

July XX, 2025

William Donovan, regional administrator
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
230 S. Dearborn Street, Room 3244
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Dear Mr. Donovan:

**RE: Minnesota's Occupational Safety and Health Administration state-plan formal response to the FY 2024 Follow-up Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with federal OSHA and work collaboratively during the FY 2024 FAME Report process, ensuring Minnesota’s state-plan program (MNOSHA) continues effectively protecting the safety and health of workers across the state. MNOSHA prides itself on being dedicated to continual improvement and truly values constructive input and feedback. We request this letter be posted with Minnesota’s FAME Report on federal OSHA’s webpage, along with a link to Minnesota’s fiscal-year 2024 state-OSHA annual report at dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar\_ffy24.pdf.

MNOSHA was very pleased there were no new findings or recommendations from the FY 2024 FAME Report. MNOSHA also appreciates federal OSHA’s acknowledgement regarding the impact of reduced funding during the year and its effect on state plans and the safety and health of workers across the country.

Minnesota’s estimated workplace injury and illness rate decreased from 2022 to 2023. The 2023 workplace injury and illness rate is at an all-time low according to the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. Minnesota had an estimated 2.9 OSHA-recordable, nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time-equivalent workers in 2023. This survey result is a good reminder of the importance of employers focusing attention on safety and health programs that improve outcomes for workers, reduce preventable work-related injuries and illnesses, and ensure workers go home safe and healthy at the end of their shifts.

During our conversations, your team provided positive feedback regarding MNOSHA’s accomplishments and we believe the MNOSHA program remains a leader across the country in protecting workers.

I truly appreciate the positive working relationship we have with you and those at the area, regional and national levels.

Sincerely,

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