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TO: Fuel Safety Contractors

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As we become more knowledgeable about what is presently in the field, we are aware that there are a great number of uncertified oil-fired boilers in use in this province. These units are primarily cast-iron sectional boilers. This has forced us to take a hard look at what we consider for conversion to natural gas usage, and the process that must be followed.

In an effort to aid the oil industry in the service and maintenance of these existing uncertified units, we have published Fuel Safety Bulletin 2008-02. The cutoff date for these uncertified boilers has been set at January 1, 2004.

With this in mind, I have rewritten Fuel Safety Bulletin 2008-07, regarding the conversion of these boilers, yet again. This Bulletin now clarifies the following points:

1. Certified unmodified boilers bearing a recognized certification label are easily convertible using the process set out in Bulletin 2008-07.
2. Uncertified or modified boilers, installed previous to 2004, and bearing no recognized certification label, are not considered to be convertible. These boilers may remain in service, fired on oil, unmodified, as noted in Fuel Safety Bulletin 2008-02
3. Please remember that any boiler, installed after January 1, 2004, without a recognized certification mark, is in service illegally and, as such, shall not be considered for conversion nor for field certification. The sale, installation and service of uncertified fuel-fired appliances contravenes the Fuel Safety Regulations and, as such, is a finable offence for the dealer and installer.

NOTE: In compliance with Standards Council of Canada rulings, the only valid proof of certification is a recognized Canadian certification mark on the appliance rating plate.

If there are any further questions or concerns regarding this memo, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Halifax offices.

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