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To All U.S. District and Local Lodge Business Managers

RE: Temporary Modification of Article 5 Requirements Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Grace Period Extension

Dear Colleagues:

On August 14, 2020, the National Joint Rules and Standards Committee (NJRSC) extended the MOST drug testing grace period for all referral applicants until December 31, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has severely impacted the boilermaking industry. To make certain that Boilermaker jobs are adequately staffed with a skilled and trained workforce while maintaining the safety of the Boilermakers performing the duties required by both the Employers and Owners, the NJRSC has approved the following **additional grace period extensions**:

- 1) All referral applicants currently eligible for referral on the MOST Boilermaker Delivery System (MBDS) will be granted a grace period on their MOST Drug Test until June 30, 2021.
 - a. This grace period will only be applicable in allowing referral applicants to meet the eligibility requirements of the list/pool they are otherwise qualified for.
 - b. Employers and/or Owners may continue to require pre-employment or random drug testing as needed.
- 2) The grace period for the OSHA 10, OSHA 30 and OSHA 5-hour refresher training will also be extended until June 30, 2021. During this time, you are strongly encouraged to reach out to every eligible referral applicant in your Dispatch District/Local Lodge whose OSHA refresher training is expiring and assist them in updating their status.

You are reminded of the posting requirements as set forth in Articles 2.3 and 8.4 of these Rules. Please post this notice on the Local Lodge bulletin board, website, job site location and/or facility where the Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules are displayed.

Sincerely,

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