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To: IPE Ontario Area <on.director@ipe.org>

Subject: RE: Form letter for response to your MPP RE: Alternate Rules

I have responded to the survey and expressed the same opinion as your letter suggests. The TSSA is being lobbied hard by business interests to change the entire way that power plants have been allowed to operate in Ontario under very reasonable rules and regulations that focus on safe operation of high energy equipment. This method has historically proven itself by the fact that catastrophic failures have been few and far between. By changing to a risk based system of self assessment by owner users the oversight of highly trained operating engineers will be lost, most likely, and serious equipment failure incidents, even of a catastrophic nature, will likely result. Why the TSSA, who is suppose to be the guardian of public safety making rules and regulations to help ensure optimum practices and procedures are legislated and followed, has decided to completely reverse their mandate when it comes to operating engineers is mind boggling. Many TSSA inspectors came out of the operating engineer profession and I am certain these the rank and file employees of the TSSA are scratching their collective heads at this misguided effort attacking their profession. I have read some reference to the "Downsview Propane Explosion" as being an impetus for this push to risk based inspection. Well this is a completely different kettle of fish and there was no oversight or involvement of the operating engineer profession in this incident, so it is completely unrelatable. This incident hints at a failure of proper oversight by the TSSA fuels safety branch and nothing to do with boilers and pressure vessels or operating engineers. Why do I get the impression that a risk based assessment is being pushed on us to the detriment of boiler and pressure vessel safety. Perhaps this push should be applied to fuels safety only and leave the well regulated boiler and pressure vessels and operating engineers regulations in place. This very poorly thought out effort on the part of the TSSA under pressure from self serving business interest lobbyists needs to be stopped in its tracks. It would be interesting to get some feedback from the National Board, Boiler and Pressure Vessel Insurance Companies and other Provincial jurisdictions about this TSSA/owner operator risk assessment based push to get rid of operating engineers.

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