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## The BC Fire Code and the Installation Code for Oil Burning Equipment to CAN/CSA-B139-00

This information bulletin provides clarification of the intent of the BC Fire Code regarding CAN/CSA-B139-00 "Installation Code for Oil Burning Equipment" and the issuing of Office of the Fire Commissioner Permits.

The Scope of CSA B139-00 states:

*This Code applies to the installation of all stationary and portable oil-burning equipment, including a fuel supply, piping, and nonintegrated tanks for fuel-oil-driven internal combustion engines, but excluding equipment installed in refineries, appliances installed in mobile housing, recreational vehicles, and marine craft, lamps, and such portable devices as blowtorches, melting pots, and weed burners.*

*Note: For installation of oil-burning equipment in mobile housing and recreational vehicles, refer to CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z240 MH Series-92.*

Sentence 6.2.1.5.(1), of the BC Building Code, identifies oil burning equipment which must be installed in conformance to the standard CAN/CSA-B139-00.

Sentence 3.2.7.5.(1), of the BC Building Code, identifies emergency electrical power systems, which must be installed in conformance to the Standard CAN/CSA-C282-00. In turn, CAN/CSA-C282-00 refers to CAN/CSA-B139-00 for the fuel supply provisions.

Clause 4.1.1.1(3)(b), of the BC Fire Code, specifically excludes the application of Part 4 of the BC Fire Code to appliances and their ancillary equipment described in the scope of CAN/CSA-B139-00.

Therefore, the authority having jurisdiction, for the installation of oil burning equipment within the scope of CAN/CSA-B139-00, is the local building official and not the fire official.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner Permit form (Pursuant to the Fire Services Act and Regulations) may only be issued for the construction and operation of bulk plants, process plants and distilleries, and the installation and operation of fuel dispensing stations as identified in sentences 4.12.2.1. and 4.12.3.1. of the BC Fire Code. This permit form is **not to be used** for the installation of CAN/CSA-B139-00 oil burning equipment.

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