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This bulletin will briefly notify you of changes to the Heating Oil Storage Tank System Regulations, 2003, the System Installation and Inspection Manual and CSA B139-09. All three documents should be carefully read to understand all applicable changes.

The Heating Oil Storage Tank System Regulations, 2003 were amended December 8, 2009 to allow heating oil storage tank owners in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area to operate their unregistered tanks until December 31, 2010. The amendment also allows the delivery of heating oil to these owners until this date.

The System Installation and Inspection Manual was revised December 16, 2009 to reflect the above noted changes to the regulations, to update some ULC code references, and to address issues relating to variances given to oil delivery companies concerning the delivery to unregistered tanks.

The new CSA B139-09 installation code was published in August 2009. There was one significant change which will be noted. In the August 2009 edition it does not permit the installation of a single walled steel tank located outside. This change will be adopted and shall be followed as of June 1, 2010. So, if you are aware of any tank which still might have useable life under the regulations then you should strongly encourage the owner to get it registered on or before May 31, 2010. If the owner does not get their tank registered the tank will have to be removed from service on or before May 31, 2010 and be replaced with a tank meeting the CSA B139-09 code. Any single walled steel tank located outdoors which has been registered by that date may remain in service until its expiry date.

Other changes to the CSA B139-09 code will be reflected in an updated copy of the System Installation and Inspection Manual expected to be completed early May 2010. By that time each Licensed Inspector should have access to the CSA B139-09 code and already read and determined for themselves all the changes in the code pertinent to heating oil tank installations and associated piping as well as the other changes pertinent to other aspects of the installation of oil-burning equipment.