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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is to invite you to join the Arkansas Boiler Association. This association is for people involved with the inspection, repair, operation, installation, and fabrication of boilers and pressure vessels. The emphasis is on inspection and safety issues related to these objects. The ABA is a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and to get feedback from other people involved in the same work. It can be a tool to protect industry standards, etc.

The association will sponsor an annual meeting of boiler inspectors, National Board (R) stamp holders, and all contractors involved in the boiler and pressure industry in the state of Arkansas. This meeting will be held in Little Rock, and will give all the opportunity to meet and visit with others involved in our industry, discuss new and pending changes in the codes affecting our procedures, inspection policies, and many other issues that come to our attention daily, plus we will have seminars on industry topics.

For many years, the annual Boiler Inspectors Conference (BIFF) was sponsored by the state, but for a number of reasons it was cancelled in 2013. After many requests from industry personnel and after discussions with our Attorney, our department’s deputy director, and my supervisor it was determined to form the Arkansas Boiler Association, which would sponsor the meeting on an annual basis.

**The first annual meeting of the Association is scheduled for April 11-12, 2018.** The Association is to be registered as a not-for-profit. All annual membership dues and meeting attendance fees received will be used to help cover costs related to the association and annual scheduled meetings. Annual Membership fees are $50.00 per person. When attending a meeting, an attendance fee of $35.00 per person per meeting will be required. Additional information regarding the conference will be mailed to the ABA members once the meeting details have been established.

We are looking for sponsors to help with the costs of these seminars. If you would be interested in helping to sponsor an event, please let us know.

**Please do NOT mail anything directly to the Arkansas Department of Labor or Boiler Inspection Division. The association has been formed as a separate entity. All correspondence and payments should be made directly to the Arkansas Boiler Association, P.O. Box 56286, Little Rock, AR 72215.**

An application for membership is enclosed. Please respond only by mail to the above address. We accept check or money order only, made payable to “Arkansas Boiler Association”. **We ask that you respond no later than February 15, 2018,** in order that we can plan accordingly. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the membership dues fee of $50.00 per person; and an additional fee of $35.00 per person to attend the meeting.

Whether you are a boiler inspector, an insurance inspection supervisor, a contractor, a National Board “R” stamp holder, an ASME stamp holder, a boiler operator, or an owner/user of boilers or pressure vessels, you will benefit from attending this conference. The purpose of the Boiler Inspectors Conference is to bring knowledge of the latest techniques and technologies being utilized in the pressure vessel industry today, and to bring better understanding of the latest laws, rules, and regulations of the Arkansas Boiler Inspection Division, the standards and code changes of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection, and the code standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Thank You,

Dennis Hannon

Dennis Hannon, President

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and

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