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ATHRA ALERT #42 – March 2009 **RISSB *Boilers for Rail Code of Practice*** **Open Review of the Draft Document**

The Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB) have released the *Boilers for Rail Code of Practice* for Open Review. This draft Code of Practice has been prepared in association with ATHRA by a Development Group comprising very experienced locomotive boiler and pressure vessel practitioners. The draft code uses good practice and procedures of the state government railways who maintained steam locomotive boilers with reference to Australian Standards and other international practices.

The Code of Practice aims to give practical guidance about the inspection, maintenance and repair of steam locomotive boilers in Australia and is for owners, users and operators using locomotive boilers on both commercial rail networks and tourist and heritage railways.

It is very important that you review and comment on the document at this stage. The development process for this Code of Practice follows that of other RISSB documents, as shown on the RISSB web site: <http://www.rissb.com.au/linkdev/site/Governance.php>. In line with that development process, no feedback on the contents of the document is equated to acceptance of the material.

The draft Code of Practice is on the RISSB web site and can be downloaded from: http://www.rissb.com.au/UserFiles/documents/Code%20of%20Practice_RISSB%20Boilers%20for%20rail%20COP_FA.pdf (you will need to join the two lines of the web address in your browser or alternatively use the link on the ATHRA Alerts web page: <http://www.athra.asn.au/alerts.htm>). The download is a large file (approx 13.7 MB). If you are unable to download a file of this size, please contact Alan Gardner by e-mail (agardner@rissb.com.au) to make other arrangements to receive a copy of the draft code.

Issues

ATHRA considers that the development of a Code of Practice for Rail Boilers to be an important step in ensuring safety and the operation of steam locomotives into the future. This document endeavours to capture the good practices of boiler inspection, operation and maintenance before they are lost as people pass on.

Recommended Actions:

- Distribute this document to those people within your organisation responsible for the management of steam locomotive boilers and for the management of your Rail Safety Management System.
- Provide feedback by the due date of **27 May 2009** to Alan Gardner at RISSB by e-mail: agardner@rissb.com.au