

August 11, 2022

William Donovan, Regional Administrator Occupational Safety and Health Administration 230 S. Dearborn Street, Room 3244 Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Donovan:

RE: Minnesota's response to the FY 2021 FAME Report

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with federal OSHA and to work collaboratively during the fiscal-year (FY) 2021 FAME process to ensure Minnesota's state-plan program (MNOSHA) continues to be effective at protecting the safety and health of workers. MNOSHA prides itself on being a continual improvement organization and truly values constructive input and feedback. We request this letter be posted with the FAME Report on the OSHA webpage and that you also put a link to our Minnesota OSHA annual report (SOAR) for FY21. The link is: https://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar_ffy21.pdf.

MNOSHA takes its two findings very seriously and is already taking steps to ensure they are corrected. MNOSHA appreciates the time your team put into reviewing the MNOSHA program. Your team, during our conversations, provided positive feedback regarding our accomplishments toward meeting our annual performance goals during another year that involved the COVID-19 public health crisis. As we have stated before, we believe that during this time the MNOSHA program, along with the state of Minnesota, was a leader in responding to the risk of COVID-19 and protecting Minnesota workers from on-the-job injuries, illnesses and exposures.

I appreciate the comments contained within the report, as well as MNOSHA's positive working relationship with you and others at the area, regional and national level.

Sincerely,

Roslyn Robertson Commissioner

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