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To E. E. E gecomb, Chief Inspector, Labor  
Re: Boilers, Chapter 30, Sec. 72, R.S., Chapter 404, P.L. 1955.

. . . You ask, "Does a hot water supply boiler, or a hot water heating boiler owned by municipalities come under the inspection requirements of Sec. 72 as amended by Chapter 404?"

An examination of this law indicates that the only exemption from "all boilers owned by municipalities", if any, is that found in Section 78, being for boilers which carry pressures not exceeding 15 pounds per square inch, constructed and installed in accordance with the rules adopted by the Board of Boiler Rules.

As your letter indicates that hot water heating boilers usually operate at 30 pounds and the other types at more poundage of pressure, it is evident that there is not exemption of any ordinary boiler owned by a municipality, and the inspection should be made after the 1955 law becomes effective.

In the exception shown in Section 78, the wording is,

"or to steam heating boilers, except boilers located in schoolhouses, which carry pressures not exceeding 15 pounds per square inch, etc."

Thus, the words, "except boilers located in schoolhouses" may be taken out of the context and the exemption does not apply to schoolhouse boilers.

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