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Ms. Barbara Goto, Acting Regional Administrator
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Dear Ms. Goto,

Thank you for the invitation to respond to OSHA's 2017 FAME report for Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH). We appreciate the hard work of Region X staff in providing monitoring and assistance.

Alaska's program continues to improve, and the 2017 evaluation report reflects that improvement. AKOSH intends to keep the momentum going, focusing on the mission of protecting Alaskan workers from injuries and illnesses in our diverse workplaces. AKOSH's corrective action plan has been submitted for your review. Our current recruitment for a dedicated whistleblower investigator is a critical element in improving our whistleblower program and correcting the findings in this year's FAME.

We appreciate the cooperative relationship between Alaska and Region X, and look forward to continuing to work in that spirit of cooperation in the future.

Sincerely,

Deborah Kelly
Director

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