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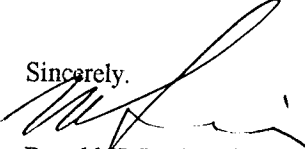
ATT: Steve Wheeler, Director

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Apparel Manufacturing Corp (AMC) is a Connecticut corporation located in rural Sterling, CT. AMC is a Prime Vendor for the Defense Department's (DoD) Defense Supply Center Philadelphia /Defense Logistics Agency (DSCP/DLA) producing both men's and women's military uniforms. Due to our overzealousness in reporting every injury including those that are considered by OSHA to be non-reportable; we, through our own ignorance were placed on a Federal OSHA list targeting businesses with a greater number of injuries that our industry standard. We became alarmed and confused at the OSHA designation and were considering retaining outside consultants when we learned of a pro bono program offered by ConnOSHA and promptly reviewed their Internet web site. After much soul searching (not wanting to let the "fox into the hen house") and speaking with other business that utilized ConnOSHA's service we decided to pursue this unique program and called and spoke with ConnOSHA's Safety Consultant Mr. Paul Hartmann. At the conclusion of a brief phone conversation during which my fears were allayed; we determined a mutually satisfactory date for a review and inspection of our facility. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Hartmann arrived and commenced an overview of both ConnOSHA and Federal OSHA and appraised us of the benefits of ConnOSHA's service. A subsequent inspection by Mr. Hartmann revealed only 14 minor deficiencies and we were given ample time to effect corrective action. The visit was most informative ranging from our federal reporting obligations to safety issues including Workplace Hazard Assessments and Emergency Action Plans. We felt comfortable with Mr. Hartmann and secure in the knowledge that he was indeed an expert in his field. His presentation was both professional in demeanor and personal in nature. We felt that he saved us money from the moment he began speaking. What a wonderful service the State of Connecticut has provided. We are well underway with the recommendations made by Mr. Hartmann and truly feel that our work environment will be all the better for his visit. Our employees appear happy that we are doing new things that benefit their workplace environment and that management is showing concern for their well being.

I whole-heartedly recommend ConnOSHA's service to any business whether they are "targeted" by Federal OSHA or not; simply to be aware of the requirements and to take advantage of Mr. Hartmann's unique perspective and recommendations on corrective action

Sincerely,



Ronald H. Levine, CEO