



July 28, 2011

Michael G. Connors, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
230 S. Dearborn St., Room 3244  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Connors:

RE: Minnesota's Response to the FY 2010 Enhanced FAME Report

I have received the advance copy of the final Minnesota FY 2010 Enhanced FAME report, dated July 18, 2011, which includes detailed findings and recommendations for the MNOSHA Program as a result of the February 2011 audit. I am pleased to submit this brief response to that report.

I appreciated and welcomed the audit, as well as the continued cooperation and support that Federal OSHA, Region 5 has provided. As noted in the report MNOSHA has two corrective action items. The first item involves whether an employer has provided a sufficient response to a non-formal allegation that an OSHA standard is being violated. Instructions were modified in the last month of FY2010 and a copy of the revised Complaint Handling directive has been provided to your office. The second item involves completion of an OSHA 170 fatal incident summary form that was not completed in enough detail. To address this item, enhanced informal instructions were made in August 2010, and the manual has been updated. A revised manual change has been provided to your office. Both findings were related to paperwork and do not affect our field inspections.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the report. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your office to enhance workplace safety in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Ken B. Peterson,  
Commissioner

Att.

cc: Mark Hysell, Area Director, USDOL  
James Krueger, Director, MNOSHA