

July 29, 2016

Ken Nishiyama Atha, Regional Administrator
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
230 S. Dearborn St., Room 3244
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Dear Mr. Atha:

RE: Minnesota's Response to the FY 2015 FAME Report

I have received the Minnesota FY 2015 Comprehensive FAME report, dated July 15, 2016, 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 appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to the findings.

While I value and respect the four recommendations, I believe MNOSHA staff continues to perform well and is highly effective at ensuring compliance and providing consultative assistance. They are dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of our state's workers, and the result has been safer Minnesota workplaces.

The findings and recommendations have been reviewed, and MNOSHA's response to each item is contained in their Corrective Action Plan which is attached.

Previously Federal OSHA asked MNOSHA if it wished to provide a link to its FY 2015 State OSHA Annual Report (SOAR) from the Federal EFAME webpage. MNOSHA responded yes on June 13, 2016. The SOAR is posted on MNOSHA's website at: <http://www.doli.state.mn.us/OSHA/PDF/annualreport15.pdf>

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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