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Ms. Mary Martha McSweeney, Director of Nursing
Employee Health Services
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Dear Ms. McSweeney:

I am writing regarding the presence of an EHS Nurse at the Glendale Facility. I am the chair of the Building Health and Safety Committee at the Glendale Facility. This committee consists of management, labor [PEF and CSEA] from DDD/OTDA, SIF, DMV and DOL and the presence of OGS. This committee agrees to the importance of a presence of an Employee Health Nurse at this facility.

OSHA standards require an "in near proximity" with respect to 29 CFR 1910.151(b). "In areas where accidents resulting in suffocation, severe bleeding, or other life threatening injury or illness can reasonably be expected, a 3 to 4 minute response time, from time of injury to time of administering first aid, is required. In other circumstances, i.e., where a life threatening injury is an unlikely outcome of an accident, a 15-minute response time is acceptable." There is no one on site in the facility to perform first aid for a life threatening situation. Also, due to the location of the facility the committee agrees that emergency response time is not 3-4 minutes or in most instances not even the 15 minute time frame.

We are requesting to share the hours of the full time EHS nurse at the State Office Building with the Glendale Facility. This will give our some 800 state employees the opportunity to experience the benefits of this position.

Please feel free to contact me at 607-741-4170 to discuss this matter. I am thanking you in advance for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy J. D'Arminio
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Chair Building Health and Safety
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