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Vernon Wilkes, Network Support Office (10NB)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: VHA Directive on "Safety and Health During Construction Activities"

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

The National VA Council #53 is providing our comment and changes to the above cite directive. Under Section 5., Actions c., VHA Facility Directors will ensure, change (1) to read: "multidisciplinary teams representing VA Police, Safety/Industrial Hygiene, Infection Control, Engineering/Facilities Management, *Local Union Safety Representatives (from affected bargaining units)* and Contracting are established to ensure:"

If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

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