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Re: Oregon OSHA's response to FY21 FAME

Dear Mr. Rector,

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with federal OSHA and to work collaboratively during the fiscal-year (FY) 2021 FAME process to ensure Oregon's state-plan program continues to be effective at protecting the safety and health of workers. Oregon OSHA prides itself on continual improvement and truly values constructive input and feedback. We request this letter be posted with the FAME Report on the OSHA webpage.

Oregon OSHA was a national leader in COVID-19 mitigation strategies by adopting temporary rules and rules adopted through the normal rulemaking process, which included a total of nine rule adoptions for all workplaces and employer-provided housing. This work included more than 12,000 complaints in FY21 with almost 35,000 complaints over the course of the pandemic. Of the FY21 complaints where inspections were conducted, approximately 44% of the inspections resulted in violations, and more than 40 willful violations directly related to COVID-19 were assessed. This incredible

work surrounding COVID-19 has created a significant focal point for program resources during the year, and consequently contributed to the items identified in the FY21 FAME finding and observations. As the pandemic response winds down, Oregon OSHA is committed to refocusing its attention toward the finding and observations that will move us in a positive direction.

Once again, Oregon OSHA is grateful for the partnership with federal OSHA and appreciates the feedback to identify opportunities for improvement.

Sincerely,

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