

## National Coalition on Ergonomics

## **FAX COVER**

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TO:

**Director Goddard** 

Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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## **MESSAGE:**

Following, please find the National Coalition on Ergonomics letter requesting a 45-day extension to the deadline for filing an appeal under the IQA. This request follows OSHA's July 29<sup>th</sup> letter responding to our original information quality correction request with regard to the poultry pocessing, retail grocery, and nursing home ergonomics guidelines.

Please feel free to call us with any questions, and thank you for your consideration of this matter.





## National Coalition on Ergonomics

September 1, 2005

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Mr. Keith Goddard, Director Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis Occupational Safety and Health Administration United States Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20310

> Re: Appeal of OSHA's Response to NCE's Information Quality Correction Request of OSHA Ergonomics Guidelines for Poultry Processing, Retail

Grocery Stores, and Nursing Homes

Dear Director Goddard:

On July 29, 2005, we received OSHA's response to our request under the Information Quality Act (Pub. L. No. 106-554, § 515) for OSHA to withdraw the ergonomics guidelines issued for the poultry processing, retail grocery, and nursing home industries. The law specifies that an appeal must be filed within 45 days of receipt to be timely. This would make September 12 the deadline for submitting an appeal.

The National Coalition on Ergonomics is currently developing its arguments for appeal, and requests an extension of 45 days to complete this process. This would make the new deadline October 27, 2005.

When OSHA was developing its response to our petition, the agency granted itself a similar 45-day extension. We believe a similar extension is warranted for us to develop a thorough and comprehensive appeal. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

(Name removed)

Sincerely,

(Name removed)

Co-Chair National Coalition on Ergonomics

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