



Economic Development Corp.

Re: LSA Document # 26-309 Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Natalie Chida
Legal Assistant
Department of Labor

Dear Ms. Chida,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document # 26-309 submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by The Indiana Department of Labor. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #26-309 amends 610 IAC 9-5-1 to 9-5-8 to put the IOSHA informal review process into the IAC. This rule includes setting standards for who can call for an informal review, when one must take place, and how the review must be conducted. The rule also includes the ways an informal review must be resolved with the employer dropping the petition against the citation, an informal agreement on the citation, a petition for review is filed, or the safety order must be amended and reissued.

The Indiana Department of Labor knows how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance to minimize those potential impacts to small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman is neutral of the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at ombudsman@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Caleb Wakeman

Small Business Ombudsman

Indiana Economic Development Corporation