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Scott Holliday, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: "VHA Directive 7701 Occupational Safety and Health" and "VHA Handbook 7701.1 Occupational Safety and Health Program Procedures"

Dear Mr. Holliday:

The National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the cited VHA Directive 7701 and VHA Hand book 7701.1 on the cited subject above in VHA within the Department. Please provide the above named Mid-Term Bargaining Committee with the VHA directive 7701 dated March 13, 2003 and VHA Handbook 7701.1 dated March 26, 2003 and any other information and/or data related to the matter. The negotiation in this matter should normally begin within ten (10) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until after the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending in any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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