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June 18, 2012

John Dandridge Jr., Network Director  
Mid South Healthcare Network (VISN 9)  
1801 West End Avenue, Suite 600  
Nashville, TN 37203

Subject: VISN 9 Directive 10N9-055-12, Occupational Safety and Health Program

Dear Mr. Dandridge:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 of the VA/AFGE Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on Directive 10N9-055-12 Occupational Safety and Health Program within VISN 9 in the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

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

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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June 12, 2012

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Attached is a draft copy of VISN 9 Directive 10N9-055-12, Occupational Safety and Health Program, which is being revised. If you have comments or input for this policy, please provide that information to Neil Falkner, Human Resources Officer, VISN 9, not later than 30 calendar days from receipt of this notice.

Should you need assistance Neil Falkner can be reached at (615) 695-2198 or [neil.falkner2@va.gov](mailto:neil.falkner2@va.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Dandridge, Jr.".

John Dandridge, Jr.  
Network Director, VISN 9

CC:

AFGE Local Presidents

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