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Mr. Kurt Petermeyer
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Dear Mr. Petermeyer:

This letter serves as Kentucky's response to OSHA's FY 2018 Federal Annual Monitoring Evaluation (FAME). We appreciate having the opportunity to comment.

The primary purpose of the FY 2018 FAME was to assess Kentucky's resolution of outstanding FY 2017 FAME findings and observations. Toward that end, page three (3) of the FY 2018 FAME states:

“The FY 2017 Comprehensive FAME Report identified 12 findings and six observations, and the State Plan has implemented corrective actions for **all** of the findings and observations; however, five of the findings and two observations remain open, awaiting verification.” [Emphasis added.]

Indeed, Kentucky appreciates OSHA's recognition that employees and management of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet implemented corrective measures for all of the findings and observations identified in the FY 2017 FAME. We are proud of this immense accomplishment, and we are grateful for OSHA's partnership and support during this effort.

As you are aware, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet underwent a significant change in leadership during FY 2018. Since that time, Kentucky has concentrated its resources to aggressively address and remedy the various issues identified in the FY 2017 FAME. The progress and improvement OSHA observed during the FY 2018 FAME are the direct result of the renewed commitment and determined efforts of all Kentucky OSH Program enforcement and consultation staff members. Kentucky looks forward to OSHA completing its verification, and is confident OSHA will close out the remaining findings and observations to the standard expected by Congress, the Kentucky General Assembly, and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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Thank you again for your partnership and for your commitment to promoting safe and healthy worksites across Kentucky and the rest of the country. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne F. Depp." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a period at the end.

Dwayne F. Depp
Commissioner