



DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR
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GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO



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Mr. Robert D. Kulick
Regional Administrator, Region II
U.S. Department of Labor / OSHA
201 Varick Street, Rm. 670
New York, NY 10014

Dear Mr. Kulick:

This is in response to the FY 2011 Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation – FAME, of the Puerto Rico Occupational Safety and Health State Plan, adjoined to the Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources.

Our Program began operations in 1978 and has complied with all the responsibilities and obligations towards the protection of Puerto Rico's workforce with the commitment to continuously improve ourselves. When PR OSHA received the findings and recommendations, abatement actions were immediately started.

Regarding the evaluation, PR OSHA will follow the recommendations of the Report - FAME to address all the findings. These are in the specific areas of: ensuring timely hazards correction, guidance and procedures for grouping, identification of apparent violations observed in photos, improving the citations lapse times, ensuring the union and employee involvement during the inspections and in the informal conference; and establishing the on-the-job evaluations Assurance Program for Consultation. Also, all pertinent personnel shall be provided with refresher training on the policies and procedures established in the FOM.

We appreciate and thank Region II for its assistance and support. It is evident that we are engaging harmoniously in a team-work effort. Ultimately, our goal is the same: to preserve the safety and health of our labor force, whose welfare is our most precious treasure. We can honestly state that we are now proudly working as a true partnership.

PR OSHA reaffirms our commitment with the safety and health of all workers in the Island.

Cordially,


Gladys Cruz-Mercado
Assistant Secretary

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