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Boiler and Pressure Vessel Variance Application

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In accordance with the [Colorado Boiler Inspection Statutes](#), the following requirements must be met in order for an owner or user to request a boiler or pressure vessel variance.

- Any owner or user may apply for a variance from the standards, rules, regulations or requirements of the Boiler Inspection Statutes by providing the information requested below.
- An application for a variance can only be considered by the Boiler Inspection Program after receipt of all relevant information, including the signature of an officer of the company. Please note that the applicant must receive permission, in writing, from the Boiler Inspection Program prior to implementing the variance.
- The Boiler Inspection Program shall issue a variance upon determining that the proponent of the variance has demonstrated that the construction, installation and operation of the boiler or pressure vessel will be as safe as would be if it complied with the standards, rules, regulations or requirements.
- The variance rule or order so issued shall prescribe the construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair conditions that the owner or user must maintain.
- Such a rule or order may be modified or revoked upon application by an owner or user or by the Boiler Inspection Program at any time after six months from its issuance.

Application Requirements

To avoid delays, please provide the following to the Boiler Inspection Program along with the completed variance application form.

1. Variance Description, Type and Justification
 - a. Variance Description: Description of the variance requested including the circumstances and reasons which require the variance
 - b. Variance Types
 - i. Permanent (variance remains valid until it is rescinded)
 - ii. Temporary (variance expires after the requested period is passed): for a temporary variance application, include the period of time requested and steps to be taken during period.
 - c. Variance Justification (attach additional information to this form)
 - i. Assessment of every safety risk associated with the variance, based on safety engineering principles and recognized industry standards;
 - ii. Description of the measures that are proposed to make the installation equivalent in safety to the level of safety intended by the requirements in the regulation, standard, or code;
 - iii. A qualified individual, (e.g. P. Eng.) knowledgeable in the design or operation of the installation, must sign the technical documents;
2. Description of component and system involved
 - a. Provide detailed information about the object, process or activity involved.
 - b. Attach supporting documents as applicable.
3. Identify the Regulation, Code or Standard requirement from which the variance is requested, including all applicable sections of the Statutes and Regulations.



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Applicant Information

Company Name:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Phone Number:					
Email Address:					
Contact Name:					
Facility Type:					

Variance Information

Address(es)/Location(s) of Proposed Variance:			
Variance Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<i>Time Frame:</i>
Variance Description (including Justification):			
Component/System Involved:			
Statute, Rule, Code or Standard Requirement for which the variance is requested:			

Certification

Where a variance is granted, its successors, heirs and assigns:

- Accept full responsibility for any and all damages whatsoever and for injury to any person that may arise as a result of the variance or non-conformity for the conditions specified for the variance to the complete exclusion of the Boiler Inspection Program.
- Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Boiler Inspection Program for any action or claim, including third-party claims and attendants cost.

Signing Officer Name:		Signing Officer Title:	
Signature:		Date:	

For OPS Use Only

<input type="checkbox"/> Variance Granted	<input type="checkbox"/> Variance Denied	Date:	
Reviewed By:		Title:	