



August 4, 2014

Nick Walters, Regional Administrator
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
230 S. Dearborn St., Room 3244
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Dear Mr. Walters:

RE: Minnesota's Response to the FY 2013 FAME Report

I have received the Minnesota FY 2013 FAME report, dated July 21, 2014, which includes detailed findings and recommendations for the Minnesota OSHA (MNOSHA) Program. I am pleased to submit Minnesota's response to that report.

Audits are an important part of managing both state and federally run programs, and I therefore appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to the findings.

While I give credit and respect to the six recommendations, I believe MNOSHA staff is performing well and is highly effective at ensuring compliance and providing consultative assistance. They are very dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of our state's workers. The result has been safer Minnesota workplaces.

All six findings and recommendations have been reviewed and MNOSHA's response to each item will be contained in their Corrective Action Plan.

MNOSHA is also asking federal OSHA to add a link to MNOSHA's redacted SOAR, which is posted on MNOSHA's website at: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/OSHA/Reports.asp>.

In closing, I appreciate the numerous positive comments contained within the report as well as MNOSHA's positive working relationship with you and others at the area and regional level.

Sincerely,

Ken B Peterson
Commissioner

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