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Mr. Gregory J. Baxter, Regional Administrator, Region VIII
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Denver Regional Office
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Dear Mr. Baxter:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) of the Utah Occupational Safety and Health (Utah OSHA) state plan program. Utah OSHA strives for continuous improvement and values continued collaboration, constructive input and feedback to ensure the increased safety and health of Utah's workplaces and its workforce.

We believe the Utah OSHA program continues to be highly effective in protecting Utah workers from on-the-job injuries, illnesses and exposures. The Utah OSHA staff is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of Utah employees. The December 2013 State Operations Annual Report (SOAR) demonstrates an ongoing downward trend in both overall injury and illness total recordable case (TRC) rates and workplace fatalities that mirrors the downward trend seen in national averages. Utah's injury, illness and fatality rates are also lower than the national average. For example, the national average fatality rate for 2012 was 3.4 while Utah's average was 3.0. This is one of many factors that demonstrate the effectiveness of Utah's occupational safety and health program.

The specific response to OSHA's findings and recommendations are summarized in the attached corrective action plan (CAP). It should be noted that Utah OSHA identified a number of these program deficiencies prior to the federal visit and most of the 2013 FAME findings and recommendations have been addressed or are being addressed. The remaining deficiencies, such as Finding 13-07, will be addressed and resolved in the near future.

We request that this letter be posted in conjunction with the FY 2013 FAME report. In addition, please post the web link to the [Utah OSHA SOAR](http://laborcommission.utah.gov/media/pdfs/uosha/pubs/2013SOARUtah.pdf). The website address is <http://laborcommission.utah.gov/media/pdfs/uosha/pubs/2013SOARUtah.pdf>.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a statement in response to the FY 2013 FAME Report.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (801) 530-6901.

Sincerely,

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