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From: Rhea Suh 
Departmental Designated Agency Safety and Health Official

Subject: Safety and Occupational Health Training Conference to Build Safety and Health Awareness

I am pleased to announce the Department of the Interior (DOI) is conducting the 2010 Safety and Occupational Health Training Conference from June 14- 17, 2010, at the Baltimore Hilton Conference Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The 2010 Conference is a partnership between DOI and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). The partnership provides us with the most cost effective venue for meeting the Occupational Health & Safety training needs of DOI employees. Founded in 1911, ASSE is the oldest professional safety organization with more than 32,000 members who manage, supervise, and consult on safety, occupational health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government, and education.

I share your deep commitment to Interior's mission to preserve and protect those natural, cultural, and other resources with which we are entrusted. The Secretary's vision is to effectively accomplish this mission safely. We recognize the many challenges we face to accomplish this vision. A dedicated focus on accident prevention protects employees and the public we serve, enabling us to manage resources more efficiently.

The Secretary has challenged our leaders to carry out this vision throughout their bureau and office programs. Managers have a special responsibility to provide a safe and healthy work environment and to provide employees with the guidance, support, resources, and knowledge needed to recognize and control hazards.

The 2010 Safety and Health Training Conference in June gives managers the opportunity to strengthen their safety skills and competencies and provides professional development for all levels of safety and occupational health staff. Topics include safety management, human behavior, risk management, construction, emergency management, hazardous materials, and much more. The conference also features a DOI specific tract on the last day.

I ask you to encourage managers and safety professionals to consider the 2010 Conference as an efficient way to meet training and management requirements. Thank you for your continued support for the safety and health of our employees and visitors.