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NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS AND SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: Restructuring of the Longshore Program in the Philadelphia Region of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)

Effective July 1, 2002, the operation of the Longshore Program in the Philadelphia Region of the OWCP will be restructured. The Longshore Program district office currently located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be consolidated into the Longshore district office located in Baltimore, Maryland. This restructuring is in accordance with 20 CFR 702.102(c) (see 60 FR 51348, October 2, 1995). The restructuring will result in a more efficient allocation of limited resources within the Longshore Program.

Effective with this change the Longshore Program's Baltimore district office will have jurisdiction over past and future cases under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions arising in the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Therefore, all forms, documents and correspondence concerning these cases should be addressed to:

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This restructuring involves workload associated solely with the informal processing of claims in the Philadelphia region and in no way changes the jurisdictional boundaries of appeals arising from cases under the former Philadelphia district office or the Baltimore district office.

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All questions concerning the processing of claims under this restructuring should be directed to OWCP Regional Director R. David Lotz at (215) 861-5402.

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