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**Via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested**

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Fairfax, VA 22031

**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request  
Tracking Number 676081: Final Response**

Dear Mr. Mehrens:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 28, 2012, received March 1, 2012, seeking 1) all existing contracts or agreements between the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs and the United Mine Workers of America and/or the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds (The Funds), including all memoranda of understanding regarding reimbursements; 2) requests for reimbursement from the UMWA and The Funds for the period January 1, 2010 to the present (February 28, 2012); 3) documents regarding audits and approvals of UMWA reimbursement requests for the period January 1, 2010 to the present (February 28, 2012); and 4) all correspondence from the UMWA or The Funds to the Director of DCMWC for the period January 1, 2010 to the present (February 28, 2012).

In response to Item 1, a copy of the agreement between The Funds and the Department of Labor was enclosed in our interim response dated April 4, 2012.

During our telephone conversation of August 28, 2012, you agreed to narrow the focus of your request to exclude documents that contain records of individual beneficiaries.

This is our final response to your request. Enclosed are copies of reimbursement requests from The Funds that respond to Item 2, copies of e-mails and payment records concerning reimbursement that respond to Item 3, and correspondence between The Funds and the Director of DCMWC that respond to Item 4. Some of these documents are responsive to multiple Items.

Also enclosed are copies of additional documents as a discretionary disclosure, including documents relating to Item 2 through Item 4 that are dated after February 28, 2012, plus more

recent documents that concern the termination, effective October 1, 2012, of the agreement sent to you on April 4, 2012, in response to Item 1 of your request.

We have determined that fees connected with this disclosure should be waived in accordance with 5 USC 522(a)(4)(A)(iii).

We believe that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs has been fully responsive to your request. If you disagree, you may appeal within 90 days. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. The appeal must be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Room N-2420, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. To expedite processing, the envelope and the appeal letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal". The appeal should include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. You may submit your appeal electronically at [foiaappeal@dol.gov](mailto:foiaappeal@dol.gov). The appeal procedure appears at 29 CFR 70.22 - 70.25.

Sincerely,



Michael McClaran  
Deputy Director

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