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MEMORANDUM FOR DLA CORPORATE BOARD
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SUBJECT: Safety and Health Policy

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) requires a safe and healthy workforce and work environment in order to accomplish its mission. I consider a positive safety and health culture to be a precondition of employment within the Agency.

When any DLA employee -- regardless of whether that person is a senior manager or the newest hire who moves boxes and changes light bulbs -- is injured or becomes ill, we have lost the services of a vital member of our team. This kind of situation hurts all of us.

Safety and health at work is not a solo performance by our safety offices, it is everyone's job. Throughout DLA, we all have access to safety and health professionals. Their job is to guide and counsel the rest of us so that, working together, we can create a safe and healthy culture in all of DLA's processes and operations. I expect every manager and supervisor to consult on a regular basis with our professionals and to apply the recommendations and suggestions they put forth. I also expect any non-supervisory employees who have a question or a concern regarding their own safety and health, or that of a co-worker, to bring this matter to their supervisor for resolution and if not satisfied to contact their safety office.

Safety and health has the special attention of the President, Congress, and the Secretary of Defense. Our goal, which we share with DoD, is zero injuries and illnesses. Accordingly, I will accept nothing less than active support of a safety and health culture for DLA.

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