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To Whom It May Concern:

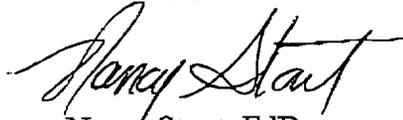
This correspondence is in response to the OSHA notice of intent to establish a Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on Safety Standards for Cranes and Derricks (Docket No. S-030). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency charged with conducting occupational safety and health research, and specifically providing scientific expertise to OSHA. NIOSH would welcome the opportunity to provide a representative to this committee, and nominates Mr. Timothy Merinar to serve in this role. The NIOSH Director, Dr. John Howard, and NIOSH liaison to OSHA, Dr. Rosemary Sokas, concur with this nomination.

Mr. Timothy Merinar is a senior safety engineer in the NIOSH Division of Safety Research. The Division of Safety Research is the focal point for NIOSH research into the causes and prevention of occupational injuries. The Division of Safety Research has conducted research and has expertise in a number of the key issues identified for negotiation. The Division of Safety Research oversees the Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program which conducts in-depth evaluations into specific causes of death for purposes of better understanding contributors and identifying effective prevention strategies. The FACE program has conducted a number of investigations into deaths related to cranes and derricks, work zone control, and contact of equipment with electric power lines. Additionally, the Division of Safety Research represents considerable engineering and epidemiologic expertise, and has a number of relevant research projects and databases. Mr. Merinar's representation on the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee would provide a mechanism to ensure that relevant NIOSH scientific findings and expertise are considered in the negotiated rulemaking process.

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We appreciate your consideration of the nomination of Mr. Timothy Merinar to the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee. Please feel free to contact my office should you require additional information on Mr. Merinar or the Division of Safety Research.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Stout". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nancy Stout, EdD  
Director  
Division of Safety Research

cc:

Dr. John Howard

Dr. Rosemary Sokas