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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: John C. Chapman
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RE: Interactive Sec. 15 Petition and Calculator Now On-line

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The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) announces the launch of two new on-line tools that are now available on its information portal www.mass.gov/dia. The Interactive Sec. 15 Petition (Ver. 6.0) and the Sec. 15 Calculator (Ver. 8.0) are free and are designed to provide litigating parties a simple, easy to use method for the preparation of Sec.15 petitions for presentation to the DIA.

The **Interactive Sec. 15 Petition** is a program designed to automatically perform all calculations necessary to meet the requirements of the *Hunter* decision. In addition, the Interactive §15 Petition will automatically place this information into the required format for submission. Detailed instructions for use are contained within the program.

The **Sec. 15 Calculator** is designed to provide a quick method for determining all required *Hunter* calculations, including excess, offset, fee apportionment and percentages. Detailed instructions for use are contained within the program.

The petition and calculator are in Microsoft Excel format. Those wishing to utilize these tools must have Microsoft Excel (version 97 or later). Both programs may be saved to your computer for future use. Again, there is no fee for use of these products. Instructions for use of the petition and calculator are available on our web-site.