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As you know, the National Office will be completing a preparedness review for the Barstow Field Office sometime during the first two weeks in June, 2004. While reviewing Red Card qualifications here at the State Office, it was brought to our attention that Kristy Lund does not meet the minimum standards as outlined in the "Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations". The FMO is required to be qualified (less currency) as an IC Type III, and a Division Supervisor or Unit Leader. It appears Kristy needs to complete at least one training assignment (providing it is enough to have her task book signed off on). In order to maintain the safety and integrity of our program and to avoid potential adverse actions that are becoming common after tragedy fires, I am requesting a copy of a written IDP with target dates and a strategy for Kristy to become qualified for her position this FY. I will need this prior to the preparedness review.

If Kristy can not meet the minimum qualification this FY, then you should also address your strategy for the Barstow Fire Management Officer position the following FY. The potential liabilities for all of us are too great to ignore this issue any longer.

As always the State Office is willing to help facilitate courses and training assignments where ever we can. If you have any questions please call me at 916-978-4501 or Ed Wehking at 916-978-4431.

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