## **Summary of Proposed Rule Changes**

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation proposes changes to the rules at 16 TAC, Chapter 65, Boilers.

## What are the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rule changes add new requirements for:

- installing and reporting the installation of boilers;
- installing boiler blow-down equipment where required;
- replacing and plugging boiler tubes;
- a visual display for carbon monoxide detectors if absent;
- remote monitoring of carbon monoxide levels in boiler rooms;
- National Fire Protection Association compliance;
- physical safety of the boiler premises for inspectors;
- protecting and preserving the scene of boiler accidents;
- a new tiered late inspection fee that replaces the current late renewal fee;
- a presumption of operation after expiration of the certificate of operation;
- responsibilities of Authorized Inspection Agencies to timely conduct required inspections;
- imposing the new late inspection fee on Authorized Inspection Agencies;
- prohibiting inspectors from installing boilers;
- removing minor and infrequently assessed fees; and
- removing the referral for a department inspection when the owner fails to obtain an inspection.

## When and where can I review the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rule changes will be published in the May 17, 2024, <u>issue of the *Texas Register*</u>. **This link will NOT work until May 17, 2024.** Beginning on that date the link will take you to the *Texas Register* issue. Scroll down to the Proposed Rules section and look for the heading Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and Boilers to locate these proposed rule changes.

Comments on the proposed rule changes may be submitted <u>online</u>. The Department will accept comments on the proposed rule changes until June 17, 2024.