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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1778

To All Members and Subscribers of the Bureau:

**RATE DEVIATIONS AND
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ASSESSMENT**

The Department of Industrial Accidents has informed us that their assessment should be applied to premiums prior to the effect of any company deviations. As stated in Circular Letter No. 1756, the assessment rates should be applied to the standard premiums (at Bureau manual rates), prior to the effects of any ARAP surcharge or deductible credit.

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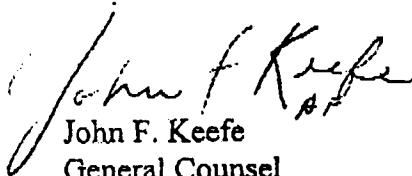
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Dear Mr. Mahler:

I have reviewed your draft Circular Letter regarding rate deviations and DIA assessments. Your Circular Letter accurately reflects the Department's policy that the assessment should be applied to premiums prior to the effect of any company deviations, and to the standard premiums at bureau rates, prior to the effect of any ARAP surcharge or deductible credit.

I hope that this assists your efforts to release the Circular Letter.

Sincerely,


John F. Keefe
General Counsel
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