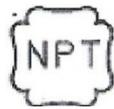


June 17, 2015

ASME NPT Certificate Holders,

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has reviewed the issue regarding certain NPT Code Symbol Stamps which could be considered non-compliant with the illustration shown in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section III, Division 1, Subsection NCA, Table NCA-8100-1, 2010 Edition and earlier Editions and Addenda. It is the position of ASME that:



is equivalent to



Although these NPT Stamps differ slightly in appearance, they serve the same purpose of certifying Code compliance by the ASME Certificate Holder with verification by the Authorized Nuclear Inspector and provide for the same level of quality assurance. The recently approved Code Case N-852 further confirms that the NPT Code Symbol Stamp with the NPT letters arranged horizontally is equivalent to the NPT Code Symbol Stamp as depicted and required by NCA-8000 and WA-8000.

However, in order to avoid any further confusion in the industry, ASME has decided to recall the NPT Code Symbol Stamps with the NPT letters arranged horizontally. If you have an NPT Code Symbol Stamps with the NPT letters arranged horizontally in your possession, please return it to ASME's Headquarters at Two Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. The Society will then send you the NPT Code Symbol Stamp as illustrated in Section III, Table NCA-8100-1 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 2010 Edition and earlier Editions and Addenda.

Please contact the ASME Conformity Assessment Department via email at ca@asme.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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ASME NPT Certificate Holders,

On June 17, 2015, ASME announced the decision to recall the NPT Code Symbol Stamps with the NPT letters arranged horizontally to all NPT Certificate holders. The letter, however, did not specify a timeframe for the recall.

ASME is reiterating its request for Certificate Holders to discontinue the use of the NPT Code Symbol Stamps with the NPT letters arranged horizontally and for these stamps to be returned to ASME's Headquarters at Two Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016 no later than December 31, 2015. The Society will provide a replacement NPT Code Symbol Stamp as illustrated in Section III, Table NCA-8100-1 of the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 2010 Edition and earlier Editions and Addenda.

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