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Leslie Wiggins, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Labor Management Relations (LMR)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Handbook 0320.5 Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team (MERRT)

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

The National VA Council #53 is in agreement with the VHA Handbook 0320.05 Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team (MERRT) as provided to the NVAC. AFGE/NVAC Locals may elect to bargain on the local implementation of this Handbook at their facility and/or duty station. Please ensure that local management informs the local union prior to any local implementation of MERRT Handbook. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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