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Mr. Ken Nishiyama Atha, Regional Administrator
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United States Department of Labor
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Dear Mr. Atha:

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with Federal OSHA and to work collaboratively during the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME process to ensure that Michigan's state plan program continues to be effective at protecting the safety and health of workers. MIOSHA prides itself on being a continuous improvement organization and truly values constructive input and feedback. This letter provides MIOSHA's statement in response to the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME report. We request this letter be posted with the SOAR report on the OSHA webpage.

MIOSHA was very pleased that there were no findings as a result of the FY 2015 FAME. As a result, the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME focused on MIOSHA's progress in achieving our annual performance goals. MIOSHA greatly appreciates your recognition in the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME of the noteworthy accomplishments we had towards our annual performance goals. We believe the Michigan program for occupational safety and health continues to be highly effective in protecting Michigan workers from on-the-job injuries, illnesses and exposures as evidenced by Michigan's downward trend in injury and illness rates and program-related workplace fatalities.

MIOSHA has established and maintains a positive relationship with Federal OSHA. Many Lansing Area OSHA Office, Region V, and National Office staff are included in the distribution of MIOSHA policy documents, publications, and newsletters and are invited to participate in staff training, meetings, and conferences. MIOSHA will continue to work with Lansing Area OSHA Office and Region V staff to address the observations listed in the FY 2015 FAME as there were no new findings or observations identified in the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME.
MIOSHA appreciated working with the evaluation team. The team was courteous in working with our staff. Please know that MIOSHA's commitment to providing a comprehensive and effective program remains firm.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a statement in response to the FY 2016 Follow-up FAME Report. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (517) 284-7772.

Sincerely,

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