was from our 6 meeting was that we needed to improve the 7 generator plate visibility. On the left, you can 8 see a computer model of our generator. The vessel is in the back. The power box is in the front. 10 And that green label that you see on the right 11 there, that is the current location of the 12 generator pressure vessel data plate. The issue 13 was that we needed to make that more visible. 14 We also have a duplicate plate that's 15 on top of the power box. You can see that on the 16 right-hand side. It has all the same data that

on top of the power box. You can see that on the right-hand side. It has all the same data that the green label has. The green label is required by code to be on the pressure vessel. So that's why it's located there. It was the best place to put it at the time.

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But taking your input that it needed to be more visible, what we've done is redesigned the location for the generator plate. You can see that it is going to be welded to the top of the vessel using a bracket.

1	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Can I
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	interrupt?
3	MS. LaFRANCE: Yes, certainly.
4	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Can the board
5	members ask questions as you go through this?
6	MS. LaFRANCE: Yes.
7	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Mr. Baughman,
8	did you have a question at the previous slide or
9	this slide?
10	MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, we'll go
11	through this slide, and then stop for a moment for
12	some questions, if you don't mind.
13	MS. LaFRANCE: That sounds good.
14	So, as I said, we've relocated the
15	plate onto the top so that it would be more
16	visible. And I just went into our CSC, our
17	customer solutions center, and took a picture.
18	And what I did was I just placed the tag from the
19	safety valve on top of where that label will be,
20	you know, kind of like a facsimile of where the
21	label will be so you can see it better.
22	Any questions?
23	MR. BAUGHMAN: So this is Dave
24	Baughman, board member.
25	So that first slide that we had

back -- that one, so that's presently, data plate 1 2 current location on the generator pressure vessel. 3 As I'm looking at the picture on the left and then orienting it to the one on the right 4 5 where it says "current duplicate plate," I'm 6 showing an electrical control panel on the left 7 picture, but I'm trying to orient to the right 8 picture. Because the one on the right, the sight 9 glass is on the left. I don't quite see the 10 proper orientation, if you'll explain that to me. MR. AVERELL: Sure. 11 This is where 12 it's on the pressure vessel and it has to be on 13 there by code. It has to be right on the vessel. It can't be somewhere else. 14 So what you're -- the way this 15 16 picture is drawn, this cycle that's here is 17 actually over here (indicating). It's just that 18 they did the CAD drawing and they rotated it so we 19 could see where the tag is. 20 And on this picture, this is the 21 bracket for the door channel for the door to go up 22 So to see it, you would have to look in and down. 2.3 here.

And we realized it when we made it, we're like, this isn't visible; we have to put it

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But we took your feedback and said
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   up here.
                  But this is a cover so it could get
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    that's fine.
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   misplaced, something could happen, damaged, so
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    that's why we're going to put it on that plate
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    that's shown in the next one.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Next question would
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   be -- back to that first slide or even that slide
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    there, either one. But the panel, the electrical
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   panel, where is it located on the boiler itself?
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                   MR. AVERELL: This right here, this
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   box here?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Yes, sir.
                                             Where is
13
    it located on the picture on the right?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  This box.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                  The cover is off.
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                   MR. AVERELL: We took the cover
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    off. The cover is off.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  The cover off.
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    it's actually on the side of the unit, or are we
20
    looking at --
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 No.
                                       You're looking
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    at it straight on, front.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  We're looking at it
24
    straight on.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Yeah.
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1	MS. LaFRANCE: Yes.
2	MR. AVERELL: The one panel that
3	you would remove with two key locks, the panel
4	comes off, and this has a panel on it, and that's
5	this panel here.
6	MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Thank
7	you.
8	MS. LaFRANCE: Everything is
9	designed to be accessible from the front.
10	MR. BAUGHMAN: So this is a design
11	change that we're looking to do. The unit that we
12	looked at the other day at the facility that we
13	went to is not necessarily what it's going to be;
14	is that correct?
15	MR. AVERELL: Right.
16	MS. LaFRANCE: Correct.
17	MR. AVERELL: That's the design
18	cage on the next slide where Marie put the
19	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. So this is a
20	proposed change.
21	MR. AVERELL: This is where we're
22	proposing the change.
23	MS. LaFRANCE: We are in the
24	process of changing this now.
25	MR. BAUGHMAN: Process of changing

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    it.
 2
                   MS. Lafrance:
                                   Yes.
 3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Who actually
 4
    manufactures the boiler?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  We do.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   STERIS does.
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 7
                   MR. CHIFFON: STERIS does.
                   MR. AVERELL:
 8
                                  Uh-huh.
 9
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Interesting. We'll
    address that in another question later to that.
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11
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Okay.
12
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Same thing with the
13
    unfired section, STERIS is the manufacturer?
14
                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Yes.
15
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Yes.
16
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
                                                Thank
17
    you.
18
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Yes. We've been
19
    making sterilizers 125 years, so...
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   And I figured that
21
    as a package. I wasn't quite sure with the vessel
22
    itself, so that's why I asked that.
2.3
                   MS. LaFRANCE: Yeah.
                                          This
24
    equipment can be -- the sterilizer can run on
25
    house steam or it can run with the generator.
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There's two different configurations -- two 1 2 different steam supplies. 3 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes, ma'am. Thank 4 you. 5 MS. LaFRANCE: So moving on to 6 Item 2 and Items 5 and 6, which was on the list that I submitted earlier, the need to be able to 7 clean and drain the sight glass per ASME pressure 8 code 60.1.6. So the solution was to add a valve 9 10 which will be operable from the front of the 11 sterilizer. You can see that I've labeled where 12 we have that valve on the computer model below. On Items 5 and 6, we needed to have a 13 14 generator pressure gauge shutoff per section 15 60.6.1. And we needed the ability to check the 16 accuracy of the generator pressure gauge. So if you recall, we used to have the 17 18 gauge, the generator pressure gauge and the sight 19 glass gauge kind of connected, and the generator 20 pressure gauge was oriented horizontally versus 21 vertically, so we've separated those two out and 22 we have valves on each -- well, a valve and a 2.3 drain on each one that we can access from the 24 front. 25 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So just a

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    comment.
              Your ASME PG 60.1.6, that would be ASME
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    Section I PG .1.6?
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: It's a different
 4
    section.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        That's for a
6
   boiler.
 7
                                It's Section I.
                   MR. CHIFFON:
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: I would like to make
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9
    a comment also. So being that STERIS has been
10
   manufacturing these for years, they know that it's
11
    supposed to be manufactured to ASME Code, but yet
12
    it didn't quite meet the code requirements, so
13
    we're going back and changing those.
14
                 We found this by a site visit, and
    that's where we made the comment. So in making
15
16
    these changes, we're going to put a drain valve on
17
    the bottom of the sight glass to be able to
18
   measure it. And that's the present location of
19
    where the steam gauge was at.
20
                 So we're now taking the steam gauge
21
    off of where the drain would go, putting that on.
22
    But do we actually have a separate test port to
2.3
    check the accuracy of the pressure gauge?
24
    got "add valve, isolate the pressure gauge --"
25
                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Right here.
                                               This is
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a T fitting, so we have a calibrated instrument.
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 2
    All the technicians have them and they're
 3
    calibrated by a third party for us every year.
 4
   And they can tie it in right here and test it.
 5
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  So will that be just
6
    a plug that they take out and then have to screw
 7
    a --
 8
                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Yeah.
9
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- siphon loop in --
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Uh-huh.
11
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- or will there --
12
    suggested being a valve at that location that they
13
    can just put their gauge on without having to take
14
   a plug out --
                                Well, this valve will
15
                   MR. AVERELL:
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   be here so it'll shut it off so you can -- so if
17
    for some reason the gauge was ineffective/broken/
18
   not reading, you're able to shut that off, take
19
    the gauge out and replace it. And this is also a
20
    test port on the bottom of it.
21
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Do you
22
   have a siphon loop on that? I don't see one on
23
   your drawing.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 No.
                                       It'd be local,
25
    carried by the technicians.
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MR. BAUGHMAN: But for the
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 2
    operating gauge itself that's on there presently,
 3
    I don't see a siphon loop to where you're
 4
   pushing --
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Right.
6
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- water against the
7
    gauge instead of --
                   MR. AVERELL: I understand what
8
9
   you're saying.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  So I would suggest
11
    that that be added as well.
12
                   MR. AVERELL: Okay. That's fine.
13
    We'll put that right on there. That's not a
14
   problem.
              I'm sure the first one out in the field,
15
    the technician, would have been, where's the
16
    siphon loop, so...
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                                  Well, it gives --
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  It helps.
19
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: It makes a
20
    difference for the accuracy of the gauge --
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                   MR. AVERELL: It saves the gauge
22
    from getting the pounding.
                                 So yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Absolutely.
                                                Thank
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   you for that.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: Any other questions?
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MR. BAUGHMAN: Not for this.
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    you.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Okay.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   I do.
                                          I'm sorry.
 5
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Yes?
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   If I don't ask it
 6
 7
    while I'm thinking about it, it will go right out
 8
    the door.
 9
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Okay.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   The steam header
11
    valve coming off of this, what type of valve is
12
    that? It looks like a ball valve at the top.
13
                   MR. AVERELL: Actually, what you're
14
    seeing, that ball valve there, that's the
15
    feedwater in.
16
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Okay.
17
                   MR. AVERELL: Because it comes --
18
    the feedwater comes into this pump here.
19
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Very good.
                                               Where is
20
    our steam outlet valve then?
21
                   MR. AVERELL: I don't think it's
22
    visible on this picture.
2.3
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Okay. As we come up
24
    to a picture, I would like you to identify it.
25
                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Sure.
                                         Okay.
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Thank you. 1 MR. BAUGHMAN: So Items 8 and 9 2 MS. LaFRANCE: 3 were that the safety valve discharge piping needs to be longer and needs to be supported. We found 4 5 this in the NBIC inspection guide, is where we 6 located this requirement. 7 The solution here is to lengthen the 8 safety valve discharge piping and to secure the 9 piping, both top and bottom, with brackets that 10 are attached to the sterilizers. As you can see, the model is labeled. 11 12 On the right you see a different view 13 from the front of the sterilizer, and we made the 14 length of the pipes such that they can be -- that 15 the bottom of them can be seen. 16 The reason they were being made the 17 length that they originally were is because 18 depending on which state we go into, we either 19 have to just, you know, leave the pipes as they 20 are or we -- sometimes we need to connect them to 21 the drain down underneath the sterilizer, or 22 sometimes it's required that we vent them out 2.3 upward of the sterilizer. 24 So that was kind of a middle-ground 25 position for those pipes to be so that we could

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meet the requirements of various installations in
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    states.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   I would like to
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    address a question, please.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Yes.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   So ASME, under
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 7
   pressure relief valve piping states, "Pressure
8
   relief valve piping within the scope of this code
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    shall be supported to sustain reaction forces and
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    shall conform to the following requirements, " and
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    so forth and so on.
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                 "When discharging directly to the
13
    atmosphere, discharge shall not impinge on other
14
   piping or equipment and shall be directed away
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    from platforms and other areas used by personnel."
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                 So the gist of that is safe point of
17
    discharge. And being that this is a high-pressure
   boiler, would we consider where it's discharging
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19
    to be a safe point of discharge?
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                 I have my own opinions, being that
21
    I've been around relief valves when they have
22
    discharged.
                 But I would like to know STERIS's
2.3
    opinion.
24
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                  Would you like to
25
    comment?
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MR. CHIFFON: Well, these are 1 2 located within the back of the machine and they're 3 away from where anybody would be operating the 4 unit or using or servicing the unit. So they are 5 directed back and towards the bottom of the 6 system. 7 I would contradict MR. BAUGHMAN: that answer offhand, respectfully, that the unit 8 that we went and looked at on-site the other day 9 10 had access from the rear because we've got the air 11 compressor in that room. 12 The units themselves were into an 13 area that you did have access back into. And I 14 would imagine that that is the case with a lot of 15 these facilities; they still have accessibility in 16 the room behind it for other equipment -- water 17 treatment, the softeners, the RO systems, whatever 18 may be -- can be located in the room behind it 19 where there could be other personnel. And that 20 was the case where we were in particular that one 21 day. 22 So there is the possibility of that 2.3 being within the area of other personnel at the 24 time, just through our own observation. And I 25 think that as you guys know where these

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installations are at and you know that there's
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    facilities that there is going to be accessibility
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    behind the unit itself, so I would still hold to
 4
    that statement that that would not be considered a
 5
    safe point of discharge.
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                 Going up and out to the atmosphere,
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          If it goes up and out, you're required to
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    have a drip pan out or some means to be about to
    get rid of the condensate and so forth.
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                 But my own opinion is my opinion
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    because it is safe point of discharge, which is
12
    somewhat interpretive, but understand the legal
13
    implications of if a relief valve discharges by a
14
    piece of equipment that you've manufactured, that
15
    you assume those liabilities that go along with
16
    that.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Understood.
                                               Thank
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    you.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Any other comments
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    on this?
21
                 (No verbal response.)
22
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Okay.
                                          I just wanted
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    to show what this looks like from photographs.
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    actually took these photos in our RCSC from the
25
    front of the unit.
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It took me about 10 seconds to take 1 2 off the top panel of the sterilizer. And I wanted 3 to show that, you know, it's visible. I actually 4 shot this with my cell phone. I just held my cell 5 phone above, from the front of the machine, and 6 took these photos so you can actually see the entire length of the piping. You can see the 7 8 bottom of the piping. 9 And to the right, I also took a quick 10 picture of the generator exhaust piping. You can 11 see the generator underneath there. It's wrapped 12 in insulation, in the metal foil. 13 MR. BAUGHMAN: Again, this is Dave 14 Baughman. 15 MS. Lafrance: Yes. 16 MR. BAUGHMAN: Going back to that 17 picture, that is not going to be indicative of 18 what you're looking to or to keep manufacturing a 19 status quo, being that that relief valve piping 20 discharge is not supported, you're talking about 21 bracketing it. 22 MS. Lafrance: Correct. MR. BAUGHMAN: 2.3 But bracketing it 24 and supporting the weight are two different 25 entities. And that relief valve discharge piping,

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the weight of that piping, albeit lowered with
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    copper, the discharge piping itself must be
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    supported, not just bracketed, to keep anything
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    from straining.
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                 So from what I see, those are
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   brackets on the side which are lacking -- as long
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    as those brackets -- to me, a bracket keeps
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    anything from moving laterally, but it doesn't
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   give pipe support.
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                 So if those brackets were from a
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    support standpoint, i.e., attached to that pipe to
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    give support, then that would be one thing.
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    if it's just there to keep the pipe from moving
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    laterally, then something else would need to be
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    addressed.
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                 And on that next picture, you're
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    showing the discharge piping from above, looking
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           And, of course, the brackets aren't there,
    down.
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   but the piping is not supported either.
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                   MR. AVERELL: Yeah. And this is in
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    our customer service center. So the -- what we're
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   proposing, I just took a note that it's not just
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   bracket. We should maybe change that to support.
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                   MR. CHIFFON: Well, the brackets
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    will support.
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1 MR. AVERELL: Okay. 2 MR. CHIFFON: They will be attached 3 to the piping. It won't just stop the piping from 4 moving; it will physically retain. 5 MR. AVERELL: Okay. great. 6 MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Thank 7 you again. So Item Number 3 was 8 MS. LaFRANCE: 9 that we needed to have writing on the sight glass 10 to indicate that it's heavy-wall glass. 11 We did go back to our supply of sight 12 glasses and we noted that it is printed with Duran 13 heavy-wall gauge glass. 14 We understand that you probably 15 didn't see the writing out in the field. engineer kind of rubbed on that printing, and it 16 17 can come off. We can't etch the glass because it 18 makes it weak, and it's very -- you know, this is 19 the most delicate part of the sterilizer. 20 So it is provided with the paperwork 21 that you see underneath so that we can tell that 22 it's heavy-gauged -- heavy-wall glass. 2.3 MR. BAUGHMAN: Going back one 24 picture, before we get to the glass, I know we 25 just went past the -- or maybe the relief valve is

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coming forward.
                     I know we just briefly saw a
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   picture of the relief valve tag and I was
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    interested in looking at that.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Oh, okay. Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   And it may be past
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    the glass.
                I don't know.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                  Yeah, it is past it.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay. So we'll
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    address the glass. Very good. We'll go back to
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    the glass.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Okay.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  So when we were at
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    the facility the other day, we looked at the
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    glass.
           I've got examples of heavy-wall, both what
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    does not have the writing on it, which we
    witnessed at the site, versus what is on the glass
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    itself. And on a glass, I believe this unit
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    itself has a six-inch glass?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay.
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    that six inches, there's going to be quite a bit
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    of writing that's on there. But it's got Duran.
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    It's got the gauge glass serial number and so
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           We use broad examples. But what was on
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    there was a clear glass.
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And when we looked at this particular facility, one item stood out was that with the clear glass, we couldn't tell if the unit was empty or full. I was hoping it was full, which it was, but the sight-glass valves were closed. And that will lead into some other things that we're going to talk about within your checks of the water level and so forth.

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Being that you can't see the water level in this boiler without disassembling or taking the front of the unit to have access to the boiler itself -- in other words, it's behind the panel of the sterilizer. So you have no idea.

Somebody physically either closed the sight-glass valves, which also at that time made the steam gauge no longer operable because it was attached to the bottom of the sight-glass valves.

But we noted that, for one, it's a clear glass. Nothing mandates that you've got to have a red line, although the red line gives you a better indication, especially from a distance, to be able to see what the water level is.

But the glass itself -- and I understand that in the paperwork that I saw, the documentation was there as far as what we supply

1 and what comes with the unit itself.

Those are purchasing documentations.

I believe that letter stated that that was back in

4 | March or some point that that was produced. But

5 | we've seen that before, that what's supplied and

6 | bought and what actually gets put on can be two

7 different things. That goes back to quality

8 | control and making sure that what goes on the unit

9 | is proper.

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A sight glass is one item that the pressure inside of that sight glass is the same as what's in the boiler. And so it's critical that all these components match up. And so all I had to go by with this comment through the previous meeting and in the minutes was that the unit itself did not have the writing. Although you can, you know, physically -- but it takes quite a bit to take the writing off of one of these particular sight glass.

So I had multiple issues concerning the sight glass at that particular installation. Where you're moving forward, I think is great. But we definitely had some concerns and that's why the mention was in the previous minutes and how you addressed it there.

But there again, it's one of the things that you don't want to beat it too hard, but that sight glass is one thing that can cause injury, and it's an item that should be checked during the operation of the unit itself. And we don't have the availability to do it the way it's constructed presently, so... MR. BOWERS: Harold Bowers. You know, in defense of STERIS, you know, all they do is manufacture it and sell it. As far as the operation of the STERIS unit, that's up to the vendor -- I mean up to the buyer to make sure that the sight glass is right and the valves are open like they're supposed to be. So I just want to make that comment.

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But in Dave's defense, yes, the sight glass needs to be where it can be looked at and the gauge checked.

MR. BAUGHMAN: I looked for a code reference under Section 1, Power Boilers, to see what the reference was for being able to look at the water level of the boiler. As it states in the present, I think we're looking at it once every four -- four times a year?

MR. AVERELL: Yes. And whenever

there's a service call, that's part of the 1 2 It's not just, oh, this was leaking; inspection. 3 It's to run the cycles, do test I fixed it. 4 cycles on the unit to check the overall operation, 5 leaks, all that kind of stuff every time there is 6 a service call on it. 7 MR. BAUGHMAN: And those service 8 calls are basically, again, four times a year, or there's -- there's specific service that --9 10 MR. AVERELL: That's the 11 preventative maintenance checklist that we have 12 that we go through four times a year. But if there's a service call -- if the customer says, 13 14 "My door doesn't go up or down," or any other 15 issue that they have with the unit, then the whole 16 unit is checked over. 17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Got you. But that 18 may not happen, or it may happen once a year. 19 may have one service call, two service calls, 20 multiples, or you may not have any. 21 And so my concern is, is that we're 22 operating a high-pressure power boiler without the 2.3 ability to check the water level in the unit 24 itself without disassembling the front of the 25 unit.

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And again, I haven't looked at the
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                     I've got brothers in the industry
    code reference.
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    that have the codes available. But if I'm not
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   mistaken, there's a code reference to being able
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    to verify visually what the water level is in the
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   boiler itself without having to disassemble the
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   unit.
                                  Well, you really
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
   don't have to disassemble the unit. All you have
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    to do is take off the front panel.
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    off. I took it off to take those pictures by
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   myself, and then I put it back on. So it's easy
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    to remove, but the sight glass is right in front
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    where you can see it. We purposefully put it
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    there so that it would be easy to view.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: I understand.
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   you.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                  Any other questions
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    on the sight glass?
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                   MR. HENCHERICK: Phil Hencherick,
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   FM Global.
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                 I've seen other small steam
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    generators.
                 Sometimes they cut an access port on
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    the casing so you can see the sight glass. You do
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    see that in the field.
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I've seen your units before,
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    stainless steel cabinets, enclosed. And I'm just
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    saying I've seen other applications for steamers
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    where they'll sit there and they'll have a little
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    access port cut so you can see the sight glass.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Thank you.
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                 For Item 4, we had, "The safety valve
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    set value and capacity data are difficult to
    read."
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    supplier this way. It's my understanding that
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    it's required that the information is embossed on
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    the label. And again, I took these pictures with
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    my cell phone on Monday, so I think, you know, the
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    information is pretty clear in these photos.
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    have both the sterilizer, the jacket, and the
    generator valve labels there.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                   I have a question.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                   Chris O'Guin, Chief
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    Inspector.
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                 Were these pictures taken from the
    front of the unit --
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                                   -- with front
                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
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inspection access only? 1 2 I did it myself. MS. LaFRANCE: 3 went in Monday night and I took the panel off the 4 front of the sterilizer and I just shot these with 5 my cell phone. So the visual aids really help. I've got a question. 6 MR. BAUGHMAN: 7 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes. 8 MR. BAUGHMAN: Again, Dave 9 Baughman. 10 And I know we addressed this and it 11 was talked about in the minutes, but you're 12 showing a cap in the weep discharge, which is not 13 allowed. And so I wanted to make sure that we 14 address this. 15 And I know that even yourself had 16 said, "Yeah, I've never really seen this before." 17 But I wanted to make sure that it was part of the 18 quality control that that particular cap -- and 19 after our meeting, I went back and looked in our 20 inventory to see if we had any. There weren't. 21 And so I inquired back to Conbraco, 22 the manufacturer of your relief valves, to ask if 2.3 they supply any kind of aperture in the weep hole 24 and they said no. So being that, that had to come 2.5 from somewhere for some reason.

And that's also a point of discharge 1 that when that relief valve should discharge, you 2 3 can get discharge out of that weep hole. 4 wanted to know, moving forward, how you're going 5 to attend to that weep hole in both its piping of it, because it's got to be, also, to a safe point 6 7 of discharge. 8 MS. LaFRANCE: Well, I don't think 9 we see these in the field. 10 MR. AVERELL: Yeah. I'm surprised 11 that there's that red cap in there, because I've 12 put on safety valves a lot and have never had it. 13 If it was there, maybe it's for shipping or 14 something like that, but I don't know. 15 Maybe we can put something in our 16 instructions to make sure to remove the red cap to 17 have that installed there. Because I don't --18 just when I looked up there, I was, like, the ones 19 on the left, I'm like, no, that's part of the 20 safety relief part of it. And I'm like, oh, yeah, 21 I see the red cap now. And I'm like, why is that 22 So yeah, I don't -- I don't know. I don't there. 2.3 have that answer, and I've just got a -- took a 24 note, "red cap." 25 MS. LaFRANCE: This is a proto-type

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This is the very first one.
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    machine, too.
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    often use these machines in our visitor center
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    because, you know, quite frankly, the customer
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    doesn't really care about the piping the way --
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Well, the customer
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    doesn't know what they don't know.
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                   MS. Lafrance:
                                   Right.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: We're here charged
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    with safety.
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                   MS. Lafrance:
                                   Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    is before the Board. We're looking at pictures of
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    a prototype --
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                                   Right.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   -- and being asked
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    to give a blanket exemption on prototype pictures
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    and --
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                                   Right.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   -- things that we're
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    looking at changing and having develop.
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    that's why we're going through this process.
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    I still need to know how that would be attended
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    to, where that safe point of discharge is at,
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    what's the test procedure.
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                 In the manual, in going through the
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maintenance manual, I was looking for the test 1 2 procedure of how you test the relief valves. 3 MR. AVERELL: We don't. We replace 4 them every year. 5 MR. BAUGHMAN: You replace them 6 every year? 7 MR. AVERELL: Because we have found 8 that sometimes if you test them, they don't 9 properly reseat. Rather than get into that 10 situation, it's just in our maintenance procedure 11 to replace them every single year. 12 MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. have the serial numbers recorded to know when that 13 14 date of manufacture or date -- it's within your --15 MR. AVERELL: Yeah. It's part of the sterilizer. When the sterilizer is due for 16 17 the inspection, every year it comes up there are 18 certain steps that have to be taken, and one of 19 them is to replace the safety valve. 20 So we have the issue, especially with 21 the ones on the little mini generator that we have 22 underneath the units. It's like if you pull this and it releases, then I'm going to replace it. 2.3 24 we just said we're just going to replace them 25 every year.

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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    We found that most people don't know how to test
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    the relief valve. And it's lack of training and
    education within the marketplace as far as to know
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    the proper procedure and what pressure you can
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    relieve them at and so forth.
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                   MR. AVERELL: Okay.
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   were, like -- we don't want to get into that, so
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   part of it, when we're doing the boiler
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    inspections every year with the technicians, it's
    just we have the unit shut off either the night
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   before so it's cool, then we do our inspection and
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    our work on it, and then we just replace the
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    safety valve and fire everything back up and then
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    run test cycles.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Very good.
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    safety valve on the very right-hand side, there at
    about the, oh, 8:00 to 9:00 position maybe, at the
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             Right on down a little bit on the valve
   bottom.
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    itself, right up to your -- up, over to the left.
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    Right there.
                  Nope. Right there.
                                       That little
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    scarring.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Casting mark?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Casting mark.
                                                  Okay.
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    Well, and so --
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1	MR. AVERELL: Without actually
2	seeing the actual valve itself, that's what I
3	would say.
4	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. So that leads
5	to my question on the training for service
6	personnel and so forth is, are they trained to
7	know where they can put a wrench on a relief
8	valve? Because there is one place and one place
9	only that they're allowed to put a wrench.
10	MR. AVERELL: On the landing.
11	MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes, sir, on the
12	flat surfaces. So if, in fact, that was a wrench
13	mark, pipe valve and so forth
14	MR. AVERELL: We have other
15	questions for our technicians to ask, why are you
16	using the improper tool on them?
17	MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. Very good.
18	Thank you.
19	MR. AVERELL: Thank you.
20	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Yeah. That was
21	a question I had that you've answered, is I agree
22	we can see the nameplate just fine, but I don't
23	see the tag where it was either pressure-tested or
24	repaired and sealed. And so you answered that
25	question by if you're going to replace the valve

and not --1 2 MR. AVERELL: Or even if they're 3 out there for a regular inspection or just even a 4 service call or something else and they see it 5 weeping out of the weep hole, replace it. don't even -- we don't want to mess around. 6 7 know, because invariably it will happen on a 8 Saturday when no one is around, so we just replace it. Being that this is 10 MR. BAUGHMAN: 11 on the front of the unit and you said you pulled 12 the front off and you got in with your cell phone, 13 was this unit in operation or was it static when 14 you looked at it? It's static. 15 MS. Lafrance: 16 MR. BAUGHMAN: Static. So my 17 question being is that these units would go through possible inspection during operation. 18 19 What kind of temperatures, what -- in 20 other words what I'm looking at is the burn 21 If somebody has got to stick their arm in factor. 22 to take a cell phone picture and it comes out 23 blurry, they come back, delete it, put it back in, 24 comes back --25 This whole process of going back and

forth, and I'm thinking of brother Harold and our 1 2 new inspector coming in with FM, of being able to 3 have accessibility to reading this without having 4 to take an aperture such as a cell phone camera and taking a picture of it, does that meet the 5 letter of the code of what we're looking at? 6 7 And I don't know. I ask the question 8 because presently -- and I don't know how our code is worded. And so I defer that, but my question 10 being is I know that if I was somebody, even a 11 serviceman going in and wanting to see the data 12 and I've left my cell phone in the car -- there's 13 certain places that we don't bring our cell phones 14 into -- I don't want to have to rely on my cell phone to go in and try to take a picture to give 15 16 you that information personally. 17 MR. BOWERS: This is Harold Bowers, 18 board member. 19 I've probably got more burns on 20 sterilizers in the last 20 years than anything 21 else. But we do use mirrors and we use 22 selfie-sticks, you know, to get to those 2.3 hard-to-get-to places. That's part of the trade. 24 You just learn how to do it. And you get burned, 25 you know.

But the sterilizers, you're in a 1 2 close, confined space and you're around a lot of 3 hot pipes and you get burned a few times and you 4 learn. You know, it's like, oh, you go a little 5 easier next time and say, hey, I'm going to buy that selfie-stick. That selfie-stick works a lot 6 7 better. It's just part of the trade as to how you 8 do it. MR. AVERELL: And we also have 9 10 our -- our technicians all have burn sleeves that 11 they go from the middle of the hand up and over 12 So invariably you'll get burned right the elbow. 13 where the shirt is and the sleeve stops. 14 that's -- you do have -- we do have burn sleeves. 15 All the technicians have them and they're full length, so they can reach in and -- just that 16 17 momentary right there and take the picture of it. 18 So that's part of their basic PPE equipment, is to 19 have burn sleeves with the gloves and safety 20 glasses. 21 So would, therefore, MR. BAUGHMAN: 22 then the inspector, just to keep the inspectors 2.3 from being burned -- you know, we all don't like 24 to say things that we shouldn't when we get burned 25 or shocked. But would it be appropriate, then, at

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the time that we need this looked at, to alleviate
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    any possibility of burns, of being able to ask any
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   personnel on site to look at it for us?
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                   MR. AVERELL: Yeah.
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   many different states, some states, the inspector
    will say, "Hey, I'm showing up Tuesday to look at
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    this account," and we make our technicians -- and
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    they show up and work together.
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                 In some states, I've had people just
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    say, "Oh, yeah. We looked at the boiler for you."
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                 I'm like, "When were you there?"
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    yeah. And if you want to use some of our burn
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    equipment, I've given burn sleeves to some of our
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    installers and said, "Here. Use these.
                                              Do not
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    get burnt."
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
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   makes sense.
                  Thank you.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: Chris O'Guin, Chief
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    Inspector.
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                 We do not schedule an external
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    inspection on high-pressure boilers. We go in
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    unannounced.
                  That way we can do all the control
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    checks.
             With that, you know, if there's an issue,
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   you know, we're going to find it instead of
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    somebody getting there before us and fixing these
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We can tell how they're being attended to 1 2 on a normal basis that way. 3 And I had one question. The relief 4 piping on this, can I see it from a front-only 5 access? Not from a side picture. I mean, front 6 access only. 7 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes. I took a 8 picture of it from the front. 9 MR. CHIFFON: All these were from 10 front access. 11 CHIEF O'GUIN: Okay. That's what I 12 was wondering. Thank you. 13 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes. And I want to 14 add, too, that I actually zoomed in. I didn't get 15 too close to these. So I zoomed in and then 16 inserted these photos. So I didn't get too close, 17 to take the pictures. 18 MR. BAUGHMAN: Do you have a photo 19 that's back, not up close but actually back from 20 the unit that would show the panel off and where 21 the location of those valves are? 22 MS. LaFRANCE: Not in this 23 particular presentation, but I can supply you with 24 one. 25 MR. BAUGHMAN: I would be

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interested in that.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                   MR. BOWERS: You actually showed
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    one from your front view.
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                   MR. AVERELL: Beginning with the
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    generator panel?
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                Yes.
                   MR. AVERELL: That would at least
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    show that.
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                                   Shall I go back?
                   MS. Lafrance:
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                   MR. BOWERS: Yes.
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    the safety valves are at. It's on the right side
    and -- I noticed when me and Chris had gone out
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    there, it was pretty tight to get the cell phone
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    in there.
               It was a little tight. But it's on the
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    right side, and you can --
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 There's a picture.
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    So as you can see, this is the actual sterilizer,
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    and this is the access they would have.
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   panel is the one that would come off. It's got
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    two little locks. It pulls off here.
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                 So the control box, the sight glass,
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    the safety valve is back there.
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    we have the access here. But this is for the
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   relief valve for the generator.
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Where is the relief 1 MR. BAUGHMAN: 2 valve for the unfired vessel? 3 MR. AVERELL: Up top. It's another 4 panel up top. 5 MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. MR. AVERELL: I don't know that we 6 7 have a picture of that. MS. LaFRANCE: You can kind of see 8 9 it in this computer model where the relief valves 10 are attached to the exhaust piping. 11 provide a photo of that as well. 12 So moving on to Item 7, that we need 13 to match the units on safety valves to the 14 pressure vessel capacity units. Currently, the 15 sterilizer vessel is kilopascals, and the safety 16 valve is in psig. 17 We researched this question and it 18 has quite an interesting story behind it and a 19 logical explanation. We actually are a worldwide 20 supplier of sterilizers, and we have a factory in 21 Europe, in Finland, that builds the AMSCO 600 for 22 that market. 2.3 We initially released this chamber 24 and door design in Europe. And in Europe, they 25 like kilopascals. They did all the analysis in

kilopascals. And then when we designed -- when we 1 2 did the design transfer to our North American 3 plant, all those calculations came over in 4 kilopascals, and our authorized inspector in our 5 North American plant said, "You must have the label match what the calculations are done in, " 6 7 and that was kilopascals. 8 In Europe, they favor steam to steam And in the U.S., electric generators. 9 generators. 10 So we actually developed an electric generator over here in North America. And, of course, we 11 12 like psig in North America, so the generator was 13 labeled in psig. 14 So there is a logical explanation for 15 why it is the way it is, but we realized that it's 16 not convenient to do the conversion in the field 17 from kilopascals to psig, and we're going to 18 actually change the way our calculations are 19 reported so we can label everything in psig. 20 MR. BAUGHMAN: So presently, is 21 your manufacturer's data report showing both 22 present day, the design of the vessel itself in 23 kilopascals and any of your externals under your 24 P-7 or on your addendum for the relief valve 25 showing in psig? And is there ever a time when

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it's kilopascals on the relief valve and -- and
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    what I'm getting at is I just don't know where the
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    inconsistencies are at.
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   heading where it will all be in U.S. designations
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    instead of the metrics. But when is that going to
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    take place?
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: As we speak, it is
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   being changed.
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                   MR. CHIFFON:
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    analysis right now, so...
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                 The analysis of the unfired vessel
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    will now be done in psig, and then the data plate
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    for that will be in psig. And then that will
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    align with the relief valves on the chamber that
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    are in psig. And they will remain in psig.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Does all of your
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   manufacturing of these vessels come from the
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    States, North America -- I say "the States," but
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   you mentioned North America.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   We don't bring
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    anything in from overseas?
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   We do not.
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   Everything is done in North America.
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1	MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Where in
2	North America?
3	MS. LaFRANCE: In Monterey.
4	MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good. Thank
5	you.
6	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So the email we
7	received, it made a statement that there wasn't
8	clear code guidance on unit of measure. And so
9	just for the record, it's in the NBIC. It's also
10	in Part HG102 for Section 1. It's also on PG-4 on
11	Section 4. And it's U-4 for ASME Section VIII
12	Division 1.
13	And all of them basically say a
14	single system unit shall be used for all aspects
15	of the design. And, of course, there's always an
16	exception, but what you're doing here will satisfy
17	that.
18	MS. LaFRANCE: Right.
19	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So thank you
20	very much for clarifying that.
21	MS. LaFRANCE: Well, thanks for
22	bringing it to our attention.
23	Any other questions on this item?
24	(No verbal response.)
25	MS. LaFRANCE: For Item Number 10,

the inspection interval for steam gauge and water 1 2 level in the operator manual is one time per year. 3 Our reference to the code showed, from NBIC 370, 4 that power boilers and high-pressure/ 5 high-temperature water boilers, one annual 6 internal and external inspection. 7 And Dean already alluded to some of 8 these facts, that we actually check the generator 9 four times a year and more if we happen to be in 10 the account. And that's what's currently stated 11 in our interval-based checklist, four times per 12 year for all the items that you see listed on the 13 page here. 14 Any questions? 15 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. The unit that 16 we looked at, Mr. O'Guin and Mr. Bowers, do you 17 remember what the age of that unit was, how long 18 it had been there? 19 CHIEF O'GUIN: It was newly 20 installed, within a 60-day time frame. 21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Newly installed. So 22 it would have gone through a start-up by STERIS, I 2.3 would assume, at that time. 24 So I still come back to the water

level being that those gauge valves were in the

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closed position. And so that's somewhat of my 1 2 Not to hammer on the water level, but 3 it's so critical to this process that I think it's 4 worthy of further review and investigation by 5 STERIS to come up with a protocol on how to check 6 water level. 7 MS. LaFRANCE: Right. MR. BAUGHMAN: Our brother from FM 8 9 made note of a hole in the panel to be able to 10 view the water level and whatever the situation 11 may be. But as it stands now, one time a year for 12 service intervals or what have you, I think we all 13 concur that that's lacking. 14 MS. LaFRANCE: Correct. 15 MR. BAUGHMAN: At any rate, that 16 was just a comment. 17 Yeah. MS. LaFRANCE: And we also 18 have the float within the generator, the float 19 It's a stainless generator and it has a sensor. 20 sensor which, you know, transmits a signal to the 21 control which will tell us --22 MR. AVERELL: If it gets over-2.3 filled, it shuts off the pump. Because if it 24 didn't shut off the pump, it would just keep 25 filling with water and then there would be water

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off the safety valves.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: I'm a little
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    confused because you mentioned float.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 There is a -- inside
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    the generator -- well, you've seen the sight
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    glass, and this is part of -- when we started
 7
    building our own generators, we used to get them
8
    from PROPYLUX. And the way they had their floats
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    and probes for water level and heater turn on and
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    off and overflow and under -- under water -- or
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    I'm sorry -- a low-water level. But they had
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    those different -- their sight glass would show it
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    at half full; whereas, when we put ours in, the
14
    way we position the float, the sight glass is a
15
    lot fuller. So you would have that unit -- it has
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    a shutoff that tells us when to turn the heater
17
    on, and if there is a condition where the water
18
    level is too high, it will also shut off.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Is this an internal
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    float?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  It's a float that you
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                  It's replaceable.
    can replace.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  But my question
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   being, is it an internal float?
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                   MR. AVERELL: Yes.
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chamber of the -- the steam chamber of the
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    generator, yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Interesting.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   My point is it's
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    redundant.
                It's another method of measuring the
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    level of the water.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                          So redundant
                                   Okay.
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    being you've got a float and you've got -- what's
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    the other?
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                   MS. Lafrance:
                                   A sight glass.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  The visual sight
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    glass and then the float is the electronic control
    or the electric control of turning on the
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    feedwater pump or turning off -- turning on the
    heaters. Or if there's a low-water situation, it
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    shuts off the heaters and the pump, or it will
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    turn off the pump also when it's overfilled.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   So the sight glass
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    is not a means of controlling the water.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  No.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   No.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   It's a means of
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    looking at it.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  It's a visual --
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: You said it's a
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redundant means of control, but it's not.
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    just a visual representation of what's in the
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   boiler itself. So all we've got is a float that's
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    internal to the unit itself.
                   MR. AVERELL: And then if any of
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    the conditions that aren't met, then the unit
 7
    alarms and shuts off the power.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Thank you.
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                   MR. BOWERS: This is Harold Bowers.
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    I have a question.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                 Yes?
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                 Is there any level
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    indicater or pressure indicater on the controls on
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    the front of the boiler as far as if you have a
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    low-water condition, it shuts the boiler off?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 Are you looking for
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    like if there's a light?
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                                 If there's a light --
                   MR. BOWERS:
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 No.
                                       The control --
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    it has a water level control board in there, so
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    when the float senses the water is too low, say
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    the water supply, whatever, there's an
    interruption of water supply, when it's too low,
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    the pump would run for a certain amount of time
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    and then shut off.
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MR. BOWERS: But there would be an
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    alarm?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
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    alarm on the actual control of the sterilizer.
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    The basic alarm that would show up is too long to
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    charge a jacket. So that's the indication that
 7
   your steam supply, there's an issue with it.
                   MR. BOWERS: So it wouldn't tell
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   you exactly; it's just a low-water indicator.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 There is an alarm.
    We have a series of alarms for the generator, too.
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    It's a big list of alarms that the generator will
13
    go and give off, too, that we use for --
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                               Would that be an
15
    indicator for high pressure on the panel?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                 No.
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                Okay.
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                   MR. AVERELL: But just the alarm
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    would be, like, you know, low water or -- then you
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    would have the visual indication. As soon as you
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    get the alarm of anything like that that's a
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    safety issue, then you would stop. You can't use
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    it anymore.
                 The end user could not use it.
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                 Even if they cleared the alarm, they
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    could not use it. Or if they were somehow able to
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get into our supervisor mode or something like
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    that, the alarm would reoccur and stop it again.
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                   MR. BOWERS:
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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    to Item 11:
                 No manufacturer's data report for the
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   particular vessel itself was available.
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                 I think we kind of addressed this at
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    the last meeting in that we said that all the
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    documents get shipped with the sterilizer in a
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   binder and they're given to the customer.
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    we need to have that documentation, all we have to
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   normally do is ask the supervisor of the
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    department for it, and they should have it on
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   hand.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
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    question: Are these units registered with the
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   National Board?
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                   MR. AVERELL: They all have
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   National -- the generators have National Board
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    numbers.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay.
                                               So if
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    they've got National Board numbers, then the
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   National Board has that documentation.
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                   MR. AVERELL: Yeah.
                                         Occasionally,
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   we'll have people who buy from the facility
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closest down if they don't have it. They bought 1 2 this generator and they're, like, can you give us 3 the paperwork. 4 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So your 5 response on that would be if all your units are 6 registered with the National Board, then the 7 owner/user, inspection agency, repair agency should contact the National Board and get that 8 9 data report. 10 MR. AVERELL: Generally, they 11 contact us because our name is on the front of the 12 unit. But yeah, we get -- we've taken many 13 requests to find that information for people. 14 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay. Thank 15 you. 16 MR. AVERELL: Absolutely. 17 MR. BAUGHMAN: I'll comment to 18 that, because on page 28 of the minutes from 19 the -- excuse me. It's referred to on page 28, 20 the reference in this meeting, but it's actually 21 on page 29. It was addressed through 22 Mr. Andrusky. 2.3 "Those documents are shipped with the 24 equipment and given to the customer. I don't know 25 in that case whether we inquired from the customer

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of whether they're available or not.
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                                           STERIS
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    doesn't keep them."
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                 And so even though STERIS is the
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   manufacturer of the units, as you state, you're
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   not keeping the manufacturer's data reports?
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                   MR. CHIFFON:
                                 That doesn't sound
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    right.
                                   I think what he was
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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    saying is we don't keep the documents that are
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    sent with the sterilizer. We give them to the
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               That's what Roger was referring to.
    customer.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: You do have
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    records --
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                   MR. CHIFFON: We would have records
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    of that.
                   MS. LaFRANCE: We have a device
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    history record in the factory that has everything
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    about every device that we've ever shipped.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  And I appreciate
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    that, because that's -- that's why I was going
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   back through and --
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                                        We definitely
                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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   have records but we give the customer a copy.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Very good. Well, in
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    the way the minutes read through the court
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reporting, which does a fantastic job, "STERIS
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    doesn't keep them" was highlighted in my notes,
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    so --
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                   MR. AVERELL: Oh yeah, we have
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    them.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: -- I wanted to
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    clarify that.
                   MR. AVERELL:
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                                  Yeah.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: So for the record,
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    STERIS does keep them.
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                   MR. AVERELL: We do keep the
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    records and we do provide a copy of the record to
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    the customer.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
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    being National Board, they registered there with
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    the National Board also, both not only on the
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    generator but the unfired vessel is also National
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    Board registered?
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                   MR. CHIFFON:
                                  Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Very good.
                                               Thank
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    you.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
                                   Any other questions
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    on Number 11?
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: Okay. For Item 12
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we had the right side of the generator vessel is 1 2 not visible for inspection for leaks. 3 This is a stainless vessel. This is

kind of new for us in the United States. We've seen increased demand for clean steam versus --5

6 which uses RODI water as the feedwater.

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Clean steam helps customers keep their chambers cleaner. You know, we see degradation of water quality all over the United States, so we're seeing an increased demand for our clean steam in Europe. They use clean steam almost exclusively.

So we are now beginning to supply sterilizers with stainless generators versus the carbon steel that we used to. You know, those would corrode. The stainless generator is not going to corrode like the carbon steel would.

And as you can see from the right, we can see the right side of the generator. covered with insulation as is our chamber itself. It's covered with insulation.

So I think that any indication for leaks, I don't -- Dean, maybe you can comment on how we find leaks in our system in the field.

MR. AVERELL: Generally, if there's

a leak, I would have to say most of the time, it's coming from the sight glass. It's the sight glass or it's some of the piping that's almost exclusively on the left-hand side in the center where that tape-measure technician person is

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there.

On the right side, the only thing there is the safety valve. It's discharged and you only should be able to see -- it's kind of hard because it's dark in this picture. But the only other things are all visible on the top of the generator like the feedwater line. There's nothing purposefully -- we don't put anything over here because of that.

Now, if there was a leak discovered and the technician could not figure out where it was from, yes, then we're pulling the generator.

And that's what we ended up doing on the ones that you guys went out and the sight valves were shut off and everything like that; we said, you know, let's not even mess around with this. Let's replace these generators. And that's what we did. We replaced those generators on those units. We're just, like, not even going to screw around. Let's just replace them. Whether

they were leaking or not, it doesn't matter. 1 2 Let's replace them. 3 MR. BAUGHMAN: So you replaced the 4 sight glass valve, not the generator itself. 5 MR. AVERELL: No. The whole 6 generator. 7 MR. BAUGHMAN: You replaced the 8 whole generator? 9 MR. AVERELL: Yes. Everything that 10 is with the generator, the piping, the electrical, 11 sight glasses, the vacuum pump -- or, I mean, the 12 feedwater pump, everything, just pulled it out. MR. BAUGHMAN: On that new one that 13 we went out and looked at? 14 15 MR. AVERELL: Yes. That's the one. 16 Yep. That was the resolution, because we --17 MR. BAUGHMAN: Interesting. 18 MR. AVERELL: We just decided that 19 it's -- it would be better because it's a new 20 You guys had pointed out these things. customer. 21 There was some discussion about where the leak was 22 or wasn't, so we're like, let's not even screw 2.3 around. And that's the way STERIS does things. 24 We just take it out.

MR. BAUGHMAN: Would that not have

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to -- and I defer this to Mr. O'Guin.
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    not then need an application for installation to
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   be approved?
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  Yes, sir.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay. And just for
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    the protocol of that within the State of
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    Tennessee, when you're replacing the unit, I
    understand that that was the easiest and most --
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    and really, from a customer satisfaction
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    standpoint of saying hey, we're taking care of
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    this for you, but the protocol is there to go --
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                   MR. AVERELL: And I don't know that
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    we do that, honestly. I don't know that we needed
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    to ask -- you know, say hey, we're replacing this
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    generator, what's the steps. Because we deal with
    15 different states, and sometimes we've been
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    caught off guard as to what all the rules are.
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                 So that's why we're here, is because
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    we want to make this right for you guys so that we
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    can have experience when we talk to people
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    elsewhere as to what it can be.
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                 And we're -- we've actually had --
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    started to have people now that their job is,
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    like, if you're going to make this, you better
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    check all the codes in all the states.
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Well, and that's 1 MR. BAUGHMAN: 2 what we should do as manufacturer/suppliers. 3 We're charged with doing that. It's our responsibility not to do it on the back end but on 4 5 the front end. MR. AVERELL: 6 Yep. 7 MR. BAUGHMAN: So one of the things 8 with clean steam, and I've seen this on sterilizer 9 units, is that the unit can be stainless and then 10 it's piped in in carbon steel. And then you have 11 the issues of still not having clean steam because 12 of the acid that's formed and the degradation of 13 the piping and the iron and so forth, getting back 14 to the unit itself, as far as the -- where the utensils are being sterilized at. I see that in a 15 lot of installations. 16 17 MR. AVERELL: And we're finding now 18 that a lot of these surgery centers are not used 19 to providing this clean water. So we're also 20 helping them understand that you don't just put in 21 the water system and hey, we're all done. 22 have to have somebody service it and take care of 2.3 it. So we're working to educate our customers to 24 help them help us so the equipment will last.

you're using good quality water and stainless on

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the unit, it's going to last a lot longer and be 1 2 more reliable. 3 Well, the unit does. MR. BAUGHMAN: 4 The piping external of the unit is where there's 5 issues that come up if that is carbon steel going from the sterilizer out, because you're not 6 7 treating to offset the acid that's formed, and you 8 still have issues along the way external of the 9 sterilizer itself. So we just find a lot of 10 issues within the industry. 11 But, I guess, part of what I look at 12 is when there's a leak, of being able to identify 13 a leak -- and I know I'm speaking with some of my 14 colleagues -- there's been some conflict in, is this condensation, is this a leak, being able to 15 take the insulation off to identify if there's a 16 17 leak in the pressure vessel itself and so forth. 18 And so that's something just as we 19 move forward, is looking at the accessibility to 20 identify where a leak is at. 21 I know we've mentioned sight glass is the most prevalent area of a leak. And those have 22 2.3 unit end washers typically that come with them 24 which have a rating of about 185 F.

So that's a constant tightening

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process on the sight glass valves. 1 But that's 2 kind of minor compared to if we've got a vessel 3 leak itself. 4 Where these electrodes go within the 5 unit itself, is there a flange gasket? I take it 6 there's a flange. So that's an area that's a 7 possible leakage also. 8 MR. AVERELL: And that's why we 9 inspect them four times a year. To do it once a 10 year is good, but, I mean, we want to be safe. 11 want the equipment to be up and useable for the 12 That's why four times a year, to us, is customer. 13 where we set our inspection standard. 14 Now, if we notice that somebody --15 and this is just outside of these units. 16 someone has a carbon steel generator and they have really horrible water, then maybe we do 17 18 inspections six times a year, that kind of thing. 19 It does get site specific at times. 20 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Let me break in 21 here for just a minute. It's basically 10 after 22 11:00. We've been going for over two hours. The 2.3 court reporter needs a break. I know everybody 24 else needs a break. 25 I need to talk to STERIS and

A.O. Smith because we will have to adjourn this 1 2 meeting no later than 1:30, and I want to make 3 sure I give everybody a fair time to present their 4 And I will do everything possible to make items. 5 that happen between now and 1:30. But let's take a ten-minute break and 6 7 we'll reconvene at 11:20, and we'll see what our 8 path forward is. 9 (Recess observed.) 10 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: We'll give the 11 floor back to STERIS so they can wrap up their 12 presentation. 13 MS. LaFRANCE: Okay. Thank you 14 very much. Our last item is Item Number 13: How 15 is the unit blown down and how are the operating 16 pressure, high-pressure limit, and the back-up for 17 it and any low-water cutoff apertures, how are 18 they accomplished? 19 And I'm going to let Dean speak to 20 this because he's much more familiar with this 21 aspect. 22 MR. AVERELL: So, of course, code 2.3 is you can't put anything over 140 down the drain, 24 so they're not done at high pressure. To do any 25 of the work on the unit, the unit is shut off,

it's cooled down, and then they're able to do work 1 2 on it.

Now, if the customer wants to do a flush on it, we do have built into the unit an automatic flush-and-drain system. There's temperature and pressure devices on the generator so that in the control, the unit shuts off, and when it reaches below 140 and below 5 pounds of pressure in the generator, it will flush.

10 Usually, that's done overnight.

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It's more for those accounts that have carbon steel generators. They are -- we are putting them on the stainless steel generators because, as we know, clean water isn't always clean. So there's always going to be some bit of particulars in there. So those are --

At this point, the new units that are coming out, the customer has to actually deselect the flush-and-drain option. It's not even a choice anymore. And we're working with other customers to retrofit the other ones so that they have flush-and-drain kits.

As far as test procedures, we are developing -- most of it is the high and low pressure switches. The technician will put an

electronic meter on the switch, watch the gauge as 1 2 it goes up. When it trips, they'll be able to 3 visually tell and also with the calibrated 4 instrument to see what pressure it's tripping out 5 at or set at so they can adjust it. A lot of it is done just by operation 6 7 of the sterilizer or the generator. You can see 8 when it -- on the gauge when it comes up to 9 70 pounds, the two heaters cut out and the 10 residual latent heat drifts it up to 80. 11 Now, there's a high-pressure switch 12 on it also that will cut it out if for some reason 13 the generator just started to overheat or there 14 was something wrong and it reached a pressure of 15 100 pounds. Not only would the safety relief valve blow off and scare the hell out of everyone, 16 17 it would also cut the power off to the generator. 18 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. I would like 19 to address a question or two. 20 MR. AVERELL: Sure. I would expect 21 nothing less, sir. 22 MR. BAUGHMAN: Is the -- when the 2.3 high limit -- if the high limit is actuated, if 24 the operator doesn't shut it off, I take it it's 25 got the back-up high limit. If the high limit

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trips, does that go into a manual reset mode, or
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    is that automatically reset?
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                   MR. AVERELL: Manual reset.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: And where is that,
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    on the switch itself or is that --
                   MR. AVERELL: On that switch
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    itself, it says "manual reset" and it has a white
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   button. You would have to pull the panel off.
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    The unit would go into an alarm. You couldn't use
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    the unit anymore.
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                 In addition, with that safety relief
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    valve going off, we would get a call. There's no
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    doubt about that.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Sure.
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    limit should be set at least below where the
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    relief valve set point would be.
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                   MR. AVERELL: Yes.
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    I believe it's set at 90.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    low-water cutoff, does it actuate a manual reset?
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                   MR. AVERELL: If the low water --
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    if the water level drops below, what happens is
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    that it will look for a certain time, in the
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    software, of how long, because maybe there's just
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    a slight -- there's not just a pressure but a flow
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1	of water that's not being met.
2	And if it doesn't reach it in a
3	certain fill time for the generator to fill, then
4	it will cut off and there would be an alarm.
5	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. But
6	MR. AVERELL: It will say too long
7	to fill generator or something along that line.
8	MR. BAUGHMAN: Sure. But there is
9	no actual other than the alarm, there is no
10	manual reset of a low-water relay or aperture
11	itself.
12	MR. AVERELL: No. No.
13	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. You mentioned
14	the on the flush and drain, that there's an
15	option that you can disable that; is that correct?
16	Did I hear that right? You can deselect the flush
17	and drain
18	MR. AVERELL: Oh, that's when the
19	customer orders the equipment. When they have an
20	order for it, we used to have a point where you
21	can select flush and drain. Now we say no, you
22	have to deselect it. Otherwise, you're getting
23	it.
24	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay.
25	MR. AVERELL: Because we realized

that if it's important enough for this -- if it's 1 2 clean water or regular water, these generators 3 have to be flushed so that it's an actual option 4 when they're buying the generator --MR. BAUGHMAN: So -- and I'm sorry. 6 I didn't mean to step on you there. So we do have 7 the option, though, of deselecting that to where 8 they won't necessarily get the automatic 9 flush-and-drain feature, correct? 10 MR. AVERELL: That's correct. 11 That's a customer's choice. But we've had several 12 and I was just out in Massachusetts -- that chose 13 not to get the flush-and-drain, and their DI 14 system was not set up properly so that we actually over -- the amount of water that was being used 15 16 was not correct. They hadn't accounted for the 17 flow of it, and we found lots of silica in the bottom of the generators, so now they're getting a 18 19 flush-and-drain kit. 20 MR. BAUGHMAN: I understand that 21 from an operational standpoint, but when we're 22 supplying the units, we can -- with that being 2.3 deselected, we can then blow the boiler down to 24 sanitary without any kind of blow-down separator 25 or after-cooler or what have you. So this device

has the ability to blow down -- without that 1 2 flush-and-drain being supplied, blow down to 3 sanitary at above 140 degrees, correct? 4 MR. AVERELL: It's a manual valve 5 and you would have to turn -- reach into the back 6 and turn this manual valve to drain it that way, 7 yes. 8 MR. BAUGHMAN: Yes. Okay. And 9 then the other comment was you mentioned that the 10 unit has to be below 5 psi in the generator before 11 it blows down. 12 MR. AVERELL: It also has to meet 13 below 140 on the temperature -- so it has to meet two of those criteria. 14 15 MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. Well, and --16 because as we know, we're at 5 psi or even below 17 or from the atmospheric to in between 5, we're 18 above 212. So the criteria being going down to 19 sanitary is going to be that 140 and below. 20 MR. AVERELL: That's correct. 21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. Very good. 22 Thank you. 2.3 MS. LaFRANCE: I'm not going to 24 spend terribly much time on the marketing data but 25 I do want to mention that the number one

consideration when we did voice of customer for this product was space.

You heard from Kelly this morning that space is so important. She's essentially land-locked. She can't put more equipment in her space. She has to have equipment that fits in the existing space but has greater capacity. And that was the most important thing that we considered when we developed this product, was the space.

If we have a new facility, the impact is great on, you know, the cost of adding additional space because new facilities is \$250 a square foot.

We're not likely to see SPD departments getting more space either because they're a cost center. So all of the space in the facility generally goes to the OR and the patient care side because that's the revenue side. So we're not likely to get more space even if we're trying to demand it, because it is a cost center.

By leaving, you know, the clearance, the 36-inch clearance, we're increasing the footprint by two to three times of, you know, what we designed the sterilizer to be. And so there's really, you know, no advantage to the customer to

purchasing the unit because they can't fit it in 1 2 their department. 3 There is some clinical impact. You can see on the left here -- we do layouts for 4 5 customers for their equipment washing and 6 sterilizer equipment alike. And on the left you 7 can see we have a sterile storage room for all the 8 processed goods to be placed in. Once we process 9 goods, we want to make sure that they're isolated 10 from areas of contamination in the facility. 11 On the right, you see, if we have to 12 leave the clearance, the 36 inches of clearance 13 for a unit with a boiler, we have to eliminate the 14 sterile storage room, and there's a risk to 15 contaminating all those processed items. 16 does impact clinical work flow. 17 Per the AME guidelines, which is the 18 quidelines that -- the standard that our customers 19 follow, they want to see a separate sterile 20 storage area. 21 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So a quick 22 question... 2.3 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes? 24 What would the CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: 25 financials look like with an 18-inch clearance

which the State of Tennessee permits today? 1 2 MS. LaFRANCE: This would be 3 just -- this doesn't want to respond. Well, it 4 just doesn't want -- okay. There we go. CHIEF O'GUIN: Chris O'Guin, Chief 5 6 18 is actually for the unfired, and the power boiler on the bottom, which is 36. 7 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: 8 True. 9 MS. LaFRANCE: So it increases the area required by two times. And so you're adding, 10 11 you know, several -- you know, tens of thousands 12 of dollars for a 36-inch; and 18 inches, it's 13 12,500. But this is only one third of the 14 picture, right, of a new facility. The other is we're renovating old 15 16 facilities. Which most ASC's these days are 15 to 17 20 years old and they're all needing renovation at 18 this point. 19 The other case is where ambulatory 20 surgery companies purchase existing, like, medical 21 office buildings, and they don't have the space 22 for the SPD's in those buildings either. They're 2.3 purchasing an existing building. 24 And in the fight between patient care 25 area and SPD, the patient care area always wins.

They always get the space, so unfortunately, you 1 2 know, we don't expect that situation to change. 3 This is another case where when we 4 had to leave 36 inches between the sterilizers, 5 there was no place for the customer to cool their 6 They're not supposed to be touching any of the items on the load. It could cause wet pack 7 8 before they're cool. And we're stuck kind of cooling in between two rather warm sterilizers. 9 10 If this increases the cooling time, there's the 11 great temptation to remove those instruments while 12 they're warm and potentially causing wet packs. 13 When a wet pack gets to a surgeon, 14 they immediately reject it. So, you know, if 15 somebody's on the table, they don't have the 16 instruments to, you know, do the surgery with. 17 it does become an important factor. 18 We definitely have designed this -the sterilizer with safety in mind. 19 We have a 20 15-year chamber warranty. It's all stainless,

We definitely have designed this -the sterilizer with safety in mind. We have a
15-year chamber warranty. It's all stainless,
316L stainless steel. We have retention bars on
the vertical door and the steam generator is
designed exactly the same way. We already
mentioned that it's supplied with RODI water and
is a stainless vessel.

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So our conclusion here is that the AMSCO 600 steam sterilizer was designed to provide accessibility to all the components from the front of the sterilizer so we can save that all important space for the customer.

The Tennessee clearances differ from our manufacturer-recommended clearances and we'd really like for you-all to make an exception in our case so that we can install it as it was designed and intended to be installed.

We don't see that the additional side and rear clearances is going to make it safer. We think we've designed a very safe product. We go to great lengths to inspect it periodically to make sure that it stays safe, and we are requesting this blanket exemption from these clearance requirements at this time.

This is going to become critical to the state of Tennessee. We'd kind of like to not delay the decision any further because we have on the books right now about 50 units for the state of Tennessee, which is about 20 different sites.

And, you know, people like Kelly

Norman, they're not giving us an order right now

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    are any further questions.
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    questions from the board members?
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   a comment.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    within the device that we're working with, both
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   boiler and the unfired vessel. So we're both
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    dealing with "explosive" being the key words with
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We've talked about it and that's what's generating 1 this whole discussion. But there again, equipment 2 3 manufacturers have requirements versus what local 4 jurisdictions do. We, and what we produce at our 5 shop -- we're a UL listed company, and we've got 6 our UL clearances which are different than what 7 the clearance requirements are for different 8 jurisdictions within the company that we work in, 9 let alone internationally. 10 So I understand what it is we're 11 looking for, but it has to be able to increase or 12 keep status quo on the safety. And that's predominant. That's -- you know, we understand 13 14 that these are going into facilities that are 15 being renovated. Sometimes that's the cart before the horse; that a lot of times these facilities 16 17 haven't thought about where my steam is available 18 from. Do I have an opportunity of building a 19 boiler room or do I have an outside place that I 20 can put a containerized boiler in, whatever the 21 application may be. 22 So what we're looking at is this

So what we're looking at is this whole space conversation. And that's where this is being driven at. And we're also asking for a one size fits all for a blanket. And that in

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                   MS. LaFRANCE: We would only ask
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    that -- very specifically, that machine.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    still under redevelopment. So we haven't gotten
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    changes and so forth.
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    what I'm hearing and making sure that I understand
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    the clarity of what it is that we've discussed.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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them for half the cost in ambulatory surgery. 1 2 the side effect of this has been that we actually 3 see patients recovering better, quicker. 4 have better outcomes because they're not in a 5 hospital, getting an infection. They have, you 6 know, a quicker recovery period. They have a 7 better continuum of care. So in 2018, CMS moved 131 procedures 8 9 from -- they took them off the list of inpatient-10 only procedures, that they can only be done in a 11 hospital or a hospital outpatient setting. 12 And this year -- or by 2024, they're 13 going to be moving all 1,700 procedures that are 14 on that list to be able to perform these 15 procedures in an ambulatory surgery center because 16 it's less cost and patients do better. 17 So this is a trend that is going to 18 continue out there. It's not going back the other 19 way. 20 MR. BOWERS: This is Harold Bowers, 21 board member. I wanted to make a comment. 22 Now, specifically, when asking for a 2.3 variance on this unit --24 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes. Just this

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unit.

1 MR. BOWERS: -- a specially 2 designed unit with everything in front, I know we 3 had some issues that we've talked about with 4 sterilizers that really had nothing to do with the 5 clearance. We've talked about the sight glasses and things. We have these miniature boilers all 6 7 over the state, I mean, hundreds of thousands of 8 them. 9 So the issue today is the clearance issue with an inspection, which is specially 10 11 designed for front access. 12 MS. LaFRANCE: Correct. 13 MR. BOWERS: Okay. 14 MS. LaFRANCE: Yes. We want 15 you-all to feel comfortable that we're doing the 16 right thing. And we certainly, as a corporation, 17 always try to do the right thing by all of our 18 constituents. So hopefully, we've made you feel 19 that, you know, you can be comfortable with the 20 unit out in the field. 21 MR. BAUGHMAN: Another thing 22 that -- I mean, we've talked a lot about the 2.3 generator. We've talked very little, if any, 24 about the unfired vessel, and the unfired vessel 25 had it's own clearance requirements. And we

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    this AMSCO 600, from what I understand. And so,
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    same, I didn't know how we even address that, but
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    discussion, the unfired vessel side of it.
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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    think we showed in our original submission of the
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   presentation that we gave you in -- for March, the
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    data tag for the sterilizer is right in the front,
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    right on top of where the generator is, right
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    above the generator. So it's highly visible when
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   you take off the front panel.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    generator, though?
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                   MR. AVERELL:
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: No.
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    sterilizer.
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                   MR. CHIFFON:
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MR. AVERELL: It's for the -- it's 1 for the sterilizer chamber of the unfired vessel 2 3 that has a plate, as does the generator have a 4 separate plate. 5 And if you were to look at a unit, 6 that power box you saw, the plate for the vessel, 7 is right up here (indicating). It's extremely 8 visible. 9 MS. LaFRANCE: It's extremely 10 visible. MR. AVERELL: 11 Because we --12 because -- and I can say in 30 years, we never 13 used to have units with minimal back clearance. 14 And then we realized that space -- a foot of space 15 in an SBD or an OR is huge. And I've been in SBDs 16 where I thought it was an afterthought that they 17 actually had to sterilize these instruments that 18 they're doing in these surgery centers. So I've been in where customers have 19 20 had to park carts outside but we still had back 21 So we came up with and said we're going access. 22 to work so that our unit can be serviced from the 2.3 front. 24 And I know it can, because my big fat 25 ass went inside and turned it off and pulled the

generator out, the very first one we installed in 1 2 the four corners of New Mexico. We were way out 3 I don't know why we picked there, but 4 that's where we went. And I -- we -- I was able 5 to pull the generator out and do all the work from 6 the front side of it. 7 And since we've gone to this 8 front-access only, we're now seeing more of them 9 where there's not a chance you're getting back 10 access; where the facility has actually had to 11 come and say, hey, we need to hook the water up 12 and have our backflow preventer back here. 13 need the back access. They've actually gone to the architects and asked for back access more than 14 15 we have, because we realize how important every 16 square foot is in these surgery centers. 17 MR. BAUGHMAN: When you mention wet 18 packs, we still have issues with wet packs in the 19 industry regardless of the generator itself 20 because of condensate issues, the steam and so 2.1 forth. 22 MS. LaFRANCE: Correct. 2.3 MR. BAUGHMAN: I mean, you know, 24 you deal with that within your end of the 25 industry. But I still -- I'm very thankful for

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your presentation and all the information you've
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   provided on here to be able to move forward.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
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    questions or comments from board members to boiler
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    unit, anybody in the -- any of the visitors?
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    other questions?
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: Chris O'Guin, Chief
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   Board know there has been a couple of instances
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    where they can't get the clearance. So some
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    STERIS engineers, they'll reach out to our office.
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    We work with them on a case-by-case basis to make
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    it work and still keep the safety, as needed, for
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    inspection clearance.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
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   Mr. O'Guin.
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                   MR. HENRY: Mr. Chairman, to follow
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    up on that...
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                 Would you see that as an appropriate
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    way to go forward with this, given some of the
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    concerns that Mr. Baughman has presented?
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: Personally, I'm not
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    in agreeance with blanket clearance for any vessel
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1 vessel. 2 When you get an unfired pressure 3 vessel on the top, which, in Tennessee, is 18 inches of clearance, you've got a power boiler 4 5 on the bottom that requires 36 inches of clearance 6 in Tennessee. And if you go by NBIC, there's a 7 lot of different codes that pertain to both vessels that you have to look at that I don't feel 8 9 you can adequately inspect front-access only from 10 the ones that we have seen in the field. 11 And I did reach out to Chief Troutt 12 in Texas, since one of the companies supporting 13 STERIS is out of Texas. A STERIS unit was 14 red-tagged a couple weeks ago and had to be moved due to inspection clearance. 15 They couldn't 16 inspect it. This was on our initial inspection, 17 so... And it was supposedly one that was 18 front-access only. So it's not only our jurisdiction 19 20 that don't feel like you can properly do an 21 inspection from the front. 22 MR. BAUGHMAN: So, Mr. O'Guin, what 2.3 you're saying previously was is that on a 24 case-by-case basis, there's been reengineering --25 CHIEF O'GUIN: Yes.

1	MR. BAUGHMAN: on a vessel or
2	device or the enclosure that gave access through
3	the removal of some panels to be able to get into
4	the unit itself?
5	CHIEF O'GUIN: Yes. The most
6	recent one and I don't recall if it's in
7	Nashville or Brentwood they're putting one in,
8	an AMSCO 600, I believe it is. They didn't have
9	the clearance on one side. They could only get
10	two inches or four inches. I don't recall the
11	exact number.
12	What we've come up with is they can
13	put a panel there where the wall is. Instead of
14	it being beside the wall, they can remove the
15	panel, and then we have our side clearance on that
16	one side plus the other side in the rear.
17	MR. BAUGHMAN: Interesting. Thank
18	you.
19	CHIEF O'GUIN: So we could still do
20	an adequate inspection.
21	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Anything else?
22	(No verbal response.)
23	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So my question
24	to the Board is do I have a motion for this item?
25	MR. BAUGHMAN: So the question is a

1	motion to approve the exemption?
2	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: I mean, that's
3	their question, is they want a specific blanket
4	approval of relaxation of the clearance
5	requirements for the fired and the unfired vessel,
6	specifically for the AMSCO 600 unit.
7	Correct?
8	MS. LaFRANCE: Correct.
9	MR. BOWERS: I guess we have to
10	have a motion to up or down it, right?
11	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: That's correct.
12	MR. BOWERS: I make the motion for
13	an exemption.
14	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So I've got a
15	motion for this. Do I have a second?
16	DR. HARGROVE: Keith Hargrove.
17	Second.
18	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay. So I've
19	got a second. Any other discussion?
20	(No verbal response.)
21	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Hearing none,
22	how many ayes do I have?
23	DR. HARGROVE: Aye.
24	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay.
25	MR. BOWERS: Aye.

1	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay.
2	Opposed?
3	MR. BAUGHMAN: Opposed.
4	MR. HENRY: Opposed.
5	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay. Not
6	voting?
7	(No verbal response.)
8	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So we have two
9	and two. So as Chairman, I'm going to vote nay.
10	I think the State of Tennessee needs
11	to work with STERIS. And a step forward would be
12	the State has already agreed to take these on a
13	case-by-case basis. Let the State of Tennessee do
14	that on a case-by-case basis until we can resolve
15	the concerns about the unfired vessel. We've not
16	even discussed those at all today.
17	And so not to impede you, you can
18	still do this, but you just need to take it to the
19	State of Tennessee, to the boiler unit, and work
20	that out on those installations that you need to
21	do now.
22	So we're not saying that you can't
23	install an AMSCO 600. You can. You've just got
24	to work with the State of Tennessee on a
25	case-by-case basis to get that done.

MS. LaFRANCE: And how do we 1 2 proceed from here? 3 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So what we need 4 to do from here is we need to satisfy the Board on 5 the unfired portion of this unit. And then, 6 depending on where we go from there, you could 7 come back and ask for a blanket again. 8 MS. Lafrance: In September? 9 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Yeah. 10 MR. BAUGHMAN: But from what I understand presently, is you can go case by case 11 12 back to the boiler unit. If you had an 13 installation that you needed to put in or were 14 looking to put it in, you could work with them at that time to see what needed to be done, as you've 15 16 already done with a previous installation. 17 MS. LaFRANCE: Right. But the 18 problem there is that we -- you know, as you saw 19 the layout that we presented, we plan ahead for 20 our installations. And to come down to the point 21 where we're at the installation and we're 22 wondering if we're going to get approval is 2.3 difficult because the customer is expecting that 24 all to be done up front. 25 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Well, but the

sooner that footprint is given to the State of 1 2 Tennessee, you'll get that approval. And as you 3 build more and more cases, you're going to build 4 your case to have a blanket. 5 MS. Lafrance: Okay. CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: From successful 6 7 installations and successful operation, know, you know, when these folks go in and do inspections on 8 9 them, if they come out clean and they can inspect 10 everything, all of that is just going to build your case to make it a blanket. 11 12 MR. BOWERS: In the state of Tennessee, whenever a boiler is installed, there's 13 14 a permission to install it. It goes by the Chief. 15 And, you know, it might -- at some point in time, you're going to say, well -- you can get with the 16 17 architects and get with the Chief and say, "Here, Chief, this is what we plan on doing. What do you 18 19 think?" 20 MS. LaFRANCE: Okay. 21 MR. BOWERS: You're hitting it from 22 the ground up, and the Chief -- because he's got 2.3 to approve all of the installations anyhow from 24 any kind of boiler. So you're just going through 25 where he -- like you said, case-by-case basis

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where he would look at it and say, "Look at the
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   blueprints. What do you think, Chief?" And then
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   he can decide from there.
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                 Does that sound right, Chris?
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
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                   MS. LaFRANCE:
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                   MR. AVERELL: We can do that.
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   do that in Michigan, so ...
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                   MS. LaFRANCE: Yeah.
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   you very much for your help.
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                   MR. AVERELL:
                                  Thank you, everybody.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Okay. Going
    back to our agenda, that concludes new business.
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    We are going to go on to Agenda Item Number 9,
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    Rule Cases and Interpretations. The first one is
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    BI 21-02, ECS Consulting requesting an
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    interpretation on the requirements for manually
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    operated remote shutdown switches assigned to
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    low-pressure boilers installed and operated in the
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    state of Tennessee.
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                 And Mr. Toth has requested to table
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    that item to the September meeting, so we'll add
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    that to the September agenda.
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a boiler board interpretive ruling regarding the
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    gas-fired storage water heaters with energy inputs
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    less than 400,000 BTUs per hour.
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    your item.
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                 (No verbal response.)
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                   MR. HENCHERICK: We still insure
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    A.O. Smith, correct, FM Global?
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                 I think we still insure you.
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                   MR. GREENE:
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                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, we do.
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                   MR. GREENE:
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    the top of my head, you guys still do or not.
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                   MR. HENCHERICK: Okay.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So we do have
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    one conflict of interest.
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                 All right. Gentleman, proceed.
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    Mr. Chairman, members of the board, and staff for
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    your attention this morning.
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                 My name is Josh Greene.
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   Greg Reynolds, who is global director of
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    certification and reliability, to my left, your
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                   THE REPORTER: Can you say that
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                   MR. GREENE:
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   Kleiss, who is senior product engineer of
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    certification at Lochinvar.
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                   MR. GREENE: Jeff Kleiss,
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                   THE REPORTER:
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                   MR. GREENE:
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                 All right. With that, we'll begin.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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   paper copies -- I don't know if anybody on the
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   board needs a paper copy of the presentation.
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1 MR. GREENE: Thanks, Greq. 2 So this is just a brief overview of 3 what we're going to walk through this morning. 4 And we will keep efficient. And certainly, if 5 there are questions as we move along, we will do 6 our best to address those. 7 So as we do, we want to level set related to A.O. Smith when we are in public and 8 9 talking to our peers and others. Guiding 10 principles is very important to A.O. Smith. 11 are how we operate on a daily basis. These are 12 principles that were given to the company by the 13 Smith family when A.O. Smith was incorporated in 1874 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where we are still 14 15 globally headquartered. 16 Here in Tennessee, we have our 17 largest footprint in North America; just under 4,000 employees at this point. 18 I'm not going to 19 read everything on the slides. But we're always 20 seeking to grow in Tennessee, because we very much 21 enjoy doing business here, the workforce, people, culture. And our investment in Tennessee is very 22 2.3 long-lasting. 24 So what's bringing us together 25 today -- and you have this in your board

1 materials, so again, I won't read every word on

- 2 the slide -- is really getting a request and
- 3 | guidance related to the 18-inch clearance for our
- 4 | storage water-heating equipment below
- 5 | 400,000 BTU/H. This is on the commercial side,
- 6 obviously.

7 What we've run into is trying to make

8 | sure that our customers are still able to spec in

9 and install their choice of equipment in our

10 | storage product versus nonstorage product that is

11 beginning to be installed in Tennessee, and being

12 | spec'd in with customers that we've done business

13 | with for many, many years. And thus, we're losing

14 | sales and some capital investment opportunities as

15 | well. And we're hoping to get a mutual resolution

16 to this in front of you here today.

17 | So just best practices, and I will be

18 | turning over to my colleague Greg Reynolds

19 momentarily, this is nothing new to this Board.

20 | Very well versed, obviously on NBIC and the

21 | clearances and how it relates, obviously, when you

22 | go below three feet. And we see this across the

23 | country, and I know that you-all are very well

24 | aware of this in terms of manufacturer

25 recommendations and, of course, you know, when the

jurisdictions have to approve when you're going 1 2 below the 36-inch clearance. 3 So I'm going to turn this over to 4 Greg, and we can keep on walking through. 5 MR. REYNOLDS: Okay. Very good. 6 So the first thing we want to talk about is just 7 to level set us, you know, what are we or what are 8 we not talking about; clearly there's multiple types of clearances that we have listed in our 9 10 instruction manuals. 11 First is -- we've touched on, in some 12 of the conversations already this morning --13 there's a safety requirement, which is just the 14 minimum clearances per testing towards the ANSI 15 standards. 16 Then there's the serviceability that 17 we put in our manuals that instruct installers on 18 what should be done in the installations, and 19 then, of course, the inspectability guidance that, 20 you know, bodies such as yourself here, the 21 Tennessee State Board, gives advice on. 22 So just briefly, on the first of 2.3 those types of clearances, the safety 24 requirements, you know, those could be zero 25 clearances. But again, that doesn't necessarily

afford what needs to be done for inspectability or 1 2 a, you know, sort of serviceability need. 3 So let's talk about serviceability. 4 Of course, in our instruction manuals, we have 5 illustrations about where all the critical 6 components are on each of the products and where 7 we need to make allowances for serviceability of 8 those key parts, the T & P valve, for example, 9 control systems, gas valves, cleanout openings, 10 drain valves and vent connections. 11 Okay. So just as we talk about 12 what's actually in place for Tennessee -- of 13 course you guys are well versed on this, but the current law states the 36-inch clearance. There's 14 15 been some interpretive rulings, of course. 16 First, the Case BC 98-03, it allowed 17 for the 18-inch clearances for storage water So that's definitely helpful in giving a 18 heaters. 19 bit of relief on the amount of space that's needed 20 around the products. 21 Then further, there was a case, the 22 BC 06-23 that gave further guidance on the 2.3 wall-mount units that allowed for no clearance in 24 the case of mounting, actually, up against the 25 wall, which I'm going to touch on in more detail

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And then just in terms of, you know, full transparency and clarity, there's other laws outside of the state of Tennessee that includes, you know, different levels of clearances that are required. In some cases, you know, water heaters that have less than 400,000 BTUs per hour do not specifically fall under these sort of requirements.

So more specifically, on the Case BC 06-23, the part that I really want to highlight here is the further guidance that was given based on this interpretive ruling.

Point Number 1 here, of the wall side clearance for wall-mounted boilers, at least give some consideration that those types of products are specifically designed to be hung on a wall. And so what that looks like in actual application, of course, is we did some illustrations here of different types of products of water heaters and what the clearance areas would look like by the strict interpretation of the current rules that are in place.

And the bottom illustration, of course, a tankless unit showing that there's no

clearance required on the wall itself.

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picture there, then you can see that a different type of water heater, which is basically a tankless-type product that's attached to the tank and the clearances that would be required according to a strict interpretation. Then also, a different product type in the middle there, with, again, a clearance all the way around the outside of the unit. And again, over on the right, just another different type of product that shows also the clearances that would be required.

And keeping in mind, we're trying to be as agnostic as possible in this conversation, so this is not just A.O. Smith products that we're talking about but just general, generic products that are available out there in the market.

So what we would actually like to request for the Board's consideration here is, you know, as you see the tankless model in the bottom, clearly, again, no clearances against the wall. Similarly, going in the same order, if I look at the unit on the top left, like I said, it's a tankless unit attached to a tank. So similarly, not much to inspect on the back half of the actual

tank of the vessel itself.

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Likewise, on the unit next to it in the center there, we purposefully designed that product so that, you know, the main connections are away from one particular corner of the product itself so it could be installed into a corner installation. And likewise, the product on the right there was purposefully designed with no, let's say, areas of concern besides a jacket, as we would interpret it, to allow for our corner installation.

So what are we asking for again here? To amend the interpretive rulings to allow for the manufacturer's installation recommendation related to serviceability. To provide proper inspection of the equipment, of course, is what we want to make sure that there's allowances for that, and we also would allow our customers greater choices for a proper installation and, also, being consistent with the safety standards, best practices.

And one of the major points here,
too, is making sure that it's neutral in terms of
design intent, from the different types of
products. Like I mentioned, we purposefully
designed some of our products to not have any

inspection points on parts of the product so it 1 2 could be more flexible in a particular 3 installation. 4 So summarizing all of that, we did 5 put together a suggested inquiry and a request for 6 reply for the board's consideration. I won't read 7 through all this here, but this is the main part 8 of our presentation and request to the board. 9 CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: What questions does the board have? 10 11 MR. BAUGHMAN: So one question that 12 comes to mind is what is the manufacturer's 13 installation recommendation for clearance that 14 you're looking for, you're requesting 15 reconsideration, but you haven't given us what 16 exactly you're looking for. Are you talking about 17 zero clearance? Are you talking about -- how much 18 clearance are you asking for? 19 MR. REYNOLDS: Right. So in the 20 case of around the different parts of the water 21 heater that would require inspection, our manual 22 suggests that we have 24 inches, actually, for 2.3 serviceability. That's what our instructions say 24 in our manual. You know, a consideration that you 25 guys are already allowing less than that, for

18 inches, but we give instructions in our manuals 1 2 that the 24 inches would be appropriate. 3 MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay. So I'm a 4 little confused inasmuch as we're asking for --5 MR. REYNOLDS: So let me try to 6 restate it to be clear. 7 MR. BAUGHMAN: Thank you. 8 MR. REYNOLDS: So if I can go back a slide here, what I'm saying is that on parts of 9 10 the unit where there's no parts to be inspected, 11 like -- if I may approach the screen here -- this 12 red area, of course, is talking about the areas 13 that we would require for inspection. So on this 14 side of the unit, this quadrant back here, there 15 would be nothing that we would consider that would 16 need to be inspected. So this could be up to zero 17 distance on those sides of the product. 18 But in the other areas, you know, 19 certainly 18 inches would be preferable. 20 like I said, in our manuals itself, we instruct 21 people to -- we recommend the 24 inches. 22 MR. BAUGHMAN: Thank you. So to 2.3 clarify, we're actually looking at a possibility 24 of zero clearance. And what you're saying is 25 parts that have to be inspected, i.e., whatever

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    they may be, you recommend 24 inches or suggest
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    24 inches.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: But what we're
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   getting down to is actually talking about zero
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    clearance on the vessel itself.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS: On the vessel
    itself.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay. And I
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   appreciate that clarification. And we're talking
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    about both water heaters and hot-water supplied
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   boilers, correct, from what I read in the request?
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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   heaters bring a different aspect than what boilers
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        So it's really two different things that
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    we're looking at that you're asking for an
    exemption or a reconsideration, since we already
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   have what those requirements are. But you're
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    asking us to make a change to both the water
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   heaters and the boilers, just to clarify.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                  Correct.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    units UL listed?
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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sometimes certify with different agencies, whether
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    it be UL or CSA.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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    to the ANSI standards per our agency like UL is.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN: And I take it
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   because of that and they are listed, if they're
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   UL, that UL has given acceptance because of that
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   to zero clearance.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS: Yes.
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    That's a requirement for all of our products.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Very good.
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    again, I've got some concern in just the
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    delineation of storage-type water heaters which is
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    kind of an animal that's phasing out over time as
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    it is. You've got Lochinvar that makes a
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    stand-alone that goes to a separate storage unit.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Sure.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   They mount a water
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   heater up on top of the storage unit.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    different configurations. A.O. Smith makes a
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    storage-type gas-fired water heater, but those are
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   kind of moving out over time through efficiencies
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and what have you on what's changing in the
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    industry, just from my perspective, from what I
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    see out there.
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                 The boiler side of it, not so much,
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    because boilers, we're not necessarily working
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    with a domestic type of application. We're
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    utilizing either high rates of heat transfer or a
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    storage type of vessel itself. So I still have
    a -- somewhat of an issue of us looking at both
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    water heaters and boilers in this request.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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    to that.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Yes, sir.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   The storage-type
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    water heaters that we manufacture are, you know,
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    under our trade name, Cyclone Products. It is
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    very popular still, particularly in restaurant
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    applications.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Dry cleaners.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Right.
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    we have expectations in the hotel and restaurant
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    industry that we still have quite a bit of runway
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    on that product.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, hotels take
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    quite a bit of storage --
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1	MR. REYNOLDS: They do.
2	MR. BAUGHMAN: early in the
3	morning
4	MR. REYNOLDS: Yes.
5	MR. BAUGHMAN: and late in the
6	evening. So these storage vessels are limited to
7	where you would have to put multiples in to meet a
8	demand as it is in that type of application.
9	MR. REYNOLDS: Yes, sir. That's
10	absolutely true and that's part of the
11	considerations, that we would like for you guys to
12	consider here is the space that's associated with,
13	you know, having to put multiples in, to your
14	point.
15	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So my question
16	is, you're citing VCO6-23 and VC98-03, correct?
17	MR. REYNOLDS: That's right.
18	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: So we don't
19	have a proposal from you to vote on. You should
20	have a board case, BC 21-XX with a title,
21	statement of need, background, and then you would
22	spell out what you want your inquiry to read. So
23	we don't have anything to vote on.
24	MR. GREENE: So the inquiry and the
25	reply that was submitted was insufficient?

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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Well, let's
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    look at it.
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                   DR. HARGROVE: If I may ask, while
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   we're --
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
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   Dr. Hargrove.
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                   DR. HARGROVE: I'm still not clear
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    if the clearance request is from both types of
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    instruments, water heaters versus boilers.
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                            What are the clearance
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    requests by the manuals for the water heaters
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    versus the boilers?
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                   MR. KLEISS:
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    So the clearance requirements that are going to be
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   put into the manual are going to be established
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   based on need for access to safety device's
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    inspection as well as the clearances that are
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    determined by the safety testing that's done to
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    the applicable standard, be that ANSI Z21-13 for
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    boilers and hot water supply boilers or ANSI
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    Z21-10.3 for commercial water heaters.
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                 So that goes to the earlier slide
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    where there's the safety clearances,
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    serviceability and then inspection. And so all
    three of those are factored into what we would put
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into the installation instructions. And that will 1 2 almost always be in the first section, the 3 placement with directions for clearances. That's 4 pretty uniform for, I believe, all manufacturers 5 to do that. As far as the differences between a 6 7 water heater and a hot water supply boiler, a water heater will have -- if it has an ASME 8 pressure vessel, it will have an HLW-stamped 9 10 pressure vessel, which per ASME Section 4, a hot 11 water supply boiler will have an H stamp heat 12 exchanger, also under ASME Section 4. 13 Beyond that, though, the limit 14 controls and safety devices are going to be 15 consistent between those two devices. And the 16 intended purpose of those devices are ultimately 17 the same. 18 So there's not a large difference 19 between a water heater and a water boiler other 20 than how some of the jurisdictional authorities 21 might require additional safety controls on a hot 22 water supply boiler over a water heater. 2.3 DR. HARGROVE: So your proposal is 24 the same for both or a difference in each? 25 MR. KLEISS: It calls out water

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heater or hot water supply boiler.
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                                         Yes, sir.
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                                  So I would ask, are
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    the relief valves different for a water heater
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    versus the boiler?
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                   MR. KLEISS:
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Does one not need a
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    T & P versus a pressure --
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                   MR. KLEISS: So a water heater may
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   have a T & P or a pressure relief valve, depending
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    on the design. T & P relief valves are required
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    in storage vessels, that the temperature sensing
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    element, the thermostat, or the -- the temperature
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    sensing device that goes down inside of the tank
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    is there to relieve if the water temperature
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    inside of the vessel exceeds 210 degrees.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    am -- because we're talking about storage-type
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    water heaters and you mentioned boilers, so there
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    is the difference. Being that we're specifically
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    talking about a storage-type water heater, then it
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    would be required to have a T & P valve being that
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    it's the storage type.
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                   MR. KLEISS:
                                Correct.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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    I was getting at. So there is a difference
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between the boiler and the water heater. There's
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    also a difference in that the water heater is
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    limited to 210 degree F versus the boiler can go
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    to 250, correct?
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                   MR. KLEISS: Correct.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay. So, to me,
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    there's differences. I know in the past there was
   differences on the head. Sometimes the boiler
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   heads were constructed differently, bronze versus,
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    say, a cast head or whatever is being used in the
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    industry.
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                 But I just wanted to clarify. To me,
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    there's very specific differences in the
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    operation, the controls, and the relief valves
    themselves. So to me, they're two separate
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    animals altogether.
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                   MR. KLEISS:
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    a -- and there's a difference there between a
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    storage water heater and an instantaneous water
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    heater. Because an instantaneous water heater, as
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    well, still HLW, could have just a pressure relief
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   valve and not have to have a --
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: But for the purpose
    of this discussion, we're not including
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    instantaneous.
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1	MR. KLEISS: Correct.
2	MR. BAUGHMAN: And that's why I was
3	bringing it up, because we're specifically talking
4	about storage-type water heaters and/or hot water
5	supply boilers. That's where I was getting my
6	clarification. I didn't want to bring in the
7	MR. KLEISS: Fair enough.
8	MR. BAUGHMAN: instantaneous
9	wall-mounted whatevers that were out there.
10	MR. KLEISS: Okay.
11	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Other comments?
12	MR. BAUGHMAN: So as our present
13	day code stands and I take it in your
14	installation instructions, it also says always
15	consult local jurisdictional requirements that
16	you've got.
17	MR. KLEISS: Yes, sir.
18	MR. BAUGHMAN: Sure. And that's
19	where there's a big issue at. Years ago, I know
20	there was questions with CSD-1. It said you've
21	got to specifically tell us what you want because
22	of all the different interpretations of CSD-1.
23	It's like, well, CSD-1 is pretty
24	black and white, but I understand, but in the
25	industry, there's a lot of people that don't know

what it is they're selling. There's a large lack 1 2 of education within the sales industry for these 3 representatives to know what the code requirements 4 are and so forth. So we deal with a lot of interesting 6 stuff from a clearance standpoint, let alone on 7 the control side. But as it stands right now, we 8 require, for the hot water heaters, 18 inches. 9 And that's for the storage type, since that's what 10 we're talking about. 11 CHIEF O'GUIN: It's below 400,000. 12 MR. BAUGHMAN: Below 400,000. And 13 on the boilers that would be tank-type hot water 14 supplied boilers with heat input below or equal to 15 400,000, we require what clearance? 16 CHIEF O'GUIN: If you're talking 17 about an H-stamped boiler, three feet. 18 MR. BAUGHMAN: Three feet. And so 19 the request is to give a blanket -- or from what 20 I'm interpreting, you want a blanket or a 21 reconsideration of those to go to zero clearance, 22 possibly. 2.3 MR. GREENE: Possibly. So long as 24 the inspection of those elements is afforded to 25 the inspector.

1	MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay.
2	MR. HENRY: Mr. O'Guin, if I could
3	ask, the clearances that are in place right now,
4	that's for around the entire
5	CHIEF O'GUIN: That's for the
б	inspection clearance so we can ensure no illegal
7	welds have been performed, look for leaks on a
8	vessel, pull the covers off, look at the NOs.
9	I could keep naming, but we see,
10	especially in the industry that they're talking
11	about, they're having an issue with clearance.
12	You know, we see a lot of stuff trying to get by
13	code and trying to make this vessel last another
14	year or two. You know, we'll throw a little weld
15	on them. If it's not a certified weld, it's just
16	not a good way to go about it.
17	And if we don't have the 18 inches to
18	inspect, we can't truthfully sign off saying we
19	got a truthful inspection, if you can't inspect
20	the whole vessel.
21	And that's my opinion as Chief
22	Inspector.
23	MR. HENRY: Thank you.
24	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Other comments?
25	MR. BAUGHMAN: And I take it there

still is the availability of case-by-case rulings 1 by the boiler unit to say, well, we've only got X 2 3 amount of clearance, whether that be 30 inches --4 I mean, the whole gist of the rule is to be able 5 to have enough room to inspect. And so you may 6 have the same thing. 7 You may have a wall that has a little 8 partition you can take out and still get to it and 9 what have you. But there's still case-by-case 10 basis, as I would take it, that you've got some variable to work with. 11 12 CHIEF O'GUIN: Yes. Some 13 instances -- which I've worked with weekly 14 engineers and architects. You know, they'll come 15 in from, you know, New York or somewhere and have 16 all these plans. Well, the end result they find 17 out they've got to have a permit after my 18 inspector had a drop-in visit. 19 And now they've got no clearance so, 20 you know, we'll back up and work with them to get 21 the clearance and not burden the builder. 22 MR. HENRY: If I could ask for further clarification. If in a situation you had 2.3 24 access to a particular surface from the opposite 25 side -- I mean, this is the situation: You've got

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a unit that's set up. It's dead set against the
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    wall, but you do have access, because of the way
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    the equipment is designed, from the opposite side.
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    Does that satisfy the --
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
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    like, you can pull the wall panel off or something
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    like what we've talked about with the unit
    earlier?
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                   MR. HENRY:
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
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    could pull the wall panel down, then we'd have
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    access all the way around the vessel, and yes,
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    that would satisfy.
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                 But as currently, I mean, we will do
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    case-by-case basis; especially in historic
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    buildings, it's hard to get the clearance.
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                   MR. GREENE:
                                 If I may,
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    Mr. Chairman.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
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                   MR. GREENE:
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    inspectability, seeing the entire vessel -- and
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    Chief Inspector, you had just made a reference to
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    potentially taking the jacket off -- and we're
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    talking about a cylindrical vessel, and our issue
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    really is more so, as we've discussed and as the
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Board has discussed earlier today, is the pre is 1 2 the specification of even having the product 3 spec'd into the job. 4 Is it -- and this is probably for our 5 edification. Is it the normal course of business even with an 18-inch clearance that you would take 6 7 the jacket off that product? 8 CHIEF O'GUIN: If we suspect any 9 kind of welding, et cetera, we will make them pull 10 the jacket off of that product, yes, sir. 11 Or we can red tag the vessel and they 12 have to take it out of service, which would burden 13 the business. He would be closed until he gets a 14 new vessel installed, if we can't verify. Right. And I quess, 15 MR. GREENE: 16 Chief, what I'm trying to draw a distinction of 17 is, for us, and what brings us here today is that 18 would all and certainly would be a hundred percent 19 appropriate in our view, a hundred percent. 20 It's more so when we are competing, 21 our products are competing with other product in 22 the state of Tennessee, at the moment. 23 product is not potentially even getting spec'd 24 in -- brand new -- spec'd into the mechanical room 25 because of the 18-inch clearance, right, versus

another product that has the same utility but is 1 2 just being mounted on the wall that doesn't have 3 the same 18-inch clearance. 4 CHIEF O'GUIN: I believe A.O. Smith 5 sells instantaneous water heaters, too, don't 6 they? 7 MR. GREENE: We certainly do, but 8 what we're really talking about here is a storage product that we have a lot of customers that still 9 10 prefer that particular product because of its 11 longevity, it's efficacy, its thermal 12 efficiencies, what have you. 13 But you're absolutely right. 14 have products that would otherwise serve the 15 marketplace. We just have customers that prefer 16 one over the other. 17 CHIEF O'GUIN: I quess what I'm not 18 following is storage heaters in Tennessee, storage 19 tank type, all require 18 inches; instantaneous 20 type, they all require 18 inches. So I'm not 21 following how you're not being able to meet the 22 same requirements other installers do in 2.3 Tennessee, or other manufacturers. Everybody has 24 the same clearance. 25 MR. BOWERS: Your tankless hot

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water heaters are 18 inches in Tennessee.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS: You're right.
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    We agree with that point. The point -- let me try
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    and speak to that here.
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                 So what we're trying to say is,
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    clearly, with the tankless units, there's not a
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    requirement for 18 inches in the 360 degrees
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   because, clearly, they're mounted to the wall by
   definition.
                 And so what we're saying is there's a
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   purposeful point to design this sort of product to
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    allow for it to be mounted against the wall.
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   put that same -- as an engineer, that same design
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    intent into this to say that it was purposeful
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    that it could be put into a corner.
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                 So we're saying that right now the
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    interpretations don't allow for that product to be
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    used with that utility. Does that make sense?
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                Yeah.
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    saying, since the tankless unit is flat --
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
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                   MR. BOWERS: -- it's against the
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    wall.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                  Right.
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                   MR. BOWERS:
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the 18 inches between the flat side and the wall.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Right.
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                   MR. BOWERS: Where on a round hot
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    water heater, you don't have that 18-inch
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    clearance.
                You can't put it up, that round unit,
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    against the wall --
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Right.
 8
                   MR. BOWERS: -- where a tankless,
 9
    you can put against the wall.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Right.
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                   MR. BOWERS: That's what you're
12
    saying, correct?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   So what we'd be
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    saving is just the 18 inches off the back side.
15
    We still have the requirement of 18 inches on the
16
    side and the front.
17
                 You're just looking to save that
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    18 inches on the back; is that correct?
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Right.
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                   MR. GREENE:
                                 Correct.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Okay. And you're
22
    saying that's a disadvantage in the marketplace at
2.3
    this time because of space?
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                   Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Okay.
                                          So it's
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    totally a space issue, cost savings type of --
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    okay.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                  Yes.
 4
                   MR. KLEISS: And, Chief O'Guin,
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    related to the inspection of a vessel,
6
   particularly if there was service done on it, I
 7
    appreciate that. I don't want anybody welding on
8
    something that came out of our factory.
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                 Many of our vessels -- or most of our
10
    tanks are foam insulation. It would be very, very
11
    obvious if somebody had gotten into one of
12
    those --
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  It happens.
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                   MR. KLEISS: -- to do the service.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  It happens.
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                   MR. KLEISS: It does.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: It's horrible, but
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    they will weld them and make them get by. And if
19
    it's stuck in the corner, then we can't -- you
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    know, we won't see it. We'll miss it.
                                             I don't
21
   know how they weld them, but they weld them.
22
   not a Tennessee -- you know, it's not a good
23
   repair.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Interesting.
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                   MR. HENRY:
                               If I may, to make sure
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I understand completely, the basis -- I guess the
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    argument that you're making is that you have
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    specifically designed these units to recognize the
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    fact that a portion of the surface will not have
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    access. You've specifically designed them so that
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    they can be fully inspected from the surfaces
 7
    where you do have access.
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                   MR. REYNOLDS:
                                  That's true.
                                                 Yes,
9
    sir.
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                   MR. HENRY:
                               Okay.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                      Any other
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    questions or comments?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: So what we're
14
    looking at is the purpose of this was to be able
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    to put it in a corner, correct?
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                   MR. GREENE:
                                Right.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  But the other
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   purpose is to be able to butt them up, side by
19
    side, and reduce that clearance also, correct?
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                   MR. GREENE:
                                 That's another
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    consideration.
22
                                  Okay. All right.
                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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   And that's what --
                   MR. GREENE: It's all installation
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    specific, as you can appreciate.
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1	MR. BAUGHMAN: Sure. Well, and
2	by if we approve that, we've got to understand
3	that that, then, is the accepted norm by us voting
4	and saying, well, you know, what we're looking at
5	is being able to put it in a corner, but we now,
6	because of this acceptance, can put them side by
7	side with zero clearance, because that's what we
8	voted on.
9	So I just wanted to make sure in my
10	mind I was understanding the ramifications of
11	whether we voted to approve or not.
12	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: And if you had
13	them side by side, that would increase the
14	surface area that you cannot inspect because
15	they're setting side by side, correct, out of that
16	cylinder?
17	MR. GREENE: Well, certainly, but
18	the other consideration is, depending upon the
19	installation, zero clearance in the rear, because
20	how these products are otherwise designed and
21	engineered, you can still have in the mechanical
22	room an 18-inch
23	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Exact
24	MR. GREENE: between the two
25	vessels, not necessarily stacking them with zero

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clearance next to one another. And that's how
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    our -- the illustrations would --
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                 We have a 24-inch in the manual.
 4
    the 18-inch between two of those or three of those
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    storage products, that 18-inch off the back wall,
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    in our experience and now increasingly is becoming
    an issue with the engineers and the specifiers in
 7
    some of these hotel jobs, amongst others, where
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    they're saying, look, we're just going to do
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    something different, which is, of course, a
    customer's choice.
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                 And we're not here to say the
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    customer shouldn't have choices. They should.
    But it's still -- we would still be able to do the
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    18-inch between two or three of these.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: But is that what's
17
   being asked for?
                   MR. GREENE:
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                               Well, we've talked a
19
    lot, and we've gotten clarifications, which have
20
    been very, very helpful.
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                 It sounds as if we need to repurpose
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    what is the inquiry and reply, unless we are going
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    to -- I mean, lawyers do it. I don't know if
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    Counsel wants to do it with me, but draft --
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    draft -- redraft this in front of the Board.
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So really looking for guidance on
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 2
   next steps on what would be more appropriate, now
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    that I think we've had a robust discussion and
 4
    clarification of what it is that we are seeking.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       I think that
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    would be the best course of action.
                                          But we can't
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    write it for you; you've got to write it.
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                   MR. GREENE: Oh, no. I do plenty
9
    of writing every day.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        So we can't
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    develop it by commission and then you put it down
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    on paper.
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                   MR. GREENE:
                                No.
                                     Understood.
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    We'll want to make sure that, you know, we've
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    drafted it in a manner in which upon our return,
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    right, to this august body, it will be accepted.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: (Indicating.)
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Mr. O'Guin?
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                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
                                           Chairman,
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    can I ask a question?
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: In just one
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    second, yes.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  Chairman, what are
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   you suggesting, that he bring it back through as a
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   board interpretation, a board case or -- I know
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when we'd spoke before, you know, this was kind of
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 2
    a tough decision trying to figure out what to put
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    it under.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Well, if you're
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   going to focus on this style of heater, a board
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    case would be better because you're going to be
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   more specific about what you want.
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                 That's why I asked my initial
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    question, is what are we doing with this inquiry.
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   And so if that is your concern with your
11
    cylindrical heaters that you're kind of getting
12
   beat up in the world of trying to sell those and
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    get them installed, then if that's what your focus
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    is, write that inquiry for that.
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                 That's what I was struggling with;
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    what all could fall under this if we approve this.
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    You know, somebody more clever than me could say,
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   hey, look at this. We could put all sorts of
19
    stuff in with this.
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                 And so if this is what your focus is,
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    I would write a board case specifically for that
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    to the clearances that you desire.
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                 What do you-all think about that?
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    Does that --
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                   DR. HARGROVE:
                                   Absolutely.
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MR. BAUGHMAN: I think that's the direction to go in. I think that would be prudent and give better clarification on what exactly it is that we're needing to go for. And I think that's good for both you to know for your own clarification, as the manufacturer, and for those that are within sales on down from manufacturing, especially just to know where we sit in the state of Tennessee.

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I know other states are totally different. We've done a little bit of homework on what other state requirements are out there. So, again, in your instructions, it goes by consult with local jurisdiction. But at least we'll be able to know where Tennessee sits within that.

MR. GREENE: Okay. Board -- I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman and members of the board in terms of the board case. Hopefully, we can work with the Chief and staff on the proper structure. We'll draft it. But the proper structure and intent, because I'd heard you say, Mr. Chairman, that -- you had started to say an inquiry. I'm not sure if the board case has the same structure and format of proposing an inquiry and reply. But we can talk about that.

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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: You're going
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    to -- with a board case, you're going to say, "Can
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    I do this?"
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                 And then the answer will be a yes or
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   no.
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                   MR. GREENE: Yes or no works.
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    Sometimes with children it doesn't, but...
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: And it'll be --
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    it's the opinion of the Board that you can do
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    these things.
                   MR. GREENE: Understood.
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                 Okay. Thank you for your time.
    Understood.
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    Thank you, gentlemen.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Thank you.
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                 That takes us to Item 10, which is
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    Open Discussion Items.
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                 And, Mr. Baughman, did you want to
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    discuss Tennessee Code Annotated 68-122-110,
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    inspection of boilers under (a)(2) concerning low
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   pressure heating boilers shall be inspected both
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    internally and externally biennially where
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    construction will permit.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  The question being
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    is do I want it discussed? Yes. Do we have the
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    time to discuss? I'll leave it up to you.
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I'd love to give at least another two cents' worth
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    if we've got a handful of minutes.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: We've got
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    21 minutes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: And --
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  And then my next
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    question would be allowing what we want to do on
    the variance checklist.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Right.
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   got the checklist, too, so...
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                  Okay.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay?
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN: Well, just briefly,
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    we have up for discussion -- this is nothing we're
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    voting on as it is. It's totally a discussion
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   unit. But Tennessee Code Annotated 68-122-110,
    under Number (2)(a), each boiler used or proposed
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    to be used within the state shall be thoroughly
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    inspected as to the construction, installation,
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    condition, and operation as follows.
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                 And Item 2, low-pressure heating
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   boilers shall be inspected both internally and
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    externally biennially where construction will
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   permit. And that's straightforward. That says we
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inspect the boilers internally and externally; 1 2 internally one year, externally, so forth, going 3 back and forth. 4 The discussion came about and, again, 5 under inspection requirements in our own Tennessee 6 codes, 0800-03-03-.05 inspection requirements, frequency of inspections, all boilers and pressure 7 vessels subject to inspection under the act shall 8 be inspected in accordance with the requirements 9 10 of Tennessee Code Annotated 68-122-110, which I 11 just stated. 12 So this discussion is centered around 13 a rather long review of what we were seeing in the 14 industry. As we were working, we were finding 15 boilers that were not getting inspected. 16 words, what would come about was the boiler looked 17 good, or it's a hot water boiler. It's a boiler 18 that because the code says construction

19 permitting, we couldn't look at it internally.

20 | And that's true.

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A.O. Smith makes some; Lochinvars, you name it. There's a number of boilers that you cannot look at internally on the pressure vessel side, but you can look at some of these boilers on the fire box side. In other words, we've got a

lot of issues with the burners burning up because 1 they're not properly maintained, and then that 2 3 causes the heat transfer surfaces to soot. And 4 then the fire has nowhere to go but roll out the 5 sides, and you've got carbon monoxide issues. 6 You've got the boiler issues themselves and so 7 forth. So what happens in our industry is 8 that a lot of these boilers don't get looked at 9 10 the way they should. And what it's come down to 11 is inspector discretion. And the code doesn't 12 state at inspector's discretion; it states 13 construction permitting. And so as we've had these discussions 14 over the years -- and we work with a lot of 15 16 inspectors in the industry -- I know how much I 17 don't know, but what little I know in the 44 years 18 of being at Allied Boiler is that there is a lot 19 of lack of information in the industry. 20 The inspectors are looking at 21 anything and everything. And so it's like having 22 to know everything about every car that's made, of 2.3 all of its nuances and intricacies and what to 24 look at, what I can look at, what I can't.

And so we didn't want it to be at the

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1 | inspector's discretion. We wanted to be able to

- 2 | produce more information in the industry to
- 3 | educate the inspections -- the inspectors
- 4 | themselves on how that boiler needs to be
- 5 | inspected, whether it can be looked at internally,
- 6 whether the burners can be looked at without any
- 7 kind of issues.

8 But a big part of this is that the

- 9 | inspectors don't necessarily have all the
- 10 information they need to know to be able to know
- 11 | what to look at on that boiler. And so because of
- 12 | that, it gets just moved along.
- The boiler looks good. Have you had
- 14 any operating problems? No? Everything's good?
- 15 That's great. How's the family? Been fishing
- 16 | lately? And so forth. Things move along in this
- 17 | kind of fashion.
- 18 So what I wanted to do was to at
- 19 | least get us to the point of saying it's not at an
- 20 | inspector's discretion. It's at the determination
- 21 of whether that boiler can actually be looked at
- 22 and inspected properly. And that's just through
- 23 | communication with those in the industry, whether
- 24 | that's back to the boiler unit or that's back to
- 25 | another boiler company to get the information or

1 | what have you.

But we just didn't want to leave it status quo with where we are in the industry. And I've had inspectors that I would have loved to have had it on recording. I didn't ever need to look at this boiler. Well, why? Well, it's a hot water boiler. And we open it up and the low-water cutoff doesn't work or the burners have burned up or we've got some serious issues.

Insurance has worked out this, because what they've had is boilers that had failed and the customer produced a claim back through insurance. And insurance denied it, saying it was erosion corrosion.

My reply back was when was the last time the boiler was inspected, because that boiler is 22 years old and has never been opened up and would have been able to have made corrections to the boiler itself through water treatment, through whatever the situation was, to have eliminated this condition if it had been properly inspected.

Oh, so then they go back through the process, ask the inspector, have you looked at it internally. No. Well, because of that, then, the claim gets paid.

So there's a lot of things that happen because of the boiler not being looked at as it should, if it can be looked at, construction permitting. So that's where this conversation was to come about with saying this is where our code sits; this is how it is. The interpretation is such that it's basically on low pressure on hot water supply boilers.

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There's very little that gets passed by on high-pressure steam. We always open up the high-pressure steam boilers, as they should. But the code doesn't differentiate; it says the same thing for low pressure. The only other added verbiage is construction permitting. So henceforth, the discussion item, why I was laying it out there, so that we can then produce this information back along to the state and insurance inspectors to say, hey, here is where we're at. We need to get everybody on the same page.

And my recommendation is to start perpetuating more education in the marketplace, i.e., hands-on training to the different types of boilers that are within the market that we work within.

And we've got a fairly finite number

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of manufacturers that are in the industry. And it
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    will take some time, but I think that through
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    communication and increased training, we can get
 4
    ourselves on track. So there you go. Thank you.
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                                Thank you. Next year,
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    I guess we were going to have a conference, right,
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   but it got canceled? We were going to have a
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    joint conference with insurance inspectors and --
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: Are you talking
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    about 2021?
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                   MR. BOWERS:
                               Yes, sir.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
                                  We're not having it
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    with the insurance inspectors in 2021 since we're
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    going live on our own new system. We are looking,
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    hopefully, forward to 2022.
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                               Well, that would be a
                   MR. BOWERS:
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    good time to bring in some of these -- A.O. Smith
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    and say this is how you prepare our boilers for
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    internal inspections. We're talking about
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    training, bringing these people in here and have,
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    actually, experts talking about the proper way to
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   prepare a boiler for internal inspections and
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    stuff like that.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                       That's a great
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    idea.
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Well, there's 1 MR. BAUGHMAN: 2 boilers that are in the marketplace that are no 3 longer in current manufacture, i.e., let's say 4 AJAX. AJAX is very similar to the Wright boiler 5 in construction. And so there's certain similarities. But the one thing with AJAX is it 6 7 does have a hand hole, to where the Wright boiler 8 doesn't have a hand hole. So therefore, the only 9 way to inspect is to pull the end plates off, and 10 that gets to be a real pain in the rear, but it 11 can be done. 12 So all that said and done, ASME puts out recommended rules for the care and operation 13 14 of heating boilers, and it just lists out the 15 information. Periodic inspection is necessary. We know that the boilers need to be 16 17 That's a given. And it's a pressure inspected. vessel. And it has carbon monoxide issues; that's 18 19 why we're doing carbon monoxide alarms now. 20 So we've got the fire side of the 21 We've got the pressure vessel side of equation. 22 the equation. We can't just let these things move 2.3 on because we think that the boiler looks okay. 24 There's no way. You can look at it and it can 25 look beautiful, but you've got to be able to

inspect it construction permitting. And there are 1 2 boilers that you cannot look at inside of the 3 vessel. You can typically look at the burner and 4 the heat transfer side of the vessel itself, which 5 gives you a lot of indications of what's going on 6 on the water side, too. 7 But I just wanted to -- for one, I'm thrilled to be able to have this at least brought 8 9 up because this has been going on for a long time. 10 And we've had a lot of discussions and I've talked to a lot of inspectors. And there's a lot of 11 12 inspectors that have pushback on this. 13 No. I don't feel like we have to 14 look at it internally. But when you do have a 15 failure and it comes back on them, yes, there you 16 go. 17 And so I've gotten a lot of input 18 from a lot of different people within this 19 industry to get to the point of feeling confident, 20 getting past my own opinion, but having the others 21 to back up in the industry of how it needs to be 22 addressed on the inside. 2.3 You, as manufacturers, being here, I 24

would make the assumption that you would say yes,

on point, the boilers do need to be inspected

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where construction is permitting. I don't want to
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    speak for you, but I think it's somewhat of a
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    given that we understand that.
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                 It's just getting all of the people
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    that are involved with this inspection industry on
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    the same page on what needs to be done.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Thank you.
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                   CHIEF O'GUIN: Chairman, Chris,
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    Chief Inspector.
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                 I have polled the Board for
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    information regarding internal inspection of
12
    low-pressure boilers. I have not got any results
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           So hopefully, before the next meeting, I'll
    back.
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   have those results.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: That will be
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    good.
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                                  And, also, the
                   CHIEF O'GUIN:
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    information for Marty's interpretation, as well,
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    were included in that request.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Very good.
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    That's good.
                  Good update. Thank you.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Is there any other
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    input?
            I gave, you know -- I jabbered a lot, but
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    I would love to hear some other input on this.
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    gave my own point of view and opinion, but I would
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love to have anybody else's while we've got just a
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   minute.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Anybody want to
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    speak to that?
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                 (No verbal response.)
                                  I hear chirping.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK:
                                        Yes.
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                   MR. BAUGHMAN:
                                   Okay.
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                   CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: All right.
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    Okay.
           Thank you.
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                 So that takes us to the Variance
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    Guideline and Checklist Revisions. And I want to
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    thank the boiler unit and I want to thank Chief
    O'Guin and Jamie and Carlene and a whole host of
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15
   people who helped us get this document rebuilt to
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    where we can actually edit it.
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                 And so, honestly, what you have is
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    all of the board comments that have been put into
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    this checklist and variance. It's a clean copy.
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                 In the essence of time and the time
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    of day it is, and I know several other people have
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    got other appointments they've got to meet, I
    would like for the board members to review this,
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    send me comments. But we will put it on the
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    September agenda as an action item to vote up or
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1	down.
2	Any questions or comments about that?
3	(No verbal response.)
4	CHAIRMAN MORELOCK: Okay. I'm
5	assuming that's good.
6	All right. So that takes us to
7	Item 11 on our agenda, which is Announcement of
8	the Next Meeting. Unless the Board decides
9	otherwise, the next regularly scheduled meeting of
10	the Board of Boiler Rules will be 9:00 a.m. on
11	September 15, 2021 here at the Department of
12	Labor.
13	And the last item on the agenda is
14	Item 12, which is adjournment.
15	I want to thank you-all for coming.
16	It's been great to see everybody, and this meeting
17	is adjourned. Thank you.
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19	END OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
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1	CERTIFICATE
2	STATE OF TENNESSEE)
3	COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)
4	I, Cassandra M. Beiling, a Notary Public
5	in the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify:
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7	That the within is a true and accurate
8	transcript of the proceedings taken before the
9	Board and the Chief Inspector or the Chief
10	Inspector's Designee, Tennessee Department of
11	Labor & Workforce Development, Division of
12	Workplace Regulations and Compliance, Boiler Unit,
13	on the 20th day of June, 2021.
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15	I further certify that I am not related to
16	any of the parties to this action, by blood or
17	marriage, and that I am in no way interested in
18	the outcome of this matter.
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20	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
21	hand this 20th day of August, 2021.
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23	STATE OF CASSANDE MIT
24	Cassandra M. Beiling, LCR# 371 NOTARY NOTARY Notary Public State at Large
25	My commission expires: 3/10/2024

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