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Wyoming Worker's Safety acknowledges the value of the Wyoming FY 09 EFAME audit report that reflects our efforts to provide Wyoming workers with an effective State OSHA Compliance program. Our Program always endeavors to improve on our processes which are designed to ensure all workers under our jurisdiction have a safe and healthy work environment.

Upon release of the new Federal Field Operations Manual (FOM) on March 23, 2009, Wyoming Worker's Safety began to review the new FOM, develop procedures, and train compliance officers to ensure the FOM was being followed as much as possible. We had already identified and corrected some elements of our processes that have been documented as findings/recommendations in this audit report before and during the audit visit. These changes were not evaluated during this audit. We are confident that any follow-up Federal OSHA audits will find significant improvements have been made in these areas.

Based on our initial review of the limited information provided so far by the Wyoming FY 09 EFAME auditing team, we have had difficulty identifying specific examples of some of their findings and have asked Federal OSHA for additional information to help direct us to the examples of their findings. This information will assist us in fully recognizing and understanding our specific short falls and will be used to help us improve our processes.

There are some instances and information in the Wyoming FY 09 EFAME report that supports Wyoming Workers' Safety out performs the Federal OSHA inspection process in several aspects despite the limited funding provided by Federal OSHA.

It is always Wyoming Workers' Safety's intention to provide the most effective compliance program for employees working in Wyoming and welcome any helpful constructive analysis to achieve this goal. We are committed to implementing the recommendations to the extent plausible.

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