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Thursday, June 29, 2006

To: President Roger Benson
From: Kathy D’Arminio
Re: Time Accruals due to Flood Disaster

I am asking for your assistance regarding an issue that has occurred at the Glendale Facility. As you know, the Southern Tier of NYS was devastated with severe flooding starting on Wednesday, June 28th. Some of our members were able to make it to the work place Wednesday AM. AT 10:00 AM, the administration, with direct orders from Acting Deputy Commissioner Gloria Toal, instructed all of the DDD employees at the Glendale Facility to leave immediately. The office was then reopened on Thursday, June 29th. Some of these employees were able to find a way to work, while others were unable to do this due to flooding and road closures.

Today, our members were instructed, that even though the administration at DDD instructed them to leave, that they would have to charge their own accruals as GOER did not declare that they could go home.

Around 12:30 PM Wednesday, June 28th, Governor Pataki was on our local news visiting the Broome County area. Governor Pataki announced that he declared a state disaster emergency for nine counties, including Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Tioga counties. He stated that the “County Executive has announced No unnecessary travel – no travel going to work unless essential services should be undertaken”. Our members are **NOT** considered essential employees.

Richard Fletcher and myself have been in contact with Paul West and Ed Ray for assistance in this matter. I understand that Central PEF is working on this issue and I am grateful once again for the support of PEF. What I would like to see is an immediate resolution regarding this matter and **not** for it to be tied up in ***grievances for months***. I would find this ***unconscionable*** for the Governor’s office **not** to take ***immediate action*** on this matter.

I am also attaching news clips and a picture of the flooding near Glendale. The Glendale facility can be seen in the left upper corner.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Robert Carrothers
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