

DPS LISTENING SESSION

ON THE BUREAU OF PIPEFITTERS, REFRIGERATION TECHS, & SPRINKLERFITTERS

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- 1) Incorporate the National Board Inspection Code (NBIC) as a standard into 528 CMR 3.00
- 2) Prohibit boiler external pipefitting (BEP) work by unlicensed personnel who may perform pipefitting under the plant exemption provisions of MGL Ch. 146, Section 87.
- 3) Require all BEP work performed as post construction activity to be restricted to NBIC "R" stamp holders.
- 4) Amend the definition of pipefitting in 528 CMR 2.00 to describe pipefitting as work that is subject to inspection under any law, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation. (Please reference Section 81 of M.G.L. for clarification on this point.)
- 5) 528 CMR 11.01 (4) Remove restrictions on or create a separate pipefitter welder license category so that a skilled welder may perform welding pipefitting without going through a mechanical pipefitting program as is the current case. (We have a critical shortage of skilled welders for the pipefitting industry as it now stands.)
- 6) 528 CMR 11.02 (3)(c) Remove paragraph (C) and accept the pipefitting work experience of individuals who work for those entities exempted from these regulations under M.G.L. Chapter 146, Section 87.