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Dear Elevator Stakeholder:

This letter is to inform you of forthcoming changes in HIOSH procedures for discrepancies and violations regarding elevators and kindred equipment in the State of Hawai'i in accordance with Title 12, Chapter 229 General, Administrative and Legal Provisions, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR).

HIOSH is re-starting this policy after a hiatus because we have noted that while some parties correct discrepancies in a timely manner, others do not. As a regulatory agency, we are obligated to ensure public safety by uniformly enforcing the law. This policy will begin as of April 1, 2015.

The first Sample is a warning of a detected discrepancy or discrepancies found during an inspection or test. The second Sample is a letter to follow if there is no abatement or resolution within the time allotted. Normally, these letters will address serious code discrepancies and violations that warrant a thirty-day rather than a ninety-day period for corrective action.

The third Sample is a written warning for elevator contractors found to be working on unpermitted new, altered or repaired elevator units or kindred equipment. This is a specific violation requiring immediate corrective action in order for the construction project to continue. The fourth Sample is a follow-up letter initiating a formal abatement process with more serious consequences for noncompliance.

This notice will be posted on the HIOSH website (www.labor.hawaii.gov/hiosh) as an ongoing reminder to elevator contractors, developers, building owners and representatives that HIOSH is committed to a level playing field and enforcement of applicable HAR standards.

Please feel free to call (808) 586-9116 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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