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## AND ASSOCIATES

### MEMORANDUM

TO: LMC State Consultants November 5, 1991

FROM: James Savarese

RE: OSHA Information on IAQ

We will be contacting you shortly to ask your assistance on an important Labor Management Committee (LMC) project related to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This is the top priority for the Labor Management Committee for the rest of the year. I thought it would be helpful, though, to give you a sense of the project in advance.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published a Request for Information on indoor air quality (IAQ). The information assembled by the agency will then be used to determine whether it pursues regulatory action on IAQ in the workplace.

Our intent is to generate submissions to OSHA from labor organizations in your state. Specifically, we need to target state and local central bodies, as well as individual unions.

Our office will assist in the drafting of these submissions. Each submission should: a) include an explanation of the organization's interest in IAQ and b) emphasize ventilation as the appropriate solution to IAQ-related problems. A description of specific IAQ problems with which the labor organization has been involved will be important.

I have compiled the following points that will assist you in facilitating this program:

1. Alert the state federation and local central labor bodies that they are being asked to assist in an effort of labor organizations to submit formal, written comments to OSHA. These comments, which can be general in scope, should discuss IAQ as a broad safety and health workplace problem;
2. Contact individual unions in the state federation that have encountered or are susceptible to IAQ problems. Determine if the statewide or local union is willing to submit comments to OSHA. To the extent possible, these comments should include workplace anecdotes and personal experiences related to IAQ. Through your contacts and IAQ presentations, you should already have a list of unions to approach to carry out this task.

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Someone from the national LMC office will be contacting you immediately to determine the most expedient way to obtain this information from you.

This project is on a fast track. Our goal is to have copies of completed submissions in our office no later than Dec. 1, 1991

If you have any questions, please give Jim Carey a call at 202-452-9486

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