

The following constitutes agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the AFGE, National VA Council, regarding VA Directive 7700, and Handbook 7700.1, Occupational Safety and Health.

In the VA Handbook:

1. Last two sentences of "3. Standards" are:

Contractor/subcontractor employees shall be required to comply with state and local codes with which VA must comply. The local union, upon request, shall be provided copies of applicable state and local codes related to a current problem at the facility.

2. "4. Responsibilities - a. Facility Directors" add the following:

(23) Ensure that first-line supervisors comply with their responsibilities for the Safety Program and see that appropriate action is taken where supervisors do not carry out the safety responsibilities;

(24) Promote employee involvement in the safety program;

(25) Provide training and necessary official time for Union safety representative; and

(26) Designate a liaison to interact with the local union safety representative on safety issues.

3. "6. c.(1)(i) OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM - FACILITIES" between the words "resolved" and "so" add "in a timely manner"

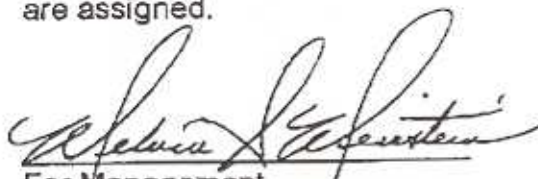
4. "6.g. Sentence 2:" ... in a timely manner, the employee can notify facility safety personnel, health personnel and/or the union.

5. "8. b.(1)(a)" Sentences 2 and 3:

Certifications for these training requirements shall be completed on an annual basis in accordance with AHERA.

The local union, upon request, will be provided proof of this certification.

6. "9. a. (1)(h)" delete: ... (on a space available basis) offered at the facility to which they are assigned.

  
For Management

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Date

  
For the NVAC