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Mr. William A. Burke, Acting Regional Administrator
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
525 Griffin Street, Room 602
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Dear Mr. Burke:

We have received your transmittal of the final report of the FY 2009 Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) of the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau. We appreciate the professionalism and cooperative attitude of the Region VI staff that participated in the evaluation. We will thoroughly consider their findings and recommendations as we continue our efforts to improve our operations and reduce employee injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

We are pleased to note the positive reports received from members of the various industry partnerships we have established, as well as those from representatives of employee unions with whom we interact on a regular basis. We believe the steady reduction of workplace injury and fatality rates in New Mexico is, in part, directly attributable to our collaborative efforts with our major industry and stakeholder groups.

Our formal response to the report will be submitted within the 30-day time period as requested.

Thank you again for the continued support and partnership Region VI has provided in helping us pursue our goal of making New Mexico the safest state in the union.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Ron Curry
Secretary

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