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## **ATHRA ALERT #54 – July 2011** **RISSB: *Boilers for Rail Code of Practice*** ***Accessible Rail Code of Practice*** ***Published Version Now Available***

The Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB) have published the completed “*The Heritage Locomotive Boiler Code of Practice*” This code has been developed in conjunction with the Association of Tourist and Heritage Rail Australia (its major stakeholder). It provides guidance on the inspection, repair and maintenance of Heritage Locomotive Boilers. The appendices in the document detail many of the specific issues from basic anatomy through to the many different types of sub-assemblies that are unique to locomotive boilers. The code of practice is for owners/users/operators using locomotive boilers on both commercial rail networks and tourist and heritage railways.

Also published at the same time is “*Accessible Rail Code of Practice*” was published. This code was developed by subject matter experts from passenger rail operators, rollingstock manufacturers, and the Australian Federation of Disability Organizations (AFDO). The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) also participated as an active observer and provider of advice on contentious issue. The code translates the intent of the Disability Discrimination Act and DSAPT (and takes into account the exemptions provided to the ARA by the Human Rights Commission) into a set of workable solutions for the Rail Industry. It addresses station and rollingstock design solutions.

These Codes are available to ARA and ATHRA Members.

For the boiler code itself – follow this link:

[http://www.rissb.com.au/userfiles/file/Events/boiler-cop-V1\\_01.pdf](http://www.rissb.com.au/userfiles/file/Events/boiler-cop-V1_01.pdf)

For the Accessible Rail Code of Practice, please request from [railsafety@athra.asn.au](mailto:railsafety@athra.asn.au)

### **Issues**

The Boiler COP is seen by ATHRA as an important document in ensuring safety and the operations of steam locomotives into the future. The Accessible Rail COP is important that in document solutions for independent access for people with disabilities to rail premises, infrastructure, rollingstock and communications.

### ***Recommended Actions:***

Distribute this document to those people within your organisation responsible for the management of steam locomotive boilers, Train Operations and Infrastructure within your organisation and for the management of your Rail Safety Management System.