

New Jersey Response to Federal EFAME report.

On September 14, 2010 The New Jersey Office of Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (NJPEOSH) received by email the 2009 EFAME, SOAR and FAME letter signed by Robert Kulick, Region II OSHA Regional Administrator. Prior to receiving these reports, the New Jersey OPEOSH was provided a brief opportunity to respond to a draft version of the FAME. The draft FAME was received by the OPEOSH on May 4, 2010. PEOSH is concerned that the wording of the executive summary is absolute. PEOSH wants to make it clear that the challenges identified in the executive summary were not pervasive and limited to findings in specific cases. Many of those findings can be attributed to data entry issues and case file documentation. These problems are accentuated by an antiquated and incompatible data entry system. PEOSH has requested assistance from the Region relating to these issues. PEOSH looks forward to working with the Region to address the recommendations in the report. PEOSH continues to maintain a strong enforcement initiative and continues to make improvements to injury and illness rates in New Jersey's public sector.