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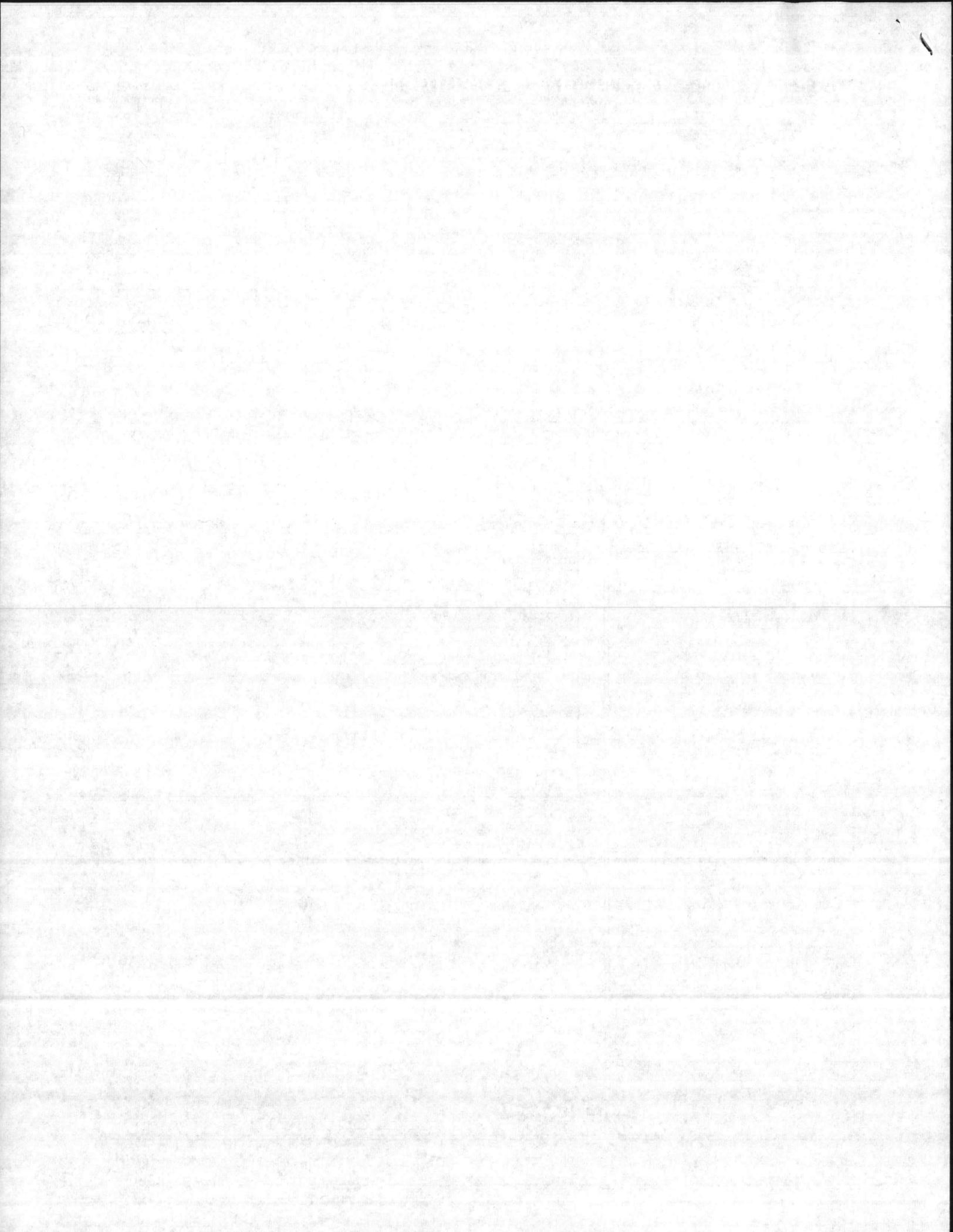
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# Boiler accident burns Air Force for \$500K

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IN the last issue we ran a four-page article about boiler inspection and certification, and described several major boiler accidents. A U. S. District Court judge recently helped underline the importance of this topic when he awarded \$592,257 to the family of a contractor's employee who was fatally scalded in an accident at Bolling AFB.

The boilermaker was trapped in a boiler room which became flooded with hot water and steam after an explosion. The judge found the Air Force in violation of the District of Columbia city code for failing to provide two exits from the boiler room. The Air Force had agreed to abide by the code, which requires boiler and furnace rooms to have "two unobstructed and accessible exits," the *Washington Post* reported on May 13.

The judge interpreted testimony presented in the case to mean that the boilermaker would have escaped serious injury and perhaps all injury had there been another exit. The judge noted that even if there had been no applicable city code, other federal regulations require appropriate exits in rooms containing hazardous equipment.

The worker was opening valves to bring the boiler system back on line after he had installed a new gasket to seal off a leak. As pressure built up, the gasket blew. The worker ran to the rear of the room. The steam hit him in about 15 seconds. After several minutes, he crawled through the steam to the exit. He died of burns 3 weeks later.

The award included a \$280,000 reimbursement to the insurance company which had paid compensation benefits to the family. Four hundred nineteen thousand dollars of the award was for the salary the man would have earned during a normal career.

