

July 1, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Donovan:

**RE: Minnesota's Occupational Safety and Health Administration state-plan formal response to the FY 2023 Comprehensive Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with Federal OSHA and to work collaboratively during the FY 2023 FAME process to ensure that Minnesota’s state-plan program (MNOSHA) continues to be effective at protecting the safety and health of workers. MNOSHA prides itself on being a continuous improvement organization and truly values constructive input and feedback. We request this letter be posted with Minnesota’s FAME Report on the federal OSHA webpage and a link to Minnesota’s fiscal-year 2023 state-OSHA annual report (SOAR) be added – [www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar\_ffy23.pdf](http://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar_ffy23.pdf)

MNOSHA was very pleased there were no new findings as a result of the FY 2023 FAME report. As you know, this year the Minnesota Legislature passed first-in-the-nation occupational safety and health program that established standards to reduce the risk of workplace ergonomic injuries as of Jan. 1, 2024. Since then, MNOSHA has been conducting inspections in the regulated industries, which include warehouse distribution centers and meatpacking sites with 100 or more employees, as well as hospitals, outpatient surgical centers and nursing homes of any size.

During our conversations with your team, they provided positive feedback regarding MNOSHA’s accomplishments toward meeting our established annual performance goals. We believe the MNOSHA program is a leader across the country in protecting workers from on-the-job injuries, illnesses and exposures.

I appreciate the positive working relationship with you and others at the area, regional and national levels with MNOSHA.

Sincerely,



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