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Dear NJCM Member Mayor,

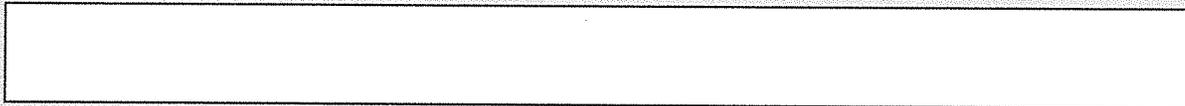
Paula Dixon-Roderick, Area Director, OSHA and Martin J.Davis, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA would like to arrange to meet with New Jersey Mayors and attend any planned town or local gatherings with contractors to discuss OSHA presence during Superstorm Sandy recovery process.

Below is an informational letter from Paula Dixon-Roderick. Please take a moment to review.

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Regards,

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February 5, 2013

Dear Mayor,

This letter of Introduction serves to request a meeting and to inform you about OSHA's role during the Super Storm Sandy recovery efforts. You may have received questions about OSHA's presence in your community during the past nine weeks and this letter will help you to reply to your constituents.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a Federal Agency within the U.S. Department of Labor. OSHA's mission is to assure the safety and health of workers. OSHA's jurisdiction covers all private sector workers and Federal government employees in New Jersey. Public sector workers in New Jersey are covered under equivalent standards enforced by NJ Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH). OSHA establishes and enforces safety and health standards to protect workers, in addition to conducting outreach and education. OSHA also funds a free and confidential consultation service, directed at small employers.

Super Storm Sandy's impact on New Jersey has been significant and we realize that the recovery efforts are very important to you and your community. OSHA's mission is to help assure that no more lives are lost or impacted due to injuries or illnesses. OSHA's response to the storm began right after landfall, working with the utilities on power restoration and tree trimming. Since then, we have been focusing on debris collection and related cleanup activities. We are aware that mold is a concern in many structures that were inundated with flood waters. If not handled properly, mold may present a hazard to cleanup workers as well as building occupants. As the recovery work continues, we expect to see building demolitions and, more importantly, reconstruction work and rebuilding. In order to fulfill our mission, OSHA has been assigning safety & health professionals throughout the impacted areas to identify and address safety & health hazards. OSHA plans to continue to deploy personnel throughout impacted areas, such as yours, focusing on demolition and construction sites.

One area of particular concern which I wish to highlight today involves demolition. Demolition can create both safety and health hazards for workers. Employees may be exposed to significant falls, struck-by, caught-in/between, and utility hazards. Further, structures may contain hazardous substances such as asbestos or lead. Asbestos was used as an insulator, in roofing shingles, in siding, in vinyl floor tiles, and in Transite wall board in buildings constructed

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