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Dear CAL FIRE Permanent Employee:

Please be advised your Unit will begin the thirteenth year of CAL OSHA required Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) physical examinations, beginning in January 2012. It is important that you complete the enclosed Employee Medical Questionnaire (EMQ/CAL FIRE 600a) and return in the white security envelope provided.

Failure to comply could result in not being able to perform the essential functions of your job.

The CAL FIRE Medical Consultant, Dr. Thomas Ferguson, will review your responses to the Employee Medical Questionnaire. You will receive written notification of the outcome of this review. If you would like procedural clarification of the questionnaire/ questions you may contact the RPP Analyst, Pam Wasmuth at (916) 327-0170. If you have a medical concern regarding your responses to the questions you any call (916) 445-8164 and leave a message to be contacted by Dr. Ferguson or his nurse, Nola Haggerty.

Upon receipt of your letter from Dr. Ferguson, please contact the RPP Coordinator, Northern Region Headquarters, at (707) 576-2846 for date, time, and location of your RPP physical examination. If you need a DMV physical examination, it may be provided at the same time; please notify the RPP Coordinator at the time of your call.

You are responsible for making all contacts and attending all scheduled appointments in the required time frame. Appointments for testing will be made according to the medical provider's schedule for your unit beginning in January, 2012. Failure to comply may require travel to an alternate site for testing. **Any delay in completing this process and submitting the required documents may have an impact on your clearance or being able to perform the essential functions of your job.**

If you have questions, please contact RPP Coordinator at (707) 576-2846.

Sincerely,

Bill Holmes
Region Chief
Northern Region Headquarters

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Enclosures