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TO: WIA Board Staff

FROM: Eddie Foreman, Director

DATE: May 17, 2000

SUBJECT: Oklahoma's Interim Final Policy on the WIA Health and Safety Standards

MESSAGE: To transmit Oklahoma's Interim Final Policy on the working conditions for WIA participants. Comments must be submitted by June 16, 2000. Please send comments to me electronically using my e-mail address.

- (A) Health and safety standards established under Federal and State law otherwise applicable to working conditions of employees are equally applicable to working conditions of participants engaged in programs and activities under title 1 of WIA.
- (B)(1) To the extent that a State workers' compensation law applies, workers' compensation must be provided to participants in programs and activities under title 1 of WIA on the same basis as the compensation is provided to other individuals in the State in similar employment.
- (B)(2) If a State workers' compensation law applies to a participant in work experience, workers' compensation benefits must be available with respect to injuries suffered by the participant in such work experience. If a State worker's compensation law does not apply to a participant in work experience, insurance coverage must be secured for injuries suffered by the participant in the course of such work experience.

ACTION: Please distribute this issuance to appropriate staff and include it as part of your permanent records.

INQUIRIES: Questions may be directed to your Planning Coordinator or Mike Clark at 405/557-5339.

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