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"The Employer"

In the Chief Compliance Officer's letter dated January 4, 2006, the Chief Compliance Officer has agreed to undertake a more in-depth comparison of the 1993 and 2002 edition of CSA Z94.4 in response to a deviation request that would allow the employer's Fire Department to line its Respiratory Protection Program (including cylinder inspections) with the requirements of the 2002 CSA Standard.

This is to advise the employer that the Chief Compliance Officer has completed the Chief Compliance Officer's review and has found that a comparison of the two editions indicates that there are significant differences in the provisions to consider both Standards as equal and, as a result, the Chief Compliance Officer is unable to grant a deviation that would allow the employer to line its respiratory protection program with the requirements of the 2002 Standard.

As indicated to the employer in the recent telephone conversation, the Commission will be establishing a technical committee in the near future that will be tasked to review the current firefighting provisions of the General Regulation 91-191 and to consider any amendments to those provisions. One of those provisions for consideration by the technical committee could be the adoption of the revised CSA Standard Z94.4 on respiratory protection.

By copy of this letter, the Chief Compliance Officer has advised WHSCC staff and the Union of the decision.

Yours truly,

Chief Compliance Officer

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