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**NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS, SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE
LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, AND OTHER
INTERESTED PERSONS**

**SUBJECT: Transfer of the Administration of the District of
Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act of 1928 (DCCA) to
the District of Columbia Government**

This is to advise that the functions related to the administration of the DCCA as it pertains to injuries or illnesses sustained as a result of employment prior to July 26, 1982, is being transferred from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), U.S. Department of Labor, to the District of Columbia Government, Department of Employment Services. It is expected that this transfer, including the physical transfer of cases, will be completed by July 31, 1988.

Under the provisions of 20 C.F.R. 702.102(b), the Director of OWCP will designate the D.C. Department of Employment Services' Deputy Director for Labor Standards as deputy commissioner responsible for administration of the DCCA.

This transfer of function does not affect any statutory or regulatory authority specifically vested in the Secretary of Labor or the Director, OWCP. Therefore, the Department of Employment Services will administer the DCCA up to the level of formal hearings. However, since this transfer does not affect the appeal rights of DCCA claimants, all formal hearings and appeals will continue to be handled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges and the Benefits Review Board, respectively. Cases currently with those agencies will continue to be processed as usual.

Further, all fiduciary responsibilities of the Special Fund, including assessments, will remain with the U.S. Department of Labor.


As cases are actually transferred to the Department of Employment Services, a specific notice of transfer will be sent to the claimant. Unless otherwise advised, as of July 18, 1988, any claim or correspondence concerning a work-related injury or

illness under the DCCA should be addressed to:

Deputy Commissioner, DCCA
Department of Employment Services
1200 Upshur Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Telephone: (202) 576-6265

Questions on the general effect of this transfer should be sent to the Associate Director, DLHWC, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.


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