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Attention: Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board Members

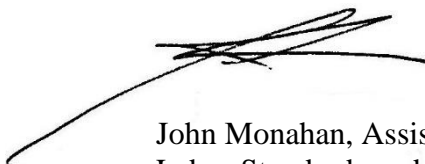
Attached are the Public Employees' Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board meeting minutes from April 20, 2018.

Our next meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at:

NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development
One John Fitch Plaza
13th Floor Auditorium
Trenton, New Jersey

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact Theresa Kramarz at (609) 984-4738 or via e-mail at theresa.kramarz@dol.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



John Monahan, Assistant Commissioner
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Enclosures
c: Support Staff

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, April 20, 2018
New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
1 John Fitch Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey

MEMBERS PRESENT

Howard Black, Substitute Designee for Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development
Paul Malarcher, Representative for County Government
Gina Mayer-Costa, Representative for Institutions of Higher Education
Mark McLane, Representative for Rutgers, The State University
Michael McLinden, Substitute Designee for Commissioner of Environmental Protection
Timothy Rudolph, Representative for State Government Employees
John Saville, Representative for Public
Robert Shannon, Representative for Municipalities
Michael Smith, Designee for State Treasurer
Robert Weissman, Representative for Public

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Christopher J. Burgos, Representative of Law Enforcement
Robert Burner, Representative of Employees of County Government
Richard Hogan, Representative for Municipal Employees
Colleen Lebak, Substitute Designee for Commissioner of Education
Dominick Marino, Representative for Fire Services

VACANT BOARD POSITIONS

Designee for Commissioner of Health	Employees of Public Health Care Facilities
Designee for Commissioner of Community Affairs	Local School Boards
Correctional Institutions	Employees of Local School Boards
Employees of Correctional Institutions	Public
Public Health Care Facilities	

NJ DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT STAFF

Justin Baker	Theresa Kramarz	Mark Wadiak
Howard Black	Tom Lipski	
Krishna Jagannathan	James Revak	

NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SUPPORT STAFF

Keith Bobrowski	Gary Centifonti
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OTHERS PRESENT

Luis Alamo, Alamo Ins. Group	Sal Fama, NJDMV	Steve Matthews, NJDLWD
Georgette Bunch, Treasury	Mike Levy, OSHA	Mike Preisig, OAG
Joe DelVecchio, NJDMV	Chris Longwith, Treasury	Pam Susi, NJWEC

Meeting Motions:

- None – no quorum.
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Director Howard Black called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. After the flag salute, Theresa Kramarz called roll and determined there was no quorum. Therefore, the approval of the October 26, 2017 and January 25, 2018 meeting minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

Report of the NJ Department of Health's (NJDOH) PEOSH Enforcement Update – Keith Bobrowski:

Keith Bobrowski reported the following:

- NJDOH's PEOSH enforcement activity report was distributed and covered the period of January 1 through March 31, 2018. During that period, 51 IAQ/Sanitation complaints/referrals and 22 five-day complaints were received; 22 initial on-site inspections, three monitoring inspection, and two follow-up inspections were conducted. Eight cases were closed. Seven programmed inspections were also conducted in accordance with the strategic plan at: fire departments (5) and transportation facilities (2). Seven reports with nine citations were issued.
- There is currently a 90-day backlog on complaints.

Report of the NJDOH's PEOSH Consultation Program Update – Keith Bobrowski:

Keith Bobrowski reported the following:

- NJDOH's PEOSH consultation activity report was distributed and covered the period of January 1 through March 31, 2018. During that period, eight consultation requests were received and four initial on-site consultation visits were conducted. One report with three potential hazards were issued.
- Sixteen educational seminars and conferences were conducted for 134 employers (145 participants).
- A list of NJDOH's frequently cited standards was also distributed.

Report of the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDLWD) – Director Howard Black:

Director Black reported the following:

- The FFY2017 Federal Annual Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME) process for PEOSH State Plan activities from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 was conducted in January 2018 by Federal OSHA Region 2.
- The PEOSH Enforcement unit is in the fifth year of its Five-Year Strategic Plan (2014-2018). Targeted facilities in the strategic plan are public works departments, water and sewer authorities, fire departments, transportation authorities and nursing homes. PEOSH also adopted Federal OSHA National Emphasis Programs for Trenching, Highway Work Zone Safety, Temporary Workers, Heat Stress, and Amputations which are incorporated into PEOSH inspections when applicable. PEOSH is in the process of planning the new Five-Year Strategic Plan that will begin FFY 2019. The planning process will include looking into occupations not covered by an individual North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code anticipated to have a high potential for occupational related illnesses and injuries.

- Staff from the NJDLWD's PEOSH attended the Winter 2018 OSHSPA meeting in Charleston, SC in February 2018. PEOSH staff from the NJDOH have been approved to attend the Spring 2018 OSHSPA meeting in Bend, OR in May 2018.
- The total number of safety enforcement compliance officers is presently at six. PEOSH requested approval from the new administration for the hiring of replacements of the three vacant safety enforcement compliance officer positions.

Report of the NJDLWD's PEOSH Enforcement – Chief Tom Lipski:

Chief Lipski reported the following:

- NJDLWD's PEOSH enforcement activity report was distributed and covered the period of January 1 through March 31, 2018. During that period, 45 general inspections with 35 Orders to Comply (OTCs) issued, 11 complaint investigations with nine OTCs issued, four accident investigations with three OTCs issued and 41 follow-up inspections were conducted. There were two public employee fatalities reported. Both were determined non-occupational safety and health related. There were four new discrimination cases received and seven open penalty cases. There was one penalty collected for a total of \$8,750 during this time period. The most frequently cited standard was 1904.29(a) Recordkeeping.

John Savile asked what the penalty (\$8,750) was paid for.

- Chief Lipski responded that this was part of an installment as agreed to in a settlement agreement paid over a two-year period. This particular penalty was for denial of entry.

Pam Susi asked for clarification between total open penalties and total open penalty judgement dockets.

- Director Black responded that the total open penalty judgement dockets are the penalties that have not been paid. These penalties are recorded on a docket with the Superior Court for collection. He further noted that numerous attempts are made with the entity to settle the penalty payment prior to referring to Superior Court.

Report of the NJDLWD's Public Employees Occupational Safety Consultation and Training – Assistant Chief Krishna Jagannathan:

Assistant Chief Jagannathan reported the following:

- NJDLWD's Public Employees Occupational Safety Consultation and Training activity report was distributed and covered the period of January 1 through March 31, 2018. During that period, 17 safety consultation visits were made. The most frequently cited standard was 1910.157(c)(1) Portable fire extinguishers mounted and accessible.
- Under PEOSH Safety Training, 25 courses were presented to 227 participants. The most requested training included: Forklift Safety; Confined Space Awareness; Tree Trimming; Fall Protection; and Recordkeeping.
- Staff attended/presented training which included:
 - Presented OSHA 10-Hour General Industry at a state-administered developmental center where 19 employees completed the training.
 - Attended OSHA 500 Construction Trainer course – two staff attended and completed the training.
 - Attended OSHA 501 General Industry Trainer course – one staff attended and completed the training.

- Attended OSHA 510 Construction Industry Standards course – two staff attended and completed the training.
- Attended OSHA 511 General Industry Standards course – one staff attended and completed the training.
- Attended the Work Zone Safety Conference – two staff attended.

Presentation:

Robert Weissman from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority provided a presentation on Work Zone Safety.

New Business: No new business.

Old Business: No old business.

Open Discussion: No open discussion.

The next PEOSH Advisory Board meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at NJDLWD, One John Fitch Plaza, 13th Floor Auditorium, Trenton, New Jersey.

Director Black adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.