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Inspector General Randall J. Meyer
Office of the Inspector General
30 East Broad Street, Suite 2940
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Re: File ID No. 2012 CA-00002
Response to Report of Investigation dated September 18, 2012

Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has completed our review of your office's recommendations contained in the above-referenced report. We respectfully submit this response to you regarding the recommendations outlined in the report.

Recommendations:

1. Reconcile quarterly cost commute summary reports with vehicle expense reports to identify discrepancies.
2. Implement a random sample of individual's assigned state-issued vehicles used for commuting purposes, and review timekeeping records, vehicle expense reports, and cost commute summary records to ensure appropriate controls are in place.
3. Develop policies and procedures to require more detailed explanations to validate state business travel. Consideration could be given to including this as part of the comments field on the timekeeping record, or including a comments field on the vehicle expense report form.
4. Determine if the conduct of Kimberly Pandilidis warrants administrative action.

Response:

BWC along with the assistance of the Office of the Ohio Inspector General have developed a work group with staff from both agencies who will review and address the concerns raised in this report. With the assistance of the Office of the Ohio Inspector General, BWC will develop policies and procedures that will address the concerns and recommendations made in this report. Those changes will include reconciling commute costs report, random sampling of assigned state vehicles and develop clear and concise guidelines for reporting vehicle use.

Finally, BWC has begun the necessary and appropriate administrative action to address the actions of the SID staff member who violated BWC/SID policy and appropriate progressive discipline will be administered.

Sincerely,

Stephen Buehrer
Administrator