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Dear Ms. Sass:

This is in response to your later dated August 14, 2008 urging withdrawal of the Department of Labor's draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Requirements for DOL Agencies' Assessment of Occupational Health Risks."

In your letter, you raise several criticisms about the Department's proposal. We note, however, that your letter was received before the Department published its NPRM for public comment. Unfortunately, there were several inaccurate reports about the content and nature of the proposal before it was actually published.

As you may know, the NPRM was published on August 29, 2008 with a 30-day comment period. Should you wish to comment on the content of the NPRM, we will be pleased to consider your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon R. Sequeira".

Leon R. Sequeira  
Assistant Secretary for Policy