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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: Consolidation of the Longshore Program in the
Midwest Region of the Office of Workers'
Compensation Programs (OWCP)**

Effective January 20, 2003, the operation of the Longshore Program in the Midwest Region of the OWCP will be restructured. The claims management and dispute resolution functions of the Longshore Program district office currently located in Chicago, Illinois (District 10), will be consolidated into the Longshore district office located in Houston, Texas (District 8) of the Southwest Region. This restructuring is made in accordance with 20 CFR § 701.102(a) (see 60 FR 51348 dated October 2, 1995), and will result in a more efficient allocation of limited resources within the Longshore Program.

Effective with this change the Longshore Program's Houston District Office has jurisdiction over past and future cases under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions arising in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. The Chicago sub-office, under the supervision of the Houston Longshore District Director, will continue to receive forms, filings, and correspondence at the same address:

Chris Gleasman, District Director
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All questions concerning the processing of claims under this

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restructuring should be directed to OWCP Regional Director
E. Martin Walker at (972) 850-2410.

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