

July 24, 2015

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Dear Mr. Walters:

RE: Minnesota's Response to the FY2014 Follow-up FAME Report

I have received your letter, dated July 10, 2015, accompanied by the FY2014 Follow-up FAME report for MNOSHA, which includes both an assessment of MNOSHA's progress in achieving performance goals for FY2014, and follow-up findings and observations continued from the FY2013 FAME report. I am pleased to submit Minnesota's response and status regarding this report.

MNOSHA was evaluated on 15 performance goals from their FFY2014 SOAR. MNOSHA met or exceeded the projected target for 12 of the items. Two of the remaining three items were based on a projected reduction of a TRC rate and fatality rate, in which the rates did not decrease or increase, but remained unchanged. And the other item related to conducting programmed inspections in which MNOSHA conducted 85% of the 86% projected target. MNOSHA continues to strive toward ensuring compliance and providing consultative assistance to improve the safety and health culture for Minnesota workers in all Minnesota workplaces.

All items on the FY2014 Follow-up from the FY2013 FAME have been addressed. Two directives were updated and completed, and internal audits using FY2015 data will be conducted and completed by fiscal year's end. MNOSHA's response to each item is contained in their Corrective Action Plan.

MNOSHA requests that federal OSHA 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 continued positive working relationship with you and others at the area and regional level.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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