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REGIONAL NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

DIRECTIVE NUMBER: CPL 02-13-005B

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

SUBJECT: Des Moines Area Office Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for Federal Agencies

REGIONAL IDENTIFIER: Region VII

ABSTRACT

- Purpose:** This Notice continues a Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for comprehensive programmed safety and health inspections of federal agency sites in the State of Iowa.
- Scope:** This notice applies to federal agency sites within the jurisdiction of the Des Moines Area Office.
- References:** OSHA Instructions: CPL 02-00-111, CPL 02-00-150, CPL 04-00-001, CPL 02-00-025, CPL 02-00-051, CPL 02-02-045, CPL 03-00-014, Executive Order 12196.
- Expiration Date:** September 30, 2015
- Action Offices:** Region VII (Des Moines Area Office)
- State Plan Impact:** None
- Originating Office:** Kansas City Regional Office
- Contact:** Enforcement Programs (816) 283-8745

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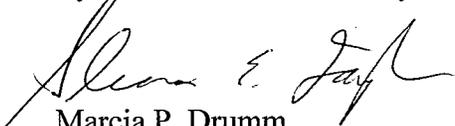

for
Marcia P. Drumm
Acting Regional Administrator

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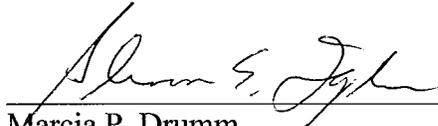
- I. Purpose. This notice continues policy and procedure to be followed when conducting comprehensive programmed safety or health local emphasis inspections at federal agency sites in the State of Iowa.
- II. Scope. This notice applies to federal agency sites within the jurisdiction of the Des Moines Area Office.
- III. Action. The Area Director shall use this instruction for inspection selection and scheduling for both safety and health inspections at federal agency sites.
- IV. Expiration. This notice expires September 30, 2015, and may be renewed based upon an evaluation of the program at that time.
- V. References.
 - A. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-111, November 27, 1995, Citation policy for Paperwork and Written Program Requirement Violations.
 - B. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-150, Field Operations Manual (FOM), dated April 22, 2011.
 - C. OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, Procedures for Approval of Local Emphasis Programs (LEPs), November 10, 1999.
 - D. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-025, Scheduling System for Programmed Inspections, dated January 4, 1995.
 - E. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-00-051, Exemptions and Limitations under the Current Appropriations Act, dated May 28, 1998. (Change effective February 21, 2013, Appendix A, May 27, 2014, or most recent version).
 - F. OSHA Instruction CPL 02-02-045, Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals--Compliance Guidelines and Enforcement Procedures, September 13, 1994.
 - G. OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-014, PSM Covered Chemical Facilities National Emphasis Program, November 29, 2011.
 - H. Executive Order 12196, Occupational safety and health program for federal employees, February 26, 1980
- VI. Background. Federal agencies are not covered directly by the OSH Act and may be inspected by OSHA only through the authorization of Executive Order 12196. Inspection activity in the federal sector of the Des Moines Area Office jurisdiction had been limited primarily to complaint inspections during the six (6) year period between 2007 and 2013. During those complaint inspections, the Des Moines Area Office substantiated many complaint items as Serious violations and identified numerous other Serious safety and health violations unassociated with the complaints.

Additionally, during inspections at federal agency sites, the Des Moines Area Office observed federal contractor employees not only exposed themselves to hazards of their occupation, but also exposed federal employees to those hazards. Inspections conducted at federal agencies by the Des Moines Area Office during Fiscal Year 2014 revealed that federal employees continued being exposed to a high level of serious hazards.

Experience and inspection history continues to reveal that federal agencies are not always responsive in ensuring a safe and healthful work environment for their employees. Experience also reveals that federal agencies are inexperienced in recognizing when contractors expose their employees as well as expose federal employees to hazards. The national FEDTARGET program provides a limited number of federal agencies for inspection on its listing. The listing over the last seven (7) years has addressed only one of the federal agencies located in the State of Iowa, and prior to this program there was no inspection program to address occupational hazard exposure for federal employees in the State of Iowa. Inspections conducted under this program as well as complaint inspections have continued to reveal serious safety and health hazards. Therefore, this local emphasis program will be continued to target hazards at federal agency sites.

- VII. Outreach Activities. In conjunction with commencing inspections under this LEP, the Des Moines Area Office addressed this program by reaching out to the Federal Executive Board, the Field Federal Safety and Health Council, and Federal agencies in the area. The outreach consisted of pertinent information about the inspection program and provision of sources of safety and health information for affected agencies. No inspections were initiated prior to the outreach being completed. Requests for technical assistance, compliance assistance, and outreach from Federal Agencies and Federal employees will continue to receive priority consideration from the Area Office.
- VIII. Program Procedures. Inspection scheduling shall be in accordance with the FOM, Chapter 2, VI.A through VI.H. The following procedures shall be followed for the scheduling and inspection of work sites under this program:
- A. The Area Office shall continue using the Federal Agency Establishment List obtained from the Office of Federal Agency Programs, as well as locally generated lists of Federal agencies in Iowa to create a master establishment list.
 - B. All establishments compiled on the master list will be entered into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and randomized by using the Excel RANDBETWEEN function. After randomization, the first 20 establishments on the master list will be selected by ascending random number order as the first cycle of 20 establishments. Subsequent cycles will be established in the same manner.
 - C. Establishments within a cycle may be inspected in any order that makes efficient use of resources, however all establishments within a cycle must be inspected prior to initiating a new cycle. Each location scheduled for inspection shall receive a comprehensive inspection as defined by the FOM.
- IX. OIS Coding. Current instructions for completing the appropriate inspection classification on the inspection shall be applied when recording inspections conducted under the LEP as follows:

- A. When filling out an inspection in OIS, select the Inspection Type tab to fill in the appropriate LEP information. The inspection type for a programmed inspection conducted under this local emphasis program shall be marked "Program Planned" (Initiating Type). Under the Inspection Emphasis Programs title, select from the "Local Emphasis Program" drop box "FEDCOMP".
 - B. When it is discovered upon arrival at a worksite scheduled for an LEP inspection that the establishment should have been deleted from the list (e.g., no longer present, absorbed by another agency, etc.), the inspection shall be coded under the Scope of Inspection drop box and select "No Inspection" and the reason for no inspection shall be coded in the "Reason no Inspection" drop box.
 - C. Any unprogrammed inspections of agencies on the list that are generated by complaints or referrals requiring inspection, imminent danger, and fatality catastrophe investigations will be coded as normally required under the FOM. In addition the designation "FEDCOMP" will be recorded under the "Local Emphasis Program" drop box of the "Inspection Emphasis Program" area.
- X. Evaluation. No later than October 30, 2015, the Des Moines Area Office will prepare a formal written evaluation of this LEP in the format specified by OSHA Instruction CPL 04-00-001, Appendix A.

for 
 Marcia P. Drumm
 Acting Regional Administrator

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 (Date)

Concurrence of the Regional Solicitor's Office:


 (Signature)

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