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### Changes to the Regulations under the *Safety Standards Act*

There have been changes to three of the regulations under the *Safety Standards Act*. All of the changes are included in the versions of the regulations that are available on the BC Safety Authority website at [http://www.safetyauthority.ca/?q=regulationslegislation\\_safetyregulations](http://www.safetyauthority.ca/?q=regulationslegislation_safetyregulations). Please update your copies of the regulations. The following changes have been made:

- Safety Standards General Regulation -- Section 24 (3) has been repealed. That section placed limits on the number of operating permits and/or contractor's licenses that a Field Safety Representative (FSR) may be named on. Any restrictions will now be set in BC Safety Authority policy. Our current policy is that FSRs will only be allowed to be named on 1 contractor's license unless the provincial safety manager approves otherwise. As a result, FSRs may now represent more than 1 permit holder.
- Electrical Safety Regulation -- Section 3.1 has been added. The new section specifies, for the purposes of the new section 19.1 of the *Safety Standards Act* (see section 19.1 definition of "residential electricity information", paragraph (b) [http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/S/03039\\_01.htm#section19.1](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/S/03039_01.htm#section19.1)), that the prescribed range of electricity consumption information that a utility must disclose to a local government upon request is 93 kilowatt-hours per day or more.
- Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Safety Regulation -- Sections 20, 24, 49 & 50 have been amended. The changes reclassify a low pressure thermal fluid plant that exceeds 500 m<sup>2</sup> of boiler capacity but does not exceed 1500 m<sup>2</sup> of boiler capacity from a third to a fourth class plant (ss. 49 and 50). As a result of this reclassification, sections 20 and 24 were also amended to provide that a fourth, as opposed to a third, class power engineer could be the chief engineer of one of those plants and that a fifth class (boiler endorsement), as opposed to a fourth class, power engineer could be the shift engineer of one of those plants.