

CODE SOLUTION

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Boiler Operator Licenses

Issue:

Often citizens will inquire about the requirements of the Philadelphia Boiler Operator License, specifically to ask if a licensed operator is required to be physically at the boiler 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Solution:

There are no provisions in the Philadelphia Code that require that the licensed boiler operator be on site at the boiler location 24/7. The Department has taken the position that, pursuant to the Philadelphia Code, as long as a qualified licensed individual is identified as the responsible person for the operation of a boiler, the local code requirement is satisfied.

In Pennsylvania, boilers are regulated by the PA Department of Labor and Industry under the Boiler and Unfired Pressure Vessel Law (Act 104 of 2013). The Regulations related to this law indicate that, "The maintenance and inspection of boilers must comply with ANSI/NB 23."

If citizens have further questions, their contact info is below.

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Code Section(s):

§ 9-501. Boilers, Engines, and Refrigeration Machinery.

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