June 14, 2011

RE: New Location for Heat Illness Prevention Outreach on June 28th in San Bernardino

As temperatures rise throughout the state this summer, Cal/OSHA is launching a major heat illness prevention program. I would like to invite you to an outreach meeting on our program designed both for employer groups and labor and community groups.

The outreach program will be on June 28th in San Bernardino. Our goal is to get your input, comments and suggestions for our heat season educational and enforcement activities to ensure our efforts are as successful as possible in preventing workers’ heat-related illnesses and deaths this summer. We’ve moved to a new location in San Bernardino to be more accessible to a wide variety of industry stakeholders and workers from various industries, including construction, agriculture, landscaping, car washes, transportation, warehousing, and others.

I look forward to meeting you in person at these meetings. Our Deputy Chief for Enforcement Chris Lee, Chief Counsel Amy Martin, Heat Illness Coordinator Bill Krycia, Consultation Program Manager, Vicky Heza, and other key managers will also be participating. Following brief presentations, we want to hear from you and your colleagues about how Cal/OSHA can do the best possible job in protecting workers exposed to high temperatures while working outdoors in agriculture, construction, landscaping, car washes, transportation, warehousing and other jobs.

There will be two sessions – 9 am to 12 noon and 1:15 pm to 4:15 pm. You are invited to either or both. The morning session will focus on the concerns and suggestions of the employer community, while the afternoon session will focus on the concerns and suggestions of workers and worker advocates. We will cover the changes made last year in Title 8, Section 3395 (the heat illness prevention regulation), and provide an update on our educational, enforcement and consultation activities already underway this summer.

Please pass on this invitation to others who may be interested. I look forward to meeting you and your colleagues in San Bernardino on June 28th. Please confirm your participation by e-mailing your name, organization and telephone number to infocons@dir.ca.gov along with the time you plan to attend.

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Diocese of San Bernardino, Pastoral Center
1201 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino 92404-4607

9:00am – 12Noon: Employer concerns and suggestions
1:15pm-4:15pm: Workers and Advocate concerns and suggestions

Sincerely,

Ellen Widess
Chief of Cal/OSHA

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Accommodations can include modifications of policies or procedures or provision of auxiliary aids or services. Accommodations include, but are not limited to, an Assistive Listening System (ALS), a Computer-Aided Transcription System or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), a sign language interpreter, documents in Braille, large print or on computer disk, and audio cassette recording. Accommodation requests should be made as soon as possible.

Requests for an ALS or CART should be made no later than five (5) days before the meeting.