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Dear Ms. Fuchinsky:


Thank you for your May 5, 2020 letter regarding the public inquiry into the death of Mr. John Jordan Walker in a workplace incident. Mr. Walker's death is tragic and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Labour and Immigration is committed to the health and safety of workers. In response to the inquiry's recommendations, I can advise Labour and Immigration will consider Judge Brandt's recommendation that the installation and use of Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter outlets be made mandatory on all generators used on mobile work sites in the Province of Alberta. The department will analyze and provide recommendations on the feasibility of potential legislative amendments, including an examination of frameworks in place in other jurisdictions. Municipal Affairs will also be consulted as they maintain the *Safety Code Act*. These actions will be concluded in 2021.

Labour and Immigration will also consider Judge Brandt's recommendation that the Province of Alberta increase proactive occupational health and safety inspections to improve the enforcement of existing health and safety regulations at mobile work sites in the province. Proactive inspection capacity is focused on sectors or employers that have experienced more injuries, illnesses and fatalities compared to others. Mobile work sites will be added as a risk factor that is considered as part of the cyclical updates of our proactive programs and we will continue to evaluate the claim rates of these workers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond. If you require anything further, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Shawn McLeod  
Deputy Minister