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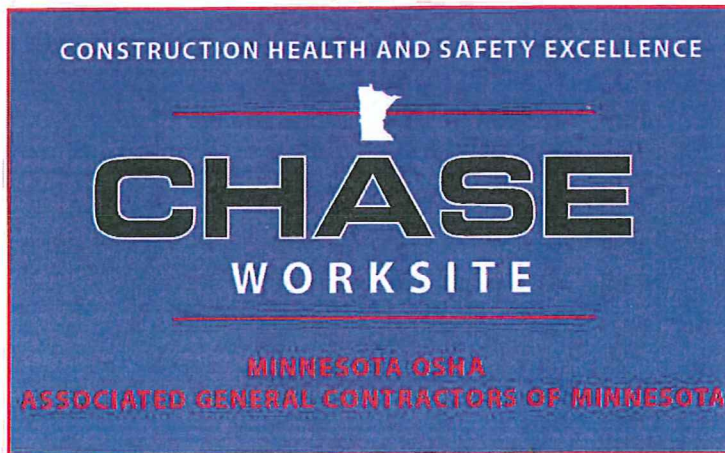
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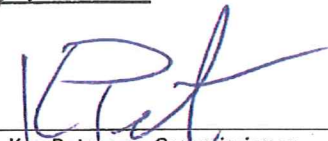
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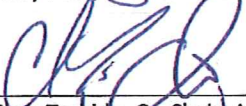
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Definitions

Accident: An undesirable event that results from a failure to meet acceptable standards and causes harm to people, property or processes

AGC of MN: Associated General Contractors of Minnesota

AWAIR: A workplace accident and injury reduction program

CHASE Minnesota: Construction Health and Safety Excellence Minnesota program

Competent person: A person who, through training and experience, must be able to recognize hazards and will have the authority to take prompt corrective action

Designated safety personnel: A person who, through training and experience, must be able to recognize hazards and will have the authority to take prompt corrective action

ERTK: Employee right-to-know program

Field construction supervisory personnel: Anyone in the field who is authorized to assign or make decisions about the work task

Hazard recognition: Hazards in the workplace that (if unabated) could potentially cause bodily harm

Jobsite review: A team of two-to-three AGC of MN representatives conducting a walkthrough/audit of a project that will include an observation of how the employer responds to abating identified hazards, written programs, training records and all other items related to the applicable level

MNOSHA: Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

Near-miss: Hazard in the workplace that could potentially cause bodily harm where there is employee exposure (top rail of guardrail system is missing and employees are working in the area)

OSHI: Occupational safety and health investigator

Programmed inspection: An inspection aimed at high-risk areas determined by OSHA's targeting and priority methods, based on factors such as workers' compensation claims or current special emphasis programs

Qualifying inspection: A jobsite inspection to determine degrees of excellence for the level the applicant is seeking

Unprogrammed inspection: An inspection performed in response to a report of imminent danger, a fatality or catastrophe or a formal complaint

Definitions of program award levels of participation

Level 1: The basic level in the **CHASE Minnesota** program for applicants wanting to meet the minimum requirements of a safety and health program.

Level 2: The intermediate level in the **CHASE Minnesota** program for applicants desiring a more comprehensive safety and health program.

Level 3: The peak level in the **CHASE Minnesota** program for applicants striving to be an industry leader with a very comprehensive safety and health program. Level 3 is site-specific compliance assistance with MNOSHA's cooperative compliance partnership program (CCP).

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I. Partnership background

In October 2002, the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota (AGC of MN) and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) met to discuss a partnership charter that mutually recognizes the importance of providing a safe and healthful work environment in the construction industry, in addition to formalizing a long-standing relationship between the two organizations. To advance a mutual goal, they strongly agreed on the need to develop a working relationship that creates mutual trust and respect for the respective roles of each organization in the construction safety process. It was agreed upon that the Construction Health and Safety Excellence (CHASE) Minnesota partnership agreement would be the basis for the local agreement. Revisions to this partnership were made in August 2012.