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To: District Manager, CDD and all Field Office Managers
(*Attention – District/Regional and Field Office FMO's*)

From State Director

Subject: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Compliance

From the June 2004 National Fire Readiness Review a finding of non-compliance in the SCBA program was found at most of the BLM fire stations in California. SCBA's were removed from the engines that were not in compliance with 29CFR 1910.134. The California Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus guide states the training and certification required prior to the use of SCBA's on BLM engines.

The training and certification information needs to be completed and documented in separate folders for each employee using the SCBA equipment. When the training and certification is completed and the Engine Module is in compliance with 29 CFR 1910.134, the District and or Field Manager will respond with a memo to the State Director certifying, by station and engine, that compliance has been met. This will be completed prior to the SCBA's being put back on the engines.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Cardoza, State Fire Equipment Specialist at (916) 978-4434.

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