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To: Stakeholders

Re: Manitoba Construction Heaters – “C.H” Inspection Program

Over the past months the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) has been consulting with our various stakeholders to determine new initiatives which will assist Inspections and Technical Services Manitoba (ITSM), to better serve our clients.

One of the common themes that we have heard from industry is that the provincial construction heater inspection program or “CH” program has been very successful and is supported by industry.

However, we have also heard from industry that in order to make this program more efficient for both ITSM and Industry, it would be beneficial to change the expiry dates of the program to allow for more time to inspect the heaters during the summer months.

Therefore, please be advised that effective immediately the expiry dates of all construction heaters will be changed from August 31st to April 30th. This change will allow for a larger window to have these units inspected prior to being put into service during the winter construction season. This should also allow for multiple units to be at common locations for efficiency of inspections. ITSM inspectors will be in contact with you shortly to schedule appointments for these inspections.

If you have any questions regarding this change in the “CH” inspection program, or any other matter related to your industry, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Sincerely,

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